

1.15A(h)

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Dear Ms. Bausch:

In looking at the proposed changes to the RPCs, I noticed that RPC 1.15A(h)(9) allows only a lawyer to be an authorized signatory on trust accounts. There is not exception or provision allowing a law firm to allow a Limited Practice Officer (LPO), employed by a firm to handle escrow agent services, to be a signor on a trust account. Is that covered under the LPO act or does the law already allow an LPO, by definition, to be deemed a lawyer for the limite purposed for which the LPO is authorized to practice law (and thus can be a signor on the account)?

If not, the rule needs modification to allow an LPO to be a signor on such a trust account used for escrow services.

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