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NOTICE TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear Legal Practitioners

The Legal Practice Council would like to bring to the attention of all legal practitioners that section 55(1) of the Legal Practice Act, 2014 (Act No. 28 of 2014), has been Gazetted to cap the claims against the Legal Practitioners Fidelity Fund to the amount not in excess of R5 million (five million rand) per claim.

Legal Practitioners are advised to consider the following risk factors relating to the R5 million cap:

- the Legal Practitioner's should take note that Legal Practice Fidelity Fund (LPFF) will only cover the Legal Practitioners to the maximum amount of R5 million should any adverse event happen to the money entrusted with the trust legal practice, (i.e., misappropriation, theft or loss)
- The Legal Practitioners are advised to take cover with any of the insurance companies available to cover their trust legal practice for any adverse events relating to the trust accounts.

Please refer to **Annexure A** attached (Government Gazette)

Kind regards,

Legal Practice Council

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