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Dear Valued Clients,

It is with deep sadness and the utmost regret that we have to inform you that the 2021 editions of the Hortors Legal Diary and Sheriff Finder are sadly the last and will no longer be published.

The economic ramifications of the Covid-19 Pandemic have had a devastating effect on our business and has necessitated significant staff reductions across all sectors. Publication of the Hortors Legal Diary is of necessity an extremely labour intensive venture and with the unfortunate staff losses it has become more and more difficult to properly verify and amend the information we have so proudly offered for so many years. Additionally, it has also become increasingly difficult to obtain necessary information from the Department of Justice and other Government departments as these have faced their own staffing challenges.

Perhaps even more important are the restrictions imposed by the POPI Act which have severely compromised our ability to ensure that the information we publish is up to date and accurate. In spite of our pleas to the Executive Committee of the Legal Practice Council, we no longer have access to the Law Lists so the task of verifying that each and every entry is a registered firm of attorneys whose members are bona fide legal practitioners is now impossible. To mitigate the risk of publishing information that is out of date and therefore inaccurate, we have made every attempt to encourage firms listed with us to make contact and to ensure that all details are correct for publication. Though we have received significant responses, the number of verified entries is far from optimal and the integrity of our publication and those of the entities listed with us is under threat.

Happily, availability of our Charts, Brief and Deed Covers etc. have not been affected and are still available for sale. You are invited to contact our Orders department to avail yourselves of these offers at any time.

Should you have any queries please feel free to contact our offices at any time.

We take this opportunity to sincerely thank you all for your support and the valuable contributions you have made to create a publication that we have been inordinately proud of over the years. We are grateful to you!

Yours faithfully,

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