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NOTICE TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS: REQUIREMENTS FOR GOOD STANDING IN RELATION TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS.

Dear Legal Practitioners,

The Legal Practice Council (LPC) issues this notice to advise and/or remind all legal practitioners of the requirements necessary to maintain their good standing with the Council. Compliance with these requirements is essential to ensure that you remain in good standing and are able to continue practising law within the Republic of South Africa.

In accordance with Rule 1.20 of the Legal Practice Council Rules;

“1.20 "Good standing" means, in relation to a legal practitioner –

1.20.1 that the name of the legal practitioner is on the roll of legal practitioners and that he or she has not been suspended from practice;

1.20.2 that there are no proceedings pending or contemplated to remove the name of the legal practitioner from the roll of legal practitioners or to suspend him or her from practice;

1.20.3 that where the legal practitioner is required to be in possession of a Fidelity Fund certificate, he or she is in possession of a valid Fidelity Fund certificate; and

1.20.4 that the legal practitioner is up to date with all amounts owed by him or her to the Council.”

Additionally, in accordance with paragraph 3.17 of the Legal Practice Council Code of Conduct, all legal practitioners are required to ensure that the LPC’s records reflect their current practice status and accurate contact details. Non-compliance with this requirement will be considered a contravention of the aforementioned provision, which may result in disciplinary action taken against the legal practitioner.

It is the duty of every legal practitioner to regularly verify their compliance with these requirements and to take the necessary action to address any outstanding obligations, as maintaining your good standing with the Council is crucial for upholding the integrity and ethical standards of the legal profession.

Should you have any queries or require further assistance with regards to the above mentioned, please do not hesitate to contact your nearest LPC Provincial Office.

Kind regards

Legal Practice Council