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Mxwanele Nyhontso, Minister of Land Reform and Rural Development, under section 1 of the Deeds Registries Act hereby withdraw with effect from the date of the publication.

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Report terminated and dormant trusts

The Office of the Chief Master announced the creation of two email addresses where trustees can report terminated and dormant trusts to remove them from the pool of trusts for which the details have to be captured.

One of the important issues is that nobody knows how many of the trusts registered with the different offices of the Master of the High Court are still active. In an effort to improve the compliance rate by removing terminated and dormant trusts from the trust universe in South Africa, the office of the Chief Master created two email addresses where basic information about terminated and dormant trusts can be lodged.

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Circular 1 of 2024 Letterhead for the chairperson

On 8 December 2023 the Supreme Court of Appeal ("SCA") handed down judgment in the above-mentioned matter in which South African Board for Sheriffs ("SABFS") is cited a party to the proceeding by virtue of it being a regulatory authority of the sheriff against whom the action was instituted against (Sheriff Michael Smith).

The voluntary associations in the profession wrote to the Chairperson of the Board of the SABFS requesting that the judgment and order granted by the SCA be appealed to the Constitutional Court, because of the far-reaching practical implications the judgment was going to have in the running and operations of a sheriff's office and private practice. Recently, sheriffs through their voluntary associations have advised that the practical implications predicted have become a reality at present.

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Sheriff Johannesburg South

Sheriff Johannesburg South has advised that they can be contacted (011 433 0014) should practitioners have any queries regarding the whereabouts of their pleadings since the appointment of Ms M A D Mahlangu as the new Sheriff for Germiston North from the 1st of November 2024, who will be using the same premises and the same telephone number.

Rules Board for Courts of Law – Magistrates Court, Provincial Court, and Supreme Court of Appeal

Amendment of the Rules regulating the conduct of proceedings of the Magistrate's Courts, Provincial Courts and the Supreme Court of South Africa.

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Special Tribunal – Notice of recess

The Special Tribunal has issued a notice of recess. This December the office will be closed from the 16th of December 2024 – 13 January 2025.

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How to lodge a dispute with Ethekwini Municipality?

A free webinar for legal practitioners presented by Maike Gohl.

Maike Gohl, an Attorney and Notary Public, is a Partner at HBGSchindlers and leads the firm's Ballito office. She specialises in Administrative Law, Municipal Law, and Property Law, with a particular focus on municipal billing disputes and prescription periods in Municipal Law cases.

Maike's achievements include her role in the notable case of Argent Industrial Investments CC v the Metropolitan City of Ekurhuleni, marking a significant contribution to the field. She is dedicated to protecting individuals' rights and ensuring government accountability in the property sector.

DATE: Tuesday, 03 December 2024
VENUE: Microsoft Teams
TIME: 13:00 - 14:00
RSVP: lethiwe@probono.org.za

NOTE: RSVP by no later than 12h00, Monday 02 December 2024.

The JAA Judges Function



On the 7th of November 2024 the JAA held our annual Judges Function which was well attended by the profession. The night was marked by good food, great conversation and a wonderful address on the future of the profession delivered by Deputy Judge President Roland Sutherland. The JAA would like to thank all who attended and made this evening a success. A special note of thanks goes to our sponsors who assisted the JAA in bringing this event to life. Thank you to Investec, Sabinet, the South African Legal Technology (SALT) Network, BriefCo, Co-Operative Computing and Legal Serve.

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The JAA and Carmen

Join the JAA and GAA on Wed 11 Dec 2024 for this season's Premiere of Mzansi Ballet's alluring production of Carmen. A timeless classic reworked with flamenco fusion, infused with traditional African pantsula and of course all the fire and passion of Bizet's music. Front row tickets are selling fast - this is a special offer only for JAA and GAA members and tickets are limited. End the year on an iconic note by celebrating your firm year end with an evening at the theatre. All tickets come with 20% off at Hussar Grill at Monte Casino (located next to the Pieter Toerien Theatre for your fine dining convenience). Email viv@jaa.org.za to book.

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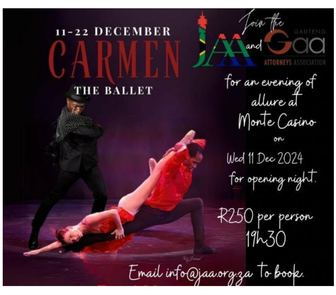

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