

**REGULATION
IN TERMS OF THE
LEGAL
PRACTICE
ACT**



NEW UNIFORM RULES

Rules of the 4 Law Societies consolidated and standardized, to bring them in line with Constitution, Competition Legislation and new developments

Process facilitated by LSSA over 7 years

Implemented 1 March 2016

(see www.lssa.org.za)

To apply until Law Societies are abolished (February 2018?)

Serves as basis for new Rules and Code of Conduct into Legal Practice Act.

LEGAL PRACTICE ACT

28 of 2014

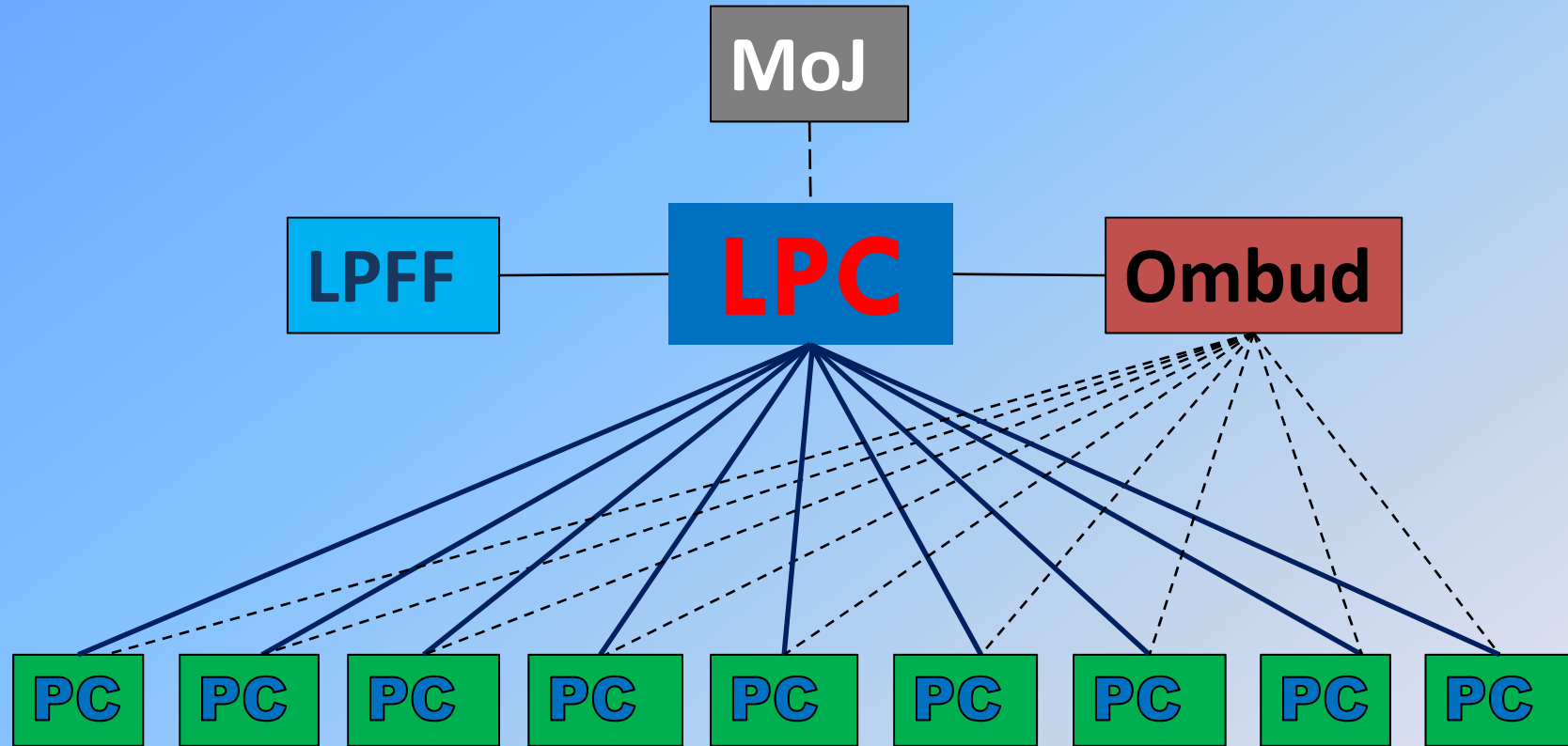
WHAT IS NEW

Unified statutory body to regulate all LPs (including non-practising) and Candidate LPs

LPC to consist of 10 Attorneys, 6 Advocates and 7 nominated persons

Emphasis on regulation in the public interest; access to legal services and the profession.

NEW GOVERNING STRUCTURE



NEW ISSUES TO REGULATE

Advocates can elect to accept briefs directly from the public and have trust accounts

DCs: Lay persons; open hearings; compensation; publication of outcomes on website

Legal fees to be prescribed in Regulations, initially by Rules Board, later by Minister – s35.

NEW ISSUES TO REGULATE

Comprehensive fee estimate notice to client

**Easy conversion from Attorney to Advocate
and *vice versa***

Minimum salaries for Candidate LPs

**Mandatory continued practice development
(CPD) training.**



