



**LAW SOCIETY**  
OF SOUTH AFRICA

**THIS IS THE LSSA**

### SINCE 1998 THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

- represents the attorneys' profession in South Africa through its six constituent members  
**BLACK LAWYERS ASSOCIATION**  
**CAPE LAW SOCIETY**  
**KWAZULU-NATAL LAW SOCIETY**  
**LAW SOCIETY OF THE FREE STATE**  
**LAW SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCES**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF DEMOCRATIC LAWYERS**

- speaks nationally on behalf of the attorneys' profession;
- provides leadership and support to the profession through policy development and stakeholder relations;

**LLB summit**

**Ethics summit**

**ICT in the  
profession summit**

- publishes *De Rebus*, the SA attorneys journal in print and digital format, which circulates to all attorneys and judges (26 000 copies per month in print and 15 800 per month digital);
- interrogates and makes input on policy and draft legislation in the public interest;
- provides vocational training to over 1 400 candidate attorneys a year; attendance fees are subvented by the Attorneys Fidelity Fund;

#### **Its 10 Centres of the School for Legal Practice:**

Bloemfontein	Polokwane
Cape Town	Port Elizabeth
Durban	Potchefstroom
East London	Pretoria
Johannesburg	Distance training in cooperation with Unisa

- is accredited as the premier provider of other practical legal training courses (PLT) for candidate attorneys in terms of the Attorneys Act, 1979;
- is accredited as the premier provider of subsidised Practice Management Training (PMT) for mandatory practice management in terms of the Judicial Matters Second Amendment Act, 2003;
- maintains standards by setting examination papers for the Attorneys Admission, Conveyancing and Notarial professional examinations for attorneys;
- maintains a national database on statistics and trends in the attorneys' profession.

### **THE LSSA ALSO**

- Set up the Attorneys Development Fund together with its constituent members and the Attorneys Fidelity Fund to assist PDI practitioners;
- Undertakes advocacy initiatives and comments on legislation in the interests of the profession and the public;
- Is the premier provider of relevant and affordable continuing professional development for attorneys and candidate attorneys;
- Assists in the placement of candidate attorneys through its LEAD division and free adverts in *De Rebus*.

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## Protects and promotes democracy by

- Protecting and promoting the independence of the judiciary and of the legal profession;
- Supporting the efficient administration of the justice system;
- Monitoring national and local elections in cooperation with the electoral commission (IEC) as well as regional elections through the SADC Lawyers Association;
- Cooperating with colleagues in the SADC region and internationally in democratisation initiatives.

## Empowers the public by

- Commenting on legislation in the public interest;
- Providing public information;
- Providing the independent Trustline facility to report perceived corruption and fraud by attorneys;
- National Wills Week when attorneys draft free wills for members of the public;
- Cooperating with local and international stakeholders

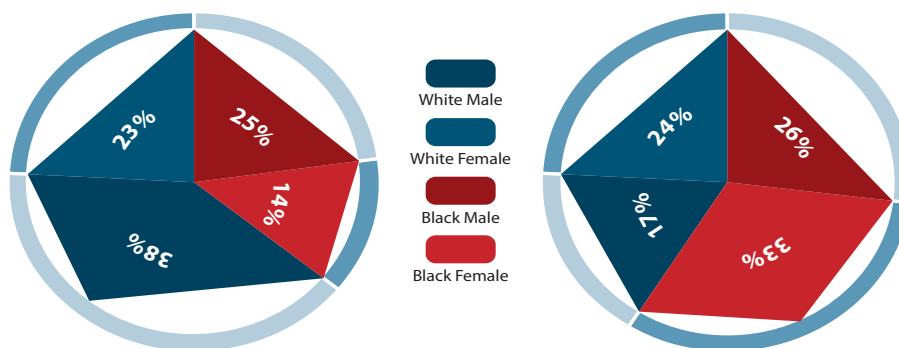
## Empowers attorneys through

- Synergy Link enterprise development and mentorship initiatives;
- E-learning and subsidised seminars and courses to more than 11 000 practitioners;
- Providing De Rebus, newsletters and guidelines free of charge to attorneys and candidate attorneys;
- Providing international placements for skills transfer for HDI practitioners;
- Launching the inaugural leadership training for women lawyers.

## AN OVERVIEW OF THE ATTORNEYS' PROFESSION

ATTORNEYS 24 068

CANDIDATE ATTORNEYS 5 968



<b>Black</b>	39%	<b>Female</b>	38%
<b>White</b>	61%	<b>Male</b>	62%

<b>Black</b>	59%	<b>Female</b>	57%
<b>White</b>	41%	<b>Male</b>	43%

Total Firms	10 959
Sole practitioners	6 745
2 to 9 attorneys	3 899
10 to 19 attorneys	196
20 to 49 attorneys	89
More than 50 attorneys	30

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