
Notice

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Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund board elections

The Legal Practice Council (the Council) would like to inform practising members of the profession of the impending elections for the Board of Control of the Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund (LPFF) in line with the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 (the LPA).

The Council encourages the participation of all practising legal practitioners in this very important election. The Council will circulate notices to all practitioners when the nomination process opens.

Section 62 of the LPA stipulates that the Board of Control consists of 5 legal practitioners (one of whom must be an advocate referred to in section 34(2)(b) of the LPA (commonly called a trust account advocate) elected in accordance with the Rules, two persons designated by the Council, and two fit and proper persons designated by the Minister.

Rule 46 of the Rules promulgated in terms of the LPA sets out the procedure for election of the legal practitioners to the Board of Control, and this provides that four members are to be elected from among legal practitioners (one from each of 4 defined geographical areas) and, as required by section 62, and, as indicated above, one member is to be elected from among practising trust account advocates.

The LPC is in the process of submitting amendments to Rule 46 to enable voting to take place through an online portal and via email in line with current Covid-19 regulations.

Practising legal practitioners are urged to look out for the notices relating to the election and to participate in numbers in the election.

The Board of Control plays a critical role in the legal profession, and in the administration of the LPFF and the assets it administers.

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