Appendix A

Existing Admission Procedures

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Admission under existing section 17 LPA

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Section 17(2) LPA
- Application made by originating summons
- Accompanied by notice to be posted on Supreme Court notice board **for 6 months before applicant is admitted**

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Section 17(4) LPA
- Supporting affidavit to be filed **not less than 12 days before** admission hearing
- Supporting affidavit to exhibit:
  - Certification that applicant is a Qualified Person (QP)
  - Evidence that applicant is Malayan practitioner (where applicable)
  - 2 certificates of good character
  - Certification that applicant has completed practice training period
  - Certification that applicant has fulfilled various requirements necessary for admission (eg. relating to practice training, Part B of the Bar Examinations, dining terms) or been exempted therefrom
  - Declarations re disciplinary, bankruptcy and criminal matters

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Section 19 (1) & (2) LPA – Service of documents on stakeholders (AG, Law Society & Board of Legal Education) **within 5 days of filing with Supreme Court**. Notice of objection to be served **not less than 3 days before admission hearing**.

Section 20 LPA – Right of any person to enter caveat against applicant's admission and be heard at the admission hearing. No admission application shall be heard except after **not less than 3 days' notice** has been given to caveator.

New Admission Procedure

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Admission under new section 12 LPA

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- Application by originating summons and **Admission Application Form**
- **Applicant to make requisite declarations re disciplinary, bankruptcy, criminal, mental health matters, etc**
- Stakeholders have **30 days to conduct checks** (if necessary)
- Members of the public given **30 days to register their objections** to an applicant's admission application; failing which they shall be precluded from objecting at the hearing

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- Supporting affidavit to be filed **no earlier than 30 days after filing of originating summons and Admission Application Form**
- Supporting affidavit to exhibit:
  - Certification that applicant is a QP
  - Evidence that applicant is Malayan practitioner (where applicable)
  - 2 certificates of good character
  - Certification that applicant has completed practice training period
  - Certification that applicant has fulfilled various requirements necessary for admission or been exempted therefrom
- Supporting affidavit to affirm the various declarations made by the applicant in the Admission Application Form as to suitability to be admitted to the Singapore Bar

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- Hearing date will be fixed **no earlier than 21 days from the date the supporting affidavit is filed**
- Stakeholder or applicant may request for the hearing to be adjourned
- Notice of objection to be filed or letter of consent to be issued **not less than 5 days before the admission hearing**
- Parties proceed for hearing