

**LSSA to host Summit on Briefing
Patterns in the Legal Profession
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Dear Colleagues

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IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION IN SOUTH AFRICA**

Transformation of the legal profession, particularly with regard to briefing patterns, has become a topical and contentious issue in South Africa. In an attempt to address this, the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) is hosting a summit on the distribution of work to attorneys and briefing patterns of advocates.

The summit will be held on 31 March 2016 and will be opened by Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng.

Stakeholders attending the summit will be taken briefly through past and present discriminatory practices that are experienced by legal practitioners when it comes to the distribution of work and briefing. The focus of the summit, however, is on finding solutions and devising a monitoring mechanism that will ensure that the identified resolutions are implemented.

In preparing for the summit the LSSA has sought to collate information on the distribution of legal work from government departments and state-owned enterprises (SOEs) as the largest consumers of legal services. This research together with the experiences of two panels - one comprising legal practitioners and other the consumers of legal services - will comprise the first part of the summit. The second part will bring all stakeholders, including legal practitioners, representatives of SOEs and government departments as well as other consumers of legal services, together in discussion groups to thrash out practical solutions and draft resolutions on the way forward.

[View the summit programme.](#)

We undertake to keep you informed of the outcome of the summit as well as the agreed resolutions.

Yours faithfully

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