THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Members

The Johannesburg High Court – Notice to litigation attorneys

Kindly find below a notice of clarification of the Civil Trail Roll process.

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Road Accident Fund litigation in the Johannesburg High Court

The Johannesburg High Court has issued a notice about Road Accident Fund litigation.

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Labour Court – Directive in respect of access and conduct of proceedings in the labour court

This directive is effective from 17 January 2022 and all previous Directives issued in relation to the conduct of proceedings in the Labour and Labour Appeal court in light of the COVID 19 pandemic are no longer applicable.

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SARS – New service charter

SARS has a new Service Charter, effective from 1 April 2022. The Charter includes issues such as the service timeframes and the complaints processes. It can be accessed via the following link: https://www.sars.gov.za/about/service-charter/

Risk Alert Bulletin – May 2022

Kindly find below the Risk Alert Bulletin for May 2022.

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Another JAA filing project successfully completed



After the JAA assisted the Johannesburg High Court in successfully digitising High Court files towards the end of 2021, the JAA reached out to the courts again and in February 2022 the JAA collaborated with the Johannesburg Magistrates Court on a comprehensive filing project, moving historic files and alleviating a bottleneck that had arisen due to the lack of space.

The JAA put out a call to the JAA students, who commenced the project on 28 February 2022 and completed the project towards the middle of April 2022. Almost 300 students came from universities across the country and tackled the project with enthusiasm and smiles with the following ultimately being accomplished:

- Universal pigeon-holes have been made available where firms can look for their default judgments, writs, and so on. These pigeon-holes are for attorneys who previously did not have a pigeon-hole or do not use the services of Docex and can be found in room 1063. All old documents were sorted in alphabetical order by firm name for attorneys to collect. The court kindly requests that attorneys and messengers keep the documents in alphabetical order at all times to avoid frustration and delays.
- All the empty boxes were moved from G8.
- Debt review boxes were moved to G8.
- 2014, 2015 and 2016 boxes were moved from 1065 to G8, leaving a lot of space in Room 1065 for the more recent matters.
- The clerks of the court are in the process of opening the boxes for 2021 and 2022 court files.

The filing of court processes and documents remain the responsibility of the court clerks, who are attending to this. This is a lengthy and ongoing process that the court clerks can now concentrate on, the old boxes having been cleared out and space being available for the new files. The JAA wishes to extend its sincere thanks to Lindi Page who steered this project from the Johannesburg Magistrates Court's side before moving over to the Booysens Magistrates Court and we wish her luck in her new ventures. All attending students have been sent a JAA certificate of *pro-bono* participation in recognition of their most valued assistance and these certificates can be included in their CV's. The JAA is also in the process of arranging a court tour for the students who assisted with the project.

To all the students who participated in this project – the JAA and the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court management and clerks extend a heart-felt thank you for your hard work. You have made a significant impact on the capacity of the clerks of the court to attend to their other tasks and in alleviating some of the frustrations experienced by our members, the legal fraternity at large and the public.

The JAA will continue to strive towards real benefits to our members and the legal profession by offering services such as these. We are about to embark on another project with students and courts and a further project with the students and the Master's Office is being discussed with the key role players. To those students that did not get a day allocated in respect of the Johannesburg Magistrate's Court project, please await our next communication. – we will be sure to call on you for assistance in future projects.



JAA and Montpellier Wines – Five course food and wine pairing

Join the JAA and Montepellier wines for a 5-course food and wine pairing on the 7th of July 2022 at 18:00 pm on the rooftop of the BBM Attorneys offices in Rosebank. Enjoy a relaxing evening of food, wine, and friends with a beautiful view of the city. This event is open to all, not only attorneys so bring your friends and family. The dress code is semi – formal. All attendees are entered into an amazing raffle for a prize.

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