

17 April 2024

**Notice to the Legal Profession:**

Dear Legal Practitioners,

**RE: REQUEST FOR COMMENTS ON DRAFT GUIDELINES PERTAINING TO REGULATIONS 4A & 4B.**

With reference to our previous correspondence regarding the formulation of guidelines to facilitate the adherence to the Regulations, specifically concerning the enactment of Regulation 4A & 4B.

Following the promulgation of Regulation 4A (pertaining to community service by candidate legal practitioners) and Regulation 4B (concerning community service by practicing legal practitioners) on 11 August 2023 by the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, under the auspices of section 94(1)(j) in conjunction with section 29 of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014, the Council has embarked on the development of guidelines to ensure compliance with these Regulations.

Kindly note that the Council is engaged in consultations with the Minister and relevant stakeholders, addressing the provisions of section 29(2) of the LPA. These discussions are integral to the guidelines and will be reflected therein upon completion.

Enclosed herewith is a link to the preliminary guidelines concerning Regulations 4A & 4B. We cordially invite the legal profession to review these guidelines and furnish us with your insights and feedback.

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fi/zuvfb5epw1bl0s2urke4z/Draft-Guidelines-Regulations-4A-4B.pdf?rlkey=w0dgdpxn6a8i0jqce4kxs7i6&dl=0>

Please submit your written comments on the draft guidelines pertaining to Regulation 4A & 4B. All remarks should be directed via email to [comments@lpc.org.za](mailto:comments@lpc.org.za) no later than **20 May 2024**.

Your participation is crucial to the refinement of these guidelines and, by extension, to the enhancement of our legal framework and professional standards.

We anticipate your valuable contributions.

**Legal Practice Council**