# LAW SOCIETY OF PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

# **ARTICLING CHECKLIST**

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## To the Principal and the Articled Clerk

Where circumstances do not permit completing a requirement/requirements in conjunction with an active file, it is acceptable for the Articled Clerk to work from or use a precedent file or a hypothetical fact situation for purposes of meeting the requirements set out hereunder.

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#### **PROFESSIONAL CONDUCT**

\*Please note that Articled Clerks are subject to the Code of Professional Conduct and this section <u>must</u> be completed at the commencement of the articling period.

<u>Integr</u>	<u>ity</u>	
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rules relating to Integrity?	
2.	Is the clerk aware of the potential consequences of dishonorable or questionable conduct?	
3.	Can the clerk name examples of conduct that would infringe the Rule	e?
<u>Comp</u>	etence and Quality of Service	
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rules relating to Competence?	
2.	Does the clerk understand the distinction between the ethical duty a standard of care owed to a client?	nd the civil
3.	Can the clerk name some examples of conduct that does not meet the service required under the Rule?	ne quality of
4.	Is the clerk aware of the consequences of incompetence?	
<u>Advisi</u>	ng Clients	
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rules about Advising Clients?	
2.	Can the clerk describe the scope of advice that should be provided to	o a client?
3.	Is the clerk aware of the lawyer's duty to give advice where there ha or omission on the part of the lawyer?	s been an erro
4.	Discuss the duty relating to Independent Legal Advice?	
Confid	dential Information	
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rules about Confidential Information?	
2.	Is the clerk aware of when a lawyer may disclose confidential inform	ation?

3.	Is the clerk aware of the lawyer's duties with regard to confidential information and how long the duty lasts?
<u>Impa</u>	rtiality and Conflict of Interest Between Clients
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rules about Conflicts of Interest?
2.	Can the clerk give examples of a conflict of interest between clients?
Confl	ict of Interest Between Lawyer and Client
1.	How does this Rule differ from the Rule relating to conflicts between clients?
2.	Can the clerk advise as to when a person is considered a client?
<u>Outsi</u>	de Interests and Practice of Law
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rules about Outside Interests?
2.	Define an outside interest for the purposes of this Rule?
3.	Describe some specific requirements to allow involvement in an outside interest while practicing law?
Prese	ervation of Clients' Property
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rule relating to Clients' property?
2.	Describe the lawyer's duty in relation to the property of a client?
3.	What are the minimum standards to be applied by a lawyer in relation to the property of a client?
4.	Discuss the issue of privilege and how that relates to a client's property?
The L	awyer as Advocate
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rule relating to lawyer as advocate?
2.	Can the clerk name some examples of prohibited conduct in the courtroom or before a Tribunal?
3.	Can the clerk describe some issues facing the Lawyer who becomes a witness?

4.	Discuss the differences between the duties of a Prosecutor and the duties of a Defence counsel?			
5.	Discuss the guidelines respecting communication with witnesses who are giving evidence?			
The La	awyer in Public Office			
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the rule relating to Public Office?			
2.	Can the clerk describe some of the conflict of interest issues facing a lawyer in public office?			
<u>Fees</u>				
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rule relating to fees?			
2.	Can the clerk name some factors to consider in a fair and reasonable fee?			
Withd	<u></u> rawal			
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rule relating to withdrawal?			
2.	Can the clerk state when a lawyer has an obligation to withdraw?			
3.	Can the clerk describe the duties of a lawyer after withdrawal?			
4.	Discuss the issue of withdrawal for non-payment of fees.			
The La	awyer and the Administration of Justice			
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rule relating to the Administration of Justice?			
2.	Discuss the lawyer's responsibilities in the administration of justice			
3.	Name some guidelines regarding public comment upon proceedings before a Tribunal.			
<u>Adver</u>	tising, Solicitation and Making Legal Services Available			
1.	Has the clerk reviewed the Rule relating to advertising etc?			
2.	Discuss a lawyer's duty in assisting a person to find a lawyer?			
3.	Discuss some issues relating to advertisement of lawyer's services 7			

