THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION

Dear Members

Court Online with the JAA



On Monday, representatives of the Johannesburg Attorneys Association, West Rand Legal Practitioners Association and Pretoria Attorneys Association under the umbrella of the Gauteng Attorneys Association attended the Office of the Chief Justice as part of a working group to demonstrate issues on Court Online (as reported by our members) and brainstormed solutions to the current issues and proposed future system enhancements with the Court Online Technical Team.

We are confident that these engagements help making a difference in impeoving the Court Online experience for our users.

On another, yet related note, research is being conducted on the topic "Investigate the extent to which the Court Online System address or deepens the digital divide among legal practitioners in Gauteng".

The author, Tebogo Emmanuel Tsweleng (who is studying towards his Master of Business Administration at the University of the Witwatersrand) has requested that we participate in this study. Your insights and contributions, as "first-hand" users of the Court Online System will greatly contribute to advancing an understanding of not only the digital divide in the legal sector, but also the impact of the Court Online System in Gauteng.

Please use the link below to complete the questionnaire and to partake in the survey:
https://forms.office.com/r/p2FUy58kW7origin=lprLink

Government Gazette Notice – Amendments of names of Deeds Registry

I. Mzwanele Nyhontso, Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, under
section 1(1)(a)(iii) of the Deeds Registries Act, 1937 (Act No. 47 of 1937), hereby: -

(a) withdraw with effect from the date of publication hereof, any notice published or deemed to be published under section 1(1)(a)(iii) of the said Act in respect of the existing names of the deeds registries listed in Schedule 1 hereto;
(b) simultaneously renaming the deeds registries as set out in Schedule 2 hereto.

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Legal Practice Council - Candidate attorneys remuneration coming into effect 1 Jan 2025

Notice is hereby given that the Council amends the Rules of the Council made under the authority of sections 95(1), 95(3) and 109(2) of the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014 (as amended) by the amendment of Rules 22.3 and 22.4 as set out below and the inclusion of schedule 2A and schedule 3A in terms of Rule 22.3 and 22.4 of the South African Legal Practice Council Rules respectively, setting the minimum remuneration, allowance, or stipend for candidate legal practitioners undergoing practical vocational training under a practical vocational training contract in terms of Rule 22 of the Rules.

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Notice to all legal practitioners about the Urgent Motion Court, Johannesburg

It has become apparent that the effective functioning of the Urgent Motion Court in Johannesburg is being imperilled by several undesirable practises by some attorneys and some counsel. This notice addresses the most serious aspects.

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List of Judges Contact details and Term 4 rosters – JHB and Pretoria High Court

Kindly find below the contact details and term 4 roster for both the Johannesburg High Court and the Pretoria High Court.

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Notice to clients and employees of the Deed's Registry – Name change of Deeds Registry Pretoria

The Deeds Registry in Pretoria will now be known as the North Gauteng Deeds Registry with effect from 10 October 2024. As from 1 November all deeds lodged must refer to the new name.

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Are your JAA Fees up to date?

We ask that members who have not as yet settled their current years fees (June 2024 to May 2025) to please do so urgently to avoid suspension from all JAA membership services. Invoices sent out in June and every month since then should have been paid upon receipt of the first invoice. Please ensure you are up to date to avoid suspension.

If you are unsure as to whether your account is up to date, please contact our accounts on accounts@jaa.org.za or call on 010 449 3023.

Amended Family Court Directive for Gauteng High Court – Pretoria

As from the First Term 2025, all family law related matters in Pretoria – including opposed divorce actions – will be set down and adjudicated in the Family Court.

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The JAA AGM – Documents

The JAA recently held our 82nd Annual General Meeting on the 19th of September 2024. The JAA would like to thank our venue host, Baker McKenzie as well as our guest speaker Leah Molatseli for her presentation on practical dive into Legal Prompt Engineering. Members can download all the documents and watch the video by clicking the link.

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LAST CALL - Join Us for our Second Annual Judges' Function!

Final few seats available to attend the Johannesburg Attorneys' Association (JAA) Second Annual Judges Function at the prestigious Estia in Melrose Estate on 7 November 2024. Celebrate with judges, attorneys, and legal professionals for an unforgettable night of networking and recognition.

Theme: Adding Colour to Your Life

Dress Code: Black Tie

Pricing: R1400 for JAA members & partners, R1600 for non-members

RSVP & make payment by Tuesday 22 October 2024 to secure your seat.
Email viv@jaa.org.za for more information.

Stand a chance to win amazing prizes including a week's stay at the luxury Zebula lodge worth over R40 000-00. Each ticket includes a free entry into the raffle!

Don't miss this opportunity to honour the judiciary and connect with the legal community. We look forward to seeing you there!

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