Legal Profession Uniform General Amendment (Supervised Legal Practice) Rule 2015

under the

Legal Profession Uniform Law

The Legal Services Council has made the following Rule under the *Legal Profession Uniform Law*.

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1 Name of Rule

This Rule is the Legal Profession Uniform General Amendment (Supervised Legal Practice) Rule 2015.

2 Commencement

This Rule commences on the day on which it is published on the NSW legislation website.

3 Authorising provision

This Rule is made by the Legal Services Council under Part 9.2 of the Uniform Law.

4 Amendment of Legal Profession Uniform General Rules 2015 Rule 7 Supervised legal practice

Insert at the end of the rule:

- (2) For the purposes of paragraph (d) of the definition of *supervised legal practice* in section 6 (1) of the Uniform Law, supervised legal practice in the case of an Australian legal practitioner who is an employee of a law practice, and who is engaged in legal work for a client of the law practice, or in legal work for a community legal service, otherwise than under the supervision of an authorised principal of the law practice, includes supervision by an Australian lawyer (the *supervising lawyer*), where:
 - (a) the supervising lawyer:
 - (i) holds an Australian practising certificate authorising the holder to supervise legal practice by others, or
 - (ii) is exempt from holding or otherwise not required to hold such an Australian practising certificate by or under the Uniform Law, jurisdictional legislation or legislation of the Commonwealth, and
 - (b) the supervision is adequate in the circumstances and not less than the supervision that the employee would have received from an authorised principal of the law practice.
- (3) Subrule (2) applies in relation to legal work engaged in by an employee of a legal practice during the whole or any part of the period starting on 1 July 2015 and ending immediately before the date of commencement of that subrule, as well as to legal work engaged in on or after that date.