



**LSSA CALLS FOR COMMENTS ON ITS DRAFT NEW CONSTITUTION**

Dear Colleague

From 1 October 2018, the legal profession in South Africa will be regulated in terms of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 (LPA), through the Legal Practice Council (LPC) as the compulsory statutory, regulatory body for all legal practitioners. This creates a single national statutory body. As a result, the four provincial law societies will fall away. This necessitates the formation of a broad-based professional interest association to serve as a new home for all legal practitioners. The professional association will not only focus on representing the interests of practitioners and be the voice of practitioners, but also position and promote the legal profession as the Rule of Law champion and protector and promoter of constitutional rights.

The six constituent members of the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) (a voluntary organisation, which will not be abolished by the LPA) have agreed that the LSSA will provisionally continue to exist to carry on with its professional interest functions, including the operations of the Legal Education and Development (LEAD) division, De Rebus, communication and its specialist committees.

Practitioners are urged to support the LSSA as their professional interest organisation.

For this purpose, under the auspices of the LSSA's Transitional Committee, the LSSA has proposed amendments to its [current constitution](#). Attorneys are invited urgently to send comments to the proposed amendments **by 12 September 2018**.

Download the [draft LSSA constitution](#) here.

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