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**The Legal Practice Council turns one**

1<sup>st</sup> November 2019 marks one year since the launch of the Legal Practice Council (LPC) a national, statutory body established in terms of section 4 of the Legal Practice Act, No 28 of 2014.

“The work done over the past year has been geared to make sure that Council implements its mandate as the regulatory body of the legal profession in South Africa to the fullest. We have established offices in all 9 provinces, and this is one of the ways to ensure that there is full access to the regulatory body. said Ms. Kathleen Matolo -Dlepu, Chairperson of the Legal Practice Council

She added that Council has received enquiries from the public on how to check if a legal practitioner is legitimate or not. “We would like to encourage members of the public to visit our website or call our offices to verify details of practitioners before they contract them. We are putting further measures in place which will easily identify legal practitioners who are enrolled with Council. We currently have over 31000 Legal Practitioners enrolled with the council.” she added.

Matolo -Dlepu added that Council is engaging with several stakeholders in their effort to transform and increase access to the profession.

“Our vision as the LPC is to have a legal profession that is more efficient and transformed. We want the public to have confidence in our legal and justice system and to see more young people and women joining the profession and playing a significant role” she concluded

Council is open to engaging openly with all stakeholders on all matters pertaining to the South African legal profession and will be hosting a stakeholder networking event on 14 November 2019 at their National Office in Midrand.

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## **About us**

The Legal Practice Council is a national, statutory body established in terms of section 4 of the Legal Practice Act, No 28 of 2014. The Legal Practice Council and its Provincial Councils regulate the affairs of and exercise jurisdiction over all legal practitioners (attorneys and advocates) and candidate legal practitioners.