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NOTICE TO LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

Dear legal practitioners,

It has come to the attention of the Council that a number of Candidate legal practitioners are not provided with study leave when preparing for the competency-based-assessments, which has resulted in the candidates not having enough time to adequately prepare for their examinations.

The Council hereby urges all legal practitioners (principals) who have taken on candidate legal practitioners to allow them a minimum of two days of study leave per examination, which will be a day before an examination (unless the day falls on a weekend or a public holiday) and the day of the examination. It should be a minimum of six days of study leave if a candidate legal practitioner is writing all 4 examination papers. The legal practitioners may deduct the days from the candidate's annual leave.

We hope the above is in order.

Issued by the Legal Practice Council