



+27 (0)12 366 8800  
[LSSA@LSSA.ORG.ZA](mailto:LSSA@LSSA.ORG.ZA)



COMMITTED TO **BUILDING** A BETTER LEGAL PROFESSION FOR ALL

## IN THIS EDITION

1. LSSA President and Vice-Presidents elected
2. LSSA Annual Report 2018/2019
3. Examination language
4. Final LPC Code of Conduct published
5. Conveyancing and notarial exam syllabi available
6. Small Claims Court monetary jurisdiction increase
7. No cheque deposits will be accepted in Guardian's Fund
8. Call for applications to be on the List of Counsel under the ACHPR Legal Aid Scheme
9. Watch out for this scam
10. Sweeping of 5% interest earned on s 86(4) trust investments
11. Sharpen your skills: Drafting heads of argument
12. April edition of *De Rebus*

## LSSA PRESIDENT AND VICE-PRESIDENTS ELECTED

Mthatha attorney Mvuzo Notyesi was elected President of the LSSA at its AGM in Pretoria on 28 March 2019. Pretoria attorney Baitseng Rangata was elected as Vice-President and Brits attorney Jan van Rensburg was elected as Acting Vice-President.

[Read more here.](#)

## LSSA ANNUAL REPORT 2018/2019

The LSSA Annual Report for March 2018 to March 2019 was adopted at the AGM of the Council on 28 March 2019. The report by the Co-Chairpersons and the specialist committee reports outline the work done by the LSSA for and on behalf of the profession.

[Read the Annual Report here.](#)

## EXAMINATION LANGUAGE

The Legal Practice Council has issued a notice on the language to be used in the professional examinations. In the past, the examinations were presented in English and Afrikaans. However, many complaints were received about the dual language system, which

excluded the other official languages.

It was accordingly resolved that the dual language system be discontinued in 2019. The conveyancing and notarial examinations taking place on 10 and 11 April respectively, will still be presented in Afrikaans and English. Thereafter, all the examinations will be presented and conducted in English only and examination candidates will also be required to answer in English only.

[Read the LPC notice here.](#)

## **FINAL LPC CODE OF CONDUCT PUBLISHED**

The Legal Practice Council has published the final Code of Conduct which applies to all legal practitioners (attorneys and advocates) as well as all candidate legal practitioners and juristic entities as defined. The Code is effective from 29 March 2019.

[Download the Code here.](#)

## **CONVEYANCING AND NOTARIAL EXAM SYLLABI AVAILABLE**

The syllabi for the 2019 conveyancing and notarial examinations are available [on the LSSA website](#). The Competency-Based Examination for Admission as a Conveyancer for 2019 can be written on 10 April 2019 or 11 September 2019 and the Competency-Based Examination for Admission as a Notary can be written on 11 April 2019 or 12 September 2019.

Registration for the exams is with the [Legal Practice Council](#).

## **SMALL CLAIMS COURT MONETARY JURISDICTION INCREASE**

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Michael Masutha, has increased the monetary jurisdiction of the Small Claims Courts (SCC) from R15 000 to R20 000 with effect from 1 April 2019. This increase will not influence any SCC cases that were opened before 1 April.

[Download the Government Gazette here.](#)

## **NO CHEQUE DEPOSITS WILL BE ACCEPTED IN GUARDIAN'S FUND**

The Chief Master's Office has issued a directive to ensure uniformity in respect of the way funds are deposited into the Guardian's Fund. From 1 April 2019, no cheque deposits will be accepted at Master's Offices and deposits will be received only by means of electronic bank transfers or direct bank deposits using the Guardian Fund's banking account details.

[Read the directive here.](#)

## **CALL FOR APPLICATIONS TO BE ON THE LIST OF COUNSEL UNDER ACHPR LEGAL AID SCHEME**

The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights (ACHPR) has called for applications from citizens of African Union Member States to be considered for inclusion on the List of Counsel. The ACHPR has adopted a legal aid policy to guide the operation of its Legal Aid Scheme which assists indigent applicants before the ACHPR.