Respo	onsibility to the Profession Generally	
1.	Discuss the lawyer's obligations to the Profession.	
Respo	onsibility to Lawyers Individually	
1.	Discuss the concept of "sharp practice".	
2.	Describe the lawyer's duty in relation to undertakings.	
<u>Practi</u>	ce by Unauthorized Persons	
1.	Discuss the issues facing the lawyer in supervision of employees and legal assistants.	
<u>Public</u>	Appearances and Public Statements by Lawyers	
1.	Discuss the standards of conduct to be exercised by a lawyer when making public statements.	
2.	Discuss the issues facing a lawyer in contact with the media.	
<u>Avoidi</u>	ng Questionable Conduct	
1.	Describe the lawyer's obligation to un-represented persons.	
2.	Discuss the issues facing a lawyer or Judge who retires from public service.	
DATE	COMPLETED:	

#### THE OFFICE

Reviewed the following issues at the commencement of the articling period **Principal, Partners and Associates** 1. (a) Does the clerk have a general understanding of his or her responsibilities and assignments? Does the clerk know to whom to take work and to whom to report? (b) (c) Does the clerk have an understanding as to - whom to consult about current work? - when to see him, her or them? - on what matters the clerk is to consult them? (d) Is it understood that some person or persons (the principal or others) are available for consultation as to - ethical issues? - personal problems? - the general state and progress of the clerk's education? - when and on what matters they are to be consulted? Is there some system for the periodic review and evaluation of the clerk's work? (e) Office Personnel 2. Has the clerk met all the support staff, and does he/she have a clear understanding (a) of their individual responsibilities and functions? Has the clerk clearly understood how (with respect to each department or task to be (b) assigned) he or she is to work with secretarial and other staff? Is there an office manager that the clerk can check office procedure with? (c) (d) Is there an accountant or accounting department, and does the clerk fully understand how to report time and other records or information?

#### 3. Office Procedure

a)	Files, time records, and billings		
Files:	S:		
	(i)	Does the clerk know when, how, by what form (name and number) files are opened?	
	(ii)	Does the clerk know and observe the procedures of the firm to avoid possible conflicts of interest when new files are opened?	
	(iii)	Does the clerk know how to close a file?	
	(iv)	Does the clerk know where closed files are kept?	
	(v)	Does the clerk understand and observe the firm's practices with respect to the location, tracing, return and indexing of files?	
b)	<u>Time</u>	Records:	
		the clerk keep time records, and, with respect thereto, follow the firm's ce with respect to form, detail, file reference, and reporting?	
c)	Billing	Procedure:	
	(i)	Is the clerk aware of the firm's practice with respect to billing procedure -	
		<ul> <li>frequency?</li> <li>who does it?</li> <li>method of charging?</li> <li>how assigned or credited within firm's records of members' performance?</li> <li>receipting fee payments?</li> </ul>	
	(ii)	Is the clerk fully aware of the provisions in the <i>Legal Profession Act</i> and its Regulations with respect to trust accounts, and, generally, of the methods followed by your firm to maintain accounts accordingly?	

#### **ADMINISTRATIVE LAW**

1.	Be familiar with and attend at an administrative hearing which may include any of the following:		
	(a)	the Island Regulatory and Appeals Commission-Appeals Tribunal;	
	(b)	an Arbitration hearing;	
	(c)	other administrative hearing such as Labour Relations Board, Worker's Compensation Board, Worker's Compensation Appeal Board, Rentalsman Hearing, Liquor Control Commission, Professional Disciplinary Hearing, etc.	

