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Portfolio Committee on Justice and Constitutional Development
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Dear Sir

STATE ATTORNEY AMENDMENT BILL (B52-2013)

We refer to your request for input, and comment as follows:-

The amendment bill introduces the office of the Solicitor-General. The term solicitor and barrister have their foundations in English law and have been adopted in some Commonwealth countries that were formerly English colonies for example Australia and New Zealand.

Historically, the legal profession in South Africa choose to use the term's attorney and advocate instead of solicitor and barrister.

In view of the foregoing we submit that the term Solicitor- General should be removed from the bill and replaced by the term attorney general, in keeping with the practice historically adopted by the legal profession in South Africa.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lizette Burger".

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