



## ANALYSIS

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1957, No. 58

**An Act to amend the Law Practitioners Act 1955**

[24 October 1957]

BE IT ENACTED by the General Assembly of New Zealand in Parliament assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:

**1. Short Title**—This Act may be cited as the Law Practitioners Amendment Act 1957, and shall be read together with and deemed part of the Law Practitioners Act 1955 (hereinafter referred to as the principal Act).

**2. Appointment of authorised person to investigate affairs of solicitor**—(1) Subsection one of section ninety-nine of the principal Act is hereby amended—

- (a) By omitting the words “any specified solicitor or firm”, and substituting the words “solicitors or firms”:
- (b) By omitting the words “that solicitor”, and substituting the words “any solicitor”.

(2) Section ninety-nine of the principal Act is hereby further amended by repealing subsection three, and substituting the following subsection:

“(3) Upon production by any person so appointed of the instrument of his appointment as aforesaid, he may—

“(a) Require any solicitor or firm of solicitors or any servant, agent, or banker of any solicitor or firm of solicitors, to produce to him all books, papers, accounts, securities, or other documents relating to the business or accounts of any solicitor or firm of solicitors, and to give all information in relation thereto that may be reasonably required by him; and

“(b) Inspect all ledgers, books of account, pass books, cheques, and records relating to any money received by any solicitor or firm of solicitors, or any servant, agent, or banker of any solicitor or firm of solicitors, whether the money has been paid into a private account or a trust account at a bank or has not been paid to any such account:

“Provided that the powers conferred by this paragraph (b) shall not be exercised except pursuant to a resolution of the Council of the New Zealand Law Society or of any District Law Society passed in relation to any specified solicitor or firm of solicitors.”

**3. Membership of District Law Societies**—Section one hundred and five of the principal Act is hereby amended by adding to subsection one the following proviso:

“Provided that the Council of a District Law Society may exempt any such person from membership of the society, subject to such conditions as that Council may impose; and, while any such exemption continues and all conditions governing the exemption are complied with, the person who is granted the exemption shall not be a member of the District Law Society.”

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