#### **CIVIL PROCEDURE**

1.	Draft a Statement of Claim (a) Contract					
	(b)	Negligence				
2.	Issue	a Statement of Claim and attend to the requirements of service	e			
3.	Be far	miliar with how to accept service of a Statement of Claim				
4.	Draft and enter a Notice of Intent to Defend and Statement of Defence (and Counterclaim, if applicable)					
5.	Draft (a)	a Cross-Claim				
	(b)	Third Party Claim				
6.		st in the preparation of an Affidavit of Documents and become				
7.	Attend	d at an interview with a witness				
8.	Assist	Assist in the preparation for an Examination for Discovery				
9.	Attend an Examination for Discovery					
10.	Prepare a summary of an Examination for Discovery or pleadings					
11.	Prepa	are a Pre-Trial Conference Memorandum				
12.	Attend a Pre-Trial Conference					
13.	(a)	Draft a Motion and prepare a Motion Record and Factum				
		Or Draft and prepare a Notice of Application and Application Record and Factum				
	(b)	Draft an Affidavit for the Motion or Application				
	(c)	Draft an Order				
	(d)	Attend a contested Motion or Application				

14.	Prepare an Offer to Settle				
15.	Attend a Judicial Review Application or Appeal in the Court of Appeal				
16.	and a	epare a Release to be executed by a Plaintiff when an action is settled d a Memorandum of Settlement to be executed by either a Plaintiff or fendant			
17.	Small (a)	Claims Matter Interview and advise a client regarding a Small Claims Court	claim		
	(b)	Draft either a Notice of Claim or a Dispute Note			
	(c)	Prepare for and attend at a Small Claims Pretrial and Trial			
18.	Defau	are a Note of Default Judgment, Minute of Judgment, Requisitionally all Judgment and Judgment, and attend at the Prothonotary's Coffice to file the Default Judgment and Writ of Execution			
19.	Debto (a)	or/Creditor Prepare and file a Mechanics' Lien			
	(b)	Prepare materials to commence an action to enforce a Mechanics' Lien			
	(c)	Prepare a collection letter on behalf of a client or the firm			
	(d)	Prepare a Statement of Claim (Debt Recovery)			
20.	Revie	w Rules of Civil Procedure, Forms & Practice Notes			

## CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL LAW

#### **Incorporation**

1.	organi	zation	or take the following steps in connection with the incorp of a company under the <i>Canada Business Corporations A</i> apanies Act (P.E.I.):		
	(a)	goveri	n approval for the corporate name with the appropriate nament department or prepare legal opinion re use of sed name.		
	(b)	Draft a	application for letters patent/articles of incorporation		
	(c)		organizing by-laws and resolutions (including borrowing and not documents)	l 	
	(c)	Draft s	Draft shareholders' resolutions		
	(e)	Prepa	Prepare common share certificate		
	(f)		Prepare the minute book, including registers of directors, officers, shareholders and transfers		
	(g)	Consi	der registrations that might be required under other statutes	;	
	(h)	Draft ı	report to client		
<u>Arran</u>	gement	s Amo	ong Shareholders		
2.		Draft a shareholders' agreement, including provisions dealing		n:	
		(a)	control of the company; and		
		(b)	events giving rise to a sale of shares such as first rights of refusal, buy-sells, puts, calls		
<u>Purch</u>	ase and	d Sale	of a Business		
3.		(a)	Where possible, attend negotiations between solicitor and resulting in offer to purchase or sell a business	client	
	(b)	Consider the tax and commercial advantages and disadvantages of purchasing (or selling) shares rather than assets			
	(c)	Consider alternate forms of business arrangements			
	(d)		me familiar with considerations involved in the purchase ale of a business		

	(e)	Draft agreement of purchase and sale of shares
	(g)	Draft agreement of purchase and sale of assets
	(g)	Conduct searches under:  - Personal Property Security Act - Bankruptcy Act (Canada) - Bank Act (Canada) - Registry Act - Revenue Tax Act - Workers' Compensation Act - Employment Standards Act - Income Tax Act (Canada) - Excise Tax Act (Canada) - Municipal By-Laws for Zoning etc.
	(h)	Check Judgments/Executions
	(i)	Assist with the corporate steps necessary to carry through a transaction for the purchase or sale of a business
	(j)	Review and become familiar with section 69 of the Companies Act.
<u>Finan</u>	cial Arra	angements
4.	(a)	Be familiar with, and participate in, the filing of a general security agreement under the PPSA
	(b)	Draft a real property mortgage and attend to its registration
	(c)	Prepare a corporate borrowing resolution

