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NOTICE ON THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEVY FOR PUPIL STIPENDS

This notice serves to inform you that, at its meeting on 1 March 2025, the Council resolved to suspend the implementation of the levy for pupil stipends provided for in the notices gazetted on 16 August 2024 pursuant to rule 22.4, schedule 3A and schedule 3B, introduced under rule 6 of the Legal Practice Rules.

The decision to suspend the levy implementation comes after a thorough consideration of all aspects relating to the funding pupil stipends.

The Council acknowledges the significance of supporting pupils engaged in practical vocational training. Nevertheless, it is essential to ensure that the funding mechanism is fair, sustainable and compliant with the Legal Practice Act of 2014.

The Council is committed to initiating a process of further engagement and consultation with the legal profession to explore various funding models.

We appreciate your patience and cooperation as we strive for a feasible solution to this matter, with the aim of serving the best interests of the legal profession and fostering access to it.

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