The application forms in the four working languages of the African Union (English, Arabic, Portuguese and French) can be accessed on the [Court's legal aid link](#).

On admission to the list, counsel can be called at any time by the registry to provide legal assistance or expertise in relation to proceedings before the ACHPR.

Qualified women are strongly encouraged to apply. There is no deadline for applications. For further information, contact the Registry through Ms Meredith Lwanga at [Meredith.Lwanga@african-court.org](mailto:Meredith.Lwanga@african-court.org)

## WATCH OUT FOR THIS SCAM

The Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund (LPFF) has again issued a notice to warn legal practitioners of a scam targeting law firms in order to defraud them.

Legal practitioners are being contacted by a person claiming to be a 'representative' of the LPFF. The person informs the legal practitioner that overpayments or payments were made in error, and tries to induce the practitioner to repay these monies.

Legal practitioners can contact Ernest Tshidzumba of the LPFF on 012 622 3900 to report any suspicious behaviour.

[Read the LPFF notice.](#)

## SWEEPING OF 5% INTEREST EARNED ON S 86(4) TRUST INVESTMENTS

The Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund (LPFF) has informed legal practitioners that, with effect from 1 March 2019, the banks that have entered into a banking arrangement, and those banks that will be entering into a banking arrangement with the LPFF, will automatically sweep the 5% of trust interest earned on s 86(4) trust investments, in terms of s 86(5) of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014, to the nominated LPFF bank account.

According to the LPFF, the monthly sweep of 5% of interest earned will apply to all interest credited to a client's s 86(4) trust investment from 1 March 2019, irrespective of the date of the opening of the investment.

[Read the LPFF notice.](#)

For more information contact Bonfils Barandereka at the Public Relations and Communication department of the LPFF on 012 622 3900 or at [bonfils.barandereka@fidfund.co.za](mailto:bonfils.barandereka@fidfund.co.za)

## SHARPEN YOUR SKILLS: LEAD TRAINING

*LEAD has been accredited as a legal education training provider by the Legal Practice Council for 2019.*

### Drafting Heads of Argument

Midrand, 11 April 2019, 08:30 - 16:00

This is an intensive short course on how to draft effective heads of argument. The course is essential for all practitioners engaged in dispute resolution. After attending this course, you will learn drafting techniques to enable you to write heads that are persuasive, understand what is required in our courts, know what judges expect and comply with practice directives.

[Click here to download the brochure and registration form.](#) Registration closes 6 April!



[www.derebus.org.za](http://www.derebus.org.za)

The April issue of *De Rebus* is out.

**Please opt in here to receive the *De Rebus* monthly advisory of a new issue.**

Highlights in the latest issue include:

- [Muslim widows' right to inherit renounced benefits from their husband's estate](#)
- [A right to consular assistance: Some general observations](#)
- [Does SA have the required framework for mutual legal assistance and extradition?](#)
- [Determining the crime for concealment of birth](#)

As well as all the usual columns including The Law Reports, Labour Law, People and Practices and News.

You can read the above at [www.derebus.org.za](http://www.derebus.org.za).

**Download the PDF of the April issue here.**



LAW SOCIETY  
OF SOUTH AFRICA

Contact the LSSA  
E-mail: [contact@LSSA.org.za](mailto:contact@LSSA.org.za)  
Tel: +27 (0)12 366 8800

Twitter:  
[@LawSociety\\_SA](https://twitter.com/LawSociety_SA)  
[@DeRebusJournal](https://twitter.com/DeRebusJournal)

Contact LEAD  
E-mail: [info@LSSALEAD.org.za](mailto:info@LSSALEAD.org.za)  
Tel: +27 (0)12 441 4600

Contact De Rebus  
E-mail: [derebus@derebus.org.za](mailto:derebus@derebus.org.za)  
Tel: +27 (0)12 366 8800

You are receiving this email from the Law Society of South Africa as you have been receiving communication from us or are subscribed to our newsletter.  
If you wish to remove your details from the LSSA mailing list please unsubscribe below.