## **CRIMINAL PROCEDURE**

1.	Attend a docket day in Provincial Court.	
2.	Attend a criminal trial.	
3.	Attend a Preliminary Hearing (if available)	
4.	Consider the implications of an election re: indictable charges	

#### **ESTATE PLANNING**

1.	Attend initial consultation with client at which instructions for a Will, Power of Attorney and Health Care Directive are given	
2.	Draft a (a) Will;	
	(b) General Power of Attorney; and	
	(c) Health Care Directive	
3.	Attend at first interview with personal representative of a testator to assemble all information re assets and business interests of the deceased	
4.	(a) Prepare application for letters probate; or	
	(b) Prepare application for letters of administration	
5.	Draft releases by beneficiaries for executor	

#### **FAMILY LAW**

#### **Separation Agreements**

(b)

Attend at conference when client is taking advice and giving instructions on the terms for a proposed separation agreement_			
	(b)	Consider income tax implications to husband and wife entering into a separation agreement	
	(c)	Draft a separation agreement	
	(c)	Attend with counsel on review and execution of separation agreement	
<u>Family</u>	/ Litiga	<u>iion</u>	
2.	(a)	Draft claims under the Family Law Act for:  (i) division of property  (ii) exclusive possession of family home  (iii) support  ———————————————————————————————————	
	(b)	Prepare appropriate financial statements	
	(c)	Draft claim under Custody, Jurisdiction and Enforcement Act for custody	
	(d)	Draft orders under above-noted Acts for a motion for interim relief or trial	
	(e)	Attend a Pre-Trial Conference	
	(f)	Prepare an application to vary maintenance payments	
	(g)	Calculate child support pursuant to the Child Support Guidelines	
Divorc	e <u>e</u>		
3.	(a)	Attend at conference for taking instructions from either the husband or the wife on the facts to allege in a Petition for Divorce, including corollary relief	

Consider how a solicitor should carry out the duty imposed in

		Section 9 of the <i>Divorce Act</i>	
	(c)	Prepare Petition for Divorce and letter to Director of Child Welfa	re
	(d)	Draft affidavit and judgment for obtaining uncontested divorce judgment	
	(e)	Attend with counsel on a motion for interim relief	
	(f)	Be familiar with an application for interim relief	
Mainte	<u>enance</u>	e Enforcement	
4.	(a)	Become familiar with workings of Maintenance Enforcement Off	ice
<u>Pensi</u>	<u>ons</u>		
5.	(a)	Review legislation relating to pension division (i) federal legislation	
		(ii) provincial legislation	
	(b)	Review provisions of the Canada Pension Plan regarding division CPP Credits	n of

#### **REAL ESTATE**

## Purchases and Sales

1.(a)	Draft an Agreement of Purchase and Sale	
(b)	Review the terms of an Agreement of Purchase and Sale and consult with client:  (i) on behalf of purchaser  (ii) on behalf of vendor	: 
(c)	Search a title and generally know the basic procedures under the Prin Island Registry system	ce Edward
(d)	Examine a survey and plot plan to ascertain whether building and zoning by-laws are complied with, and to ensure description of property agrees with survey	
(e)	Draft documents, including  (i) agreement of purchase and sale  (ii) deed and legal description  (ii) mortgage  (iii) satisfaction of mortgage  (iv) right-of-way agreement  (v) boundary line agreement	
(f)	Draft other documents for closing, including (i) statement of adjustments (ii) directions (iii) undertakings (iv) mortgage payout statement	
(g)	Requisitions on title (i) prepare requisitions on title (ii) reply to requisitions on title	
(h)	) Close transaction, including subsearch if applicable, and attend to the registration of documents in the Registry Office	
(i)	Draft reporting letter (i) for purchaser, including Certificate (ii) for vendor (iii) for mortgagee	
(j)	Draft 'Conflict of Interest' Letter	20

