6. SOME QUESTIONS

6.1 Should any or all of the following areas of knowledge be omitted from the Academic Requirements?

Civil Procedure: No – all students should have knowledge of the fundamental principles of civil procedure. The law of pleadings, discovery, and experts reports are founded on concepts which will have application in other areas of practice.

Company Law: No - fundamental corporate law issues arise in all areas of practice including criminal law.

Evidence: No! This area of law arises in almost all matters. Even tribunals not required to apply the rules of evidence are obliged to consider fairness and the reliability of evidence. Such tribunals thereby explore the founding principles of Evidence (and usually chose to adopt the rules of Evidence).

Ethics and Professional Responsibility: No! New or Young practitioners are too frequently the subject of disciplinary proceedings.

6.2 If so, why?

NA

6.3 Should Statutory Interpretation be included as an Academic Requirement?

Yes – recent times have seen a growth in the number Acts and Regulations. Almost all graduates who practice law will spend time considering or arguing statutory interpretation.

Thank you and end.

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