

5 December 2023

**Notice to Legal Practitioners & Candidate Legal Practitioners:**

Dear Legal Practitioners & Candidate Legal Practitioners,

You are referred to our previous notice dated 7 September 2023 regarding the development of guidelines that will assist legal practitioners and candidate legal practitioners in complying with the Regulations, and the implementation of Regulation 4A & 4B.

The Council understands the importance of these regulations and the impact they will have on the legal profession and the community at large. However, the Council believes it is crucial to ensure that the guidelines the Council will develop are comprehensive, practical, and beneficial for all stakeholders involved.

The Council is still in the process of consulting with the Minister and the relevant stakeholders in so far as section 29(2) of the LPA is concerned and will be engaging legal practitioners and other stakeholders on the various issues raised and come up with solutions on the practical application of Regulations 4A & 4B.

In light of these considerations, the Council, at its meeting of 25 November 2023 has resolved to extend the date on which it will implement Regulation 4A & 4B from 1 January 2024 to a date that will be communicated once the consultations have been completed, the issues raised by the profession have been addressed and the guidelines have been developed.

The Council appreciates your patience and understanding during this process and will continue to keep the legal profession informed of any developments.

The Council hopes that you will continue to support it in its efforts to promote access to justice and the transformation of the legal profession.

**Legal Practice Council.**