<u>Ca</u>	arriage of Transaction	
2.	(a) Under supervision, carry through a real estate transaction from beginning to end, on behalf of  (i) a purchaser  (ii) a vendor	
<u>Tit</u>	le Insurance	
3.	(a) Understand the difference between a Solicitor's Certificate of Title and Title Insurance	
	(b) Review a Title Insurance Policy	
<u>IR</u>	<u>AC</u>	
4.	Obtain approval required under the Lands Protection Act	
<u>Se</u>	emi-Detached	
5.	5. Be familiar with basic terminology, common elements, common expenses, party-wall agreements when dealing with semi-detached property.	
<u>Mc</u>	obile Homes	
6.	Review Agreement of Purchase and Sale	
7.	Consider additional searches and items to be checked when purchasing mobile home (i.e. <i>PPSA</i> searches)	
Inc	dependent Legal Advice	

8. Attend an ILA consultation

9. Review ILA Checklist provided by CLIA

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STATUTES & REGULATIONS

There are a number of statutes & accompanying regulations that the articled clerk should review and have a general knowledge of the contents thereof, as follows:

Adoption Act	Investigation of Titles Act
Adult Protection Act	Judgment and Execution Act
Affidavits Act	Judicature Act
Appeals Act	Judicial Review Act
Arbitration Act	Labour Act
Business Practices Act	Landlord and Tenant Act
Change of Name Act	Lands Protection Act
Charlottetown Area Municipalities Act	Legal Professions Act
Child Protection Act	Limited Partnership Act
Child Status Act	Maintenance Enforcement Act
City of Summerside Act	Mechanics' Lien Act
Companies Act	Medical Act
Condominium Act	Mental Health Act
Consent to Treatment and Health	Municipalities Act
Care Directives Act	Occupiers' Liability Act
Consumer Protection Act	Partnership Act
Consumer Reporting Act	Personal Property Securities Act
Contributory Negligence Act	Planning Act
Crown Proceedings Act	Powers of Attorney Act
Custody, Jurisdiction & Enforcement	Probate Act
Act	Public Trustee Act
Dependents of a Deceased Person's	Quieting Titles Act
Relief Act	Real Property Act
Defamation Act	Real Property Tax Act
Direct Sellers Act	Real Property Transfer Tax Act
Divorce Act (Canada)	Registry Act
Employment Standards Act	Rental of Residential Property Act
Environmental Protection Act	Revenue Tax Act
Evidence Act	Sale of Goods Act
Extra-Provincial Corporations Reg. Act	Securities Act
Family Law Act	Statute of Frauds
Fatal Accidents Act	Statute of Limitations
Frauds on Creditors Act	Summary Proceedings Act
Garnishee Act	Survival of Actions Act
Garage Keepers Lien Act	Trustee Act
Human Rights Act	Unconscionable Transactions Relief Act
Highway Traffic Act	Vendors and Purchasers Act
Insurance Act	Victims of Crime Act
Interjurisdictional Support Orders Act	Victims of Family Violence Act
Interpretation Act	Warehousemen's Lien Act
Island Regulatory and Appeals	
Commission Act	

#### **CERTIFICATION BY PRINCIPAL AND CLERK**

The attached certificate <u>MUST</u> be completed by the articled clerk's principal and the clerk, and forwarded to the Law Society with the clerk's petition for admission to the bar.

The purpose of this certificate is to make certain that the principal and clerk review regularly the education process of the clerk to ensure that the clerk is exposed to a broad spectrum of the legal system on Prince Edward Island.

It is suggested that the principal and clerk review this checklist every three months to ensure that the requirements are being covered.

The section dealing with the office should be discussed with the clerk as soon as possible after admission as an articled clerk in order to permit the clerk to operate effectively within your firm.

#### CERTIFICATION BY PRINCIPAL AND CLERK

We certify that during the articling period we adhered to the Regulations governing articles and the Bar Admission Course, and the *Code of Professional Conduct*.

We further certify that this Articling Checklist has been reviewed periodically by us, and that the articled clerk has fully completed each and every mandatory item as noted and checked herein.\*

[Signature of Principal]	[Principal: Please print name]	
[Date]		
[Signature of Articled Clerk]		
[Date]		

<sup>\*</sup> Work completed by the clerk for the principal, while the clerk is working as a summer student, may be considered when completing this certificate