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### LSSA TO TAKE ON PROXI SMART MODEL IN GAUTENG HIGH COURT IN AUGUST

The LSSA filed its answering affidavit in the Proxi Smart matter on 7 June 2017. The matter between *Proxi Smart Services (Pty) Ltd v the LSSA and Others* is set down for hearing in the Gauteng High Court: Pretoria on 22 to 24 August 2017.

Proxi Smart plans to render certain 'non-reserved' or 'administrative' conveyancing-related services. The LSSA contends that Proxi Smart's attempt at creating a distinction between 'reserved work' and 'non-reserved work' has no basis in law, and that the full conveyancing process is regarded as professional work performed by conveyancers, who are regulated by the statutory provincial law societies. This should remain so in the interest of the public.

[Read more here.](#)

[View the court papers.](#)

### LSSA WELCOMES NEW DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE

The LSSA has welcomed the appointment of Justice Raymond Zondo as Deputy Chief Justice.

The LSSA supported the nomination of Justice Zondo and recommended his appointment as Deputy Chief Justice in correspondence to the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) prior to his interview.

Justice Zondo served as a judge of the Labour Court and then as President of the Labour Appeal Court prior to his appointment as an Acting Judge of the Constitutional Court from November 2011 to May 2012. He was appointed as Justice of the Constitutional Court in September 2012. Justice Zondo brings 20 years of experience in the judiciary to the Office of Deputy Chief Justice.

[Read the LSSA press release](#)

## **CONVEYANCING FEES GUIDELINES**

The LSSA has published the Conveyancing Fees Guidelines which are applicable to instructions received as from 1 May 2017.

The new guidelines includes sections on:

- Conveyancing fees: conventional deeds
- Conveyancing fees: sectional titles
- Interprovincial apportionment of fees: conventional deeds
- Interprovincial apportionment of fees: sectional titles
- Apportionment of fees: wasted costs
- Alienation Land Act : conveyancing fees and apportionment of fees

The provincial law societies must provide for their own internal (or intra) provincial apportionment of fees for:

- Conventional deeds inside their own province.
- Sectional title deeds inside their own province.

[Download the Conveyancing Fees Guidelines here.](#)

## **PALU CONFERENCE LESS THAN A MONTH AWAY**

The Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU) conference is less than a month away. This year the annual conference and triennial general assembly will be held at the Elangeni/Maharani Hotel in Durban from 5 to 8 July.

The conference will discuss matters relevant to the practice of law, as well as economic, political and social development of the continent.

View the conference sessions here.

[Read more about the PALU conference.](#)

[Online registration for South African lawyers here.](#)

## **AFF BURSARIES FOR ATTORNEYS**

Are you an attorney looking to further your studies? The Attorneys Fidelity Fund provides bursaries for practising attorneys or candidate attorneys for further study at a South African university. These bursaries are awarded by the Fund's Board of Control's Bursary Committee.

The bursaries are intended to improve practitioners' professional

qualifications. They are awarded for a maximum of R7 000 per year, tenable for two years.

The AFF also offers bursaries for law students. The deadline for applications is 15 August 2017.

[Click here for the requirements and on how to apply.](#)

### **PAY IT FORWARD: BECOME A MENTOR**

To support the profession's quest to provide the highest quality of legal services to the public, the LSSA's LEAD department facilitates a mentorship programme between attorneys at different law firms. The objective of the mentoring programme is to elevate the competence, professionalism and success of attorneys through positive mentoring relationships.

We are looking for mentors in the following subjects:

- Conveyancing
- Practice development
- Specialisation of women practitioners in litigation and commercial law

Through training, LEAD provides mentors with guidance on how to become successful mentors and build relationships of mutual trust and respect. If you are able to mentor an attorney, or if you are an attorney who would benefit from being mentored, please e-mail [mentorship@LSSALEAD.org.za](mailto:mentorship@LSSALEAD.org.za).

