



NOVA SCOTIA BARRISTERS' SOCIETY

ARTICLING AGREEMENT

Between:

_____ (Principal)
(Firm Name if Firm is Principal)

- and -

_____ (Articled Clerk)

The Principal and the Articled Clerk agree as follows:

1. The Articled Clerk shall article as an Articled Clerk to the Principal continuously for the term¹ of **12 months** from the date of enrolment as an Articled Clerk endorsed by the Executive Director or the Credentials Committee.

OR

IF ARTICLING TERM IS DIFFERENT THAN 12 MONTHS (see footnote below), PLEASE COMPLETE SECTION BELOW

1. The Articled Clerk shall article as an Articled Clerk to the Principal continuously for the term of _____ **months** from the date of enrolment as an Articled Clerk endorsed by the Executive Director or the Credentials Committee.

2. The Articled Clerk covenants with the Principal as follows:

- (a) The Articled Clerk will faithfully and to the best of the Articled Clerk's ability article as an Articled Clerk to the Principal in the practice of law throughout the articling term;
- (b) The Articled Clerk will obey and execute the lawful and reasonable requirements of the Principal and will not be absent from the service of the Principal at any time during the articling term without the Principal's consent, except as permitted by regulation. The Articled Clerk will at all times behave with diligence, honesty and propriety;
- (c) The Articled Clerk will at all times keep in strict confidence the business and affairs of the Principal, the members of the Nova Scotia Barristers' Society (Society) who practise law in association with the Principal, any other members of the Society who supervise the Articled Clerk's service as an Articled Clerk under this Articling Agreement and members of the Society who practise in association with them, and the business and affairs of their respective clients;

¹ Articled Clerks will not complete work for their Principals during accelerated PREP and will complete at least eight months of "in firm" work in addition to time spent in the accelerated program.

- (d) The Articled Clerk will at all times take proper care of and account for all records, money and other property of the Principal or other persons, which are entrusted to the Articled Clerk or come into the Articled Clerk's custody or possession; and
 - (e) The Articled Clerk will comply with the Articled Clerk's obligations as an Articled Clerk under the *Legal Profession Act* and its Regulations, the *Code of Professional Conduct* and any code of ethical standards authorized or established by the Society.
3. The Principal covenants with the Articled Clerk as follows:
- (a) The Principal is eligible under the Society Regulations to act as a Principal to the Articled Clerk;
 - (b) The Principal will accept and take the Articled Clerk as an Articled Clerk for the articling term;
 - (c) The Principal will to the best of the Principal's skill and knowledge teach the Articled Clerk, or cause the Articled Clerk to be taught, the profession of a lawyer;
 - (d) The Principal will supervise the Articled Clerk in accordance with the Education Plan and Articling Plan, instruct the Articled Clerk in the practice of law and, on satisfactory completion of the articling term, will assist the Articled Clerk to complete the Articled Clerk's requirements to be called to the Bar; and
 - (e) The Principal acknowledges the Articled Clerk's attendance at, and participation in, the Bar Admission Program is mandatory. The Principal will permit the Articled Clerk, as part of the Articled Clerk's service under this Articling Agreement, to attend and participate fully in the Bar Admission Program during the articling term.
4. The Principal and the Articled Clerk agree to indemnify each other for damage, injury or loss which one of them may suffer through the other's breach of this Articling Agreement.
5. This does not preclude any arrangements between the Principal and the Articled Clerk as to employment or such other terms as the parties may agree in writing.

Signature of Witness
Principal

Date

Signature of Principal

Signature of Witness
Print Name:

Date

Signature of Articled Clerk