For more information on the mentorship programme, click [here](#).  
[Register online as a mentor here.](#)

### **SADC LAWYERS' ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE IN BOTSWANA IN AUGUST**

The 18th Annual SADC Lawyers' Association Conference and General Meeting will take place at the International Convention Centre in Gaborone, Botswana from 9 to 11 August 2017. The theme this year is: 'A skilled and competent legal profession: Catalyst for a prosperous SADC'.

The conference will also include a launch of the SADCLA Women Lawyers Forum. This event underpins the commitment of SADCLA towards tackling gender inequality and annihilating gender-based violence in the structure of our profession and beyond. Not only is the forum aimed at empowering female lawyers towards a meaningful impact in regional gender programming, but it is aimed at opening space for gender advocacy at all levels.

Download the draft programme, information brochure and registration form [here](#).

For more information on the conference e-mail [prudence@sadcla.org](mailto:prudence@sadcla.org).

## **SYNERGY LINK: CAPE TOWN**

This week is the last chance to register to link to Cape Town firm SchoemanLaw Inc through the LSSA's Synergy Link. The LSSA's Synergy Link is an empowerment and transformation project. In this initiative, successful law firms assist growing law firms to master specified legal practice areas. The growing firms can also receive guidance on how to run their practices more efficiently. SchoemanLaw Inc, based in Cape Town, wants to assist a small law firm which is also based in Cape Town, to grow and specialise. SchoemanLaw Inc is able to assist with the following: Commercial law, litigation, BBBEE, conveyancing and alternative dispute resolution. The closing date for applications is this Thursday, 15 June 2017.

Click [here](#) for more information.

If you are an experienced firm and wish to participate in this initiative by transferring skills to a growing firm, and also include this initiative as part of your enterprise development points in your B-BBEE scorecard, [read more here](#).

## **BOOK: CASE MANAGEMENT IN OUR COURTS - ONLY R290**

*Case Management in our Courts* is an essential introduction for attorneys to the concept and practice of case management. Published by the LSSA, it is intended to assist you with the new direction that dispute resolution has taken. It has been written by experienced practitioners who will lead you through the steps an attorney is required to take for a case to be certified as trial ready. You will learn how to apply case management techniques from the point of taking instructions to argument in a trial.

Also included:

- The importance of using accepted best practice for resolving disputes quickly and at reasonable cost.
- Guiding attorneys regarding contingency fees as well as FICA and CPA compliance.
- The introduction of electronic litigation to show you how to deal with e-discovery and presentation of electronic documents.

Click [here](#) to read more.

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## **LEAD TRAINING EVENTS: EXPAND YOUR SKILLS**

- The National Credit Act: 10 years later seminar - Important court decisions over the past ten years; detailed discussion of amendments to the NCA as well as recent court and tribunal decisions. Read more [here](#).
- Write an opinion that persuades: Techniques to answers your clients' mandate. Read more [here](#)

- Wills and testamentary trusts seminar: A holistic approach to estate planning using wills and testamentary trusts. Read more [here](#).
- Course in civil mediation: Advise clients on the mediation process. Read more [here](#).
- Case management seminar: Implementation for trials and drafting. Read more [here](#).
- Advanced workshop in insolvency law with Prof Andre Boraine. Read more [here](#).

**For corporate and government lawyers**

Writing documents for litigation. Read more [here](#).

## DE REBUS

Have you read the June issue of *De Rebus*?

Highlights in this issue:

- Editorial: CHE releases full LLB review
- Two views on *Ndaba*: Pension interest and enforceable orders
- Who is responsible for mishaps in the operating theatre at a private hospital?
- When constitutional guarantees meet reality in health care
- The LSSA AGM report
- Your life, your decision? The Constitution and euthanasia

And lots more of the usual law reports, recent labour law judgments and news from the profession.

The June issue of *De Rebus* is available at [www.derebus.org.za](http://www.derebus.org.za)

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