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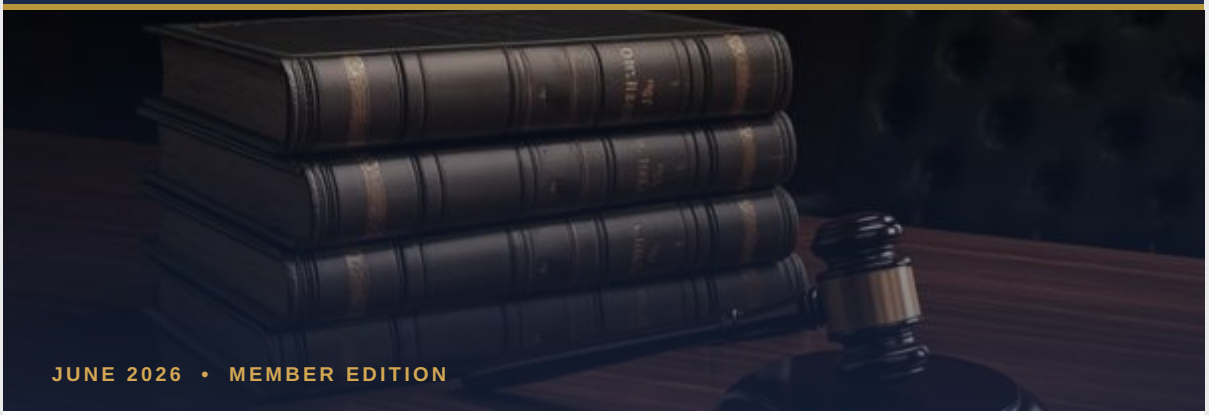

FROM THE CHAIR

Message from the Chair

June has been a remarkable month for the JAA and its members. From an inspiring evening at the Mzansi Ballet to a forward-looking Legal Innovation Summit, we continue to deliver meaningful experiences that connect our profession and keep our members at the forefront of legal practice. We still have exciting events this month, including our Mediation Webinar on 25 June and Social Padel Day on 27 June, and we look forward to seeing you there.

Earlier this year, we unveiled a new brand and website to reflect a more vibrant, innovative JAA. Since then, we have been quieter in your inbox but active behind the scenes: our committees have been engaging with the Judiciary, Legal Practice

Council, Court Online Technical Team, Masters Office, and Deeds Office, amongst others on key practice issues, representing your interests and helping to shape the future of our profession.

The legal industry is transforming, and so are we. Our focus is to honour the rich history of the JAA while embracing technology, new ways of working and fresh ideas that support you in practice. Our new website is central to this, and we encourage you to visit it regularly for updates, resources and event information. As a current member benefit, we also have WhatsApp communities for those who want to connect and engage more actively with the JAA: if you are a JAA member and would like to join, please email viv@jaa.org.za. We will soon be introducing "JAA on the Go", giving you seamless access to our site from your phone without downloading an app.

Thank you for your continued membership and support; your participation and feedback ensure that the JAA remains a space where tradition and innovation meet, and where our community continues to thrive.

Azhar Aziz-Ismail
Chair, Johannesburg Attorneys' Association



UPCOMING EVENT

Free Mediation Webinar - 25 June 2026

Join the JAA on 25 June 2026 for a free two-hour webinar: Navigating Rule 41A and Digital Mediation Workflows in Gauteng. The session features Joshua Hearne, Director of Aloe Mediation, and Anneke Greyvenstein, Chairman of the Social

Justice Association. This webinar is free and open to all legal professionals. Spaces are limited, so register now to secure your place.

Date: Wednesday, 25 June 2026

Time: 18:00 to 20:00

Cost: Free

Open to: All legal professionals

REGISTER NOW - IT'S FREE



UPCOMING EVENT

JAA Social Padel Day: Rackets and Rulings - 27 June 2026

The JAA Social Padel Day is back on 27 June 2026, from 10:00 to 14:00. Whether you are a seasoned padel player or picking up a racket for the first time, this is a great opportunity to connect with fellow members outside the office. Tickets are R550 per person or R1,100 per team, proudly sponsored by Anchor Capital and Legal Serve. Do not miss it.

Date: Saturday, 27 June 2026

Time: 10:00 to 14:00

Cost: R550 per person or R1,100 per team

Sponsored by: Anchor Capital and Legal Serve

REGISTER FOR PADEL DAY

HIGH COURT COMMITTEE

Gauteng Efficiency Enhancement Committee Report - 2 June 2026

The JAA High Court Sub-Committee recently attended the Gauteng Efficiency Enhancement Committee (GEEC) liaison meeting on 1 June 2026. Key matters discussed include updates on Teams Link downtime notifications, compliance with Rule 6(5)(b)(iii) regarding service of applications without a date, Summary Judgment date applications, the duplication of heads of argument on Caselines, service by email under Rule 4A, and ongoing concerns regarding taxations. A specialised meeting to address taxation matters has been scheduled for 18 June 2026. Members who have not yet provided feedback on outstanding taxation issues are encouraged to complete the Google form below.

> MEMBER ACTION REQUIRED
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> **Outstanding taxation feedback: complete the Google form or email your spreadsheet of matters to petro@pmvattorneys.co.za**

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COMPLETE THE FORM

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Johannesburg Deeds Office Tracking Format Update

Following the JAA's engagement with the Registrar of Deeds South Gauteng and a subsequent letter to the Chief Registrar of Deeds, the JAA is pleased to report a significant win for its members. The office of the Chief Registrar of Deeds has agreed to revert to the previous format of the Deeds Registration Tracking System, ensuring that third party service provider platforms are once again able to view all stages of deeds moving through the deeds registration system. Please note that it may take a short period to align this change across all platforms. The JAA

acknowledges the effort of the legal fraternity in bringing about this change, which directly benefits our members and the public.

PROPERTY SUB-COMMITTEE

Read the full report on the JAA website for complete details of this update.

READ THE FULL REPORT

COMING UP

Save the Date

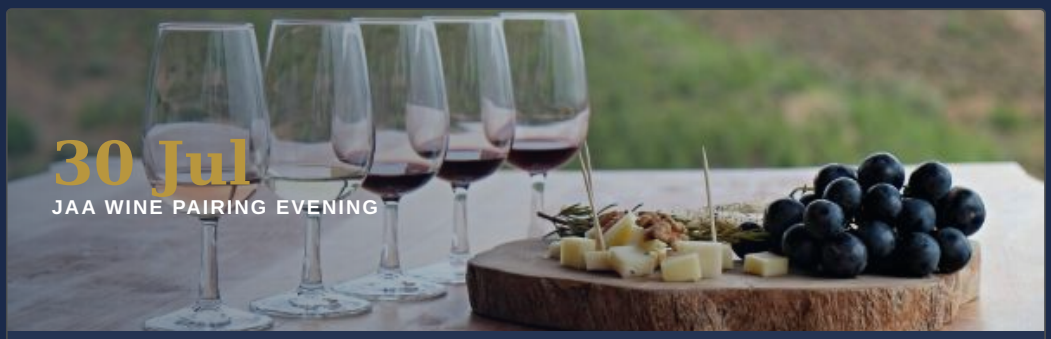
Two unmissable JAA events on the horizon. Mark your calendar and watch this space for full details.



Save the Date: 1 October 2026

The JAA's most prestigious annual evening is returning. This is one night you do not want to miss. Formal invitations and full event details are coming soon.

Follow our social media and WhatsApp group for updates as they drop.



30 July 2026 • The Grillhouse, Johannesburg

An elegant evening of wine pairing is on its way. More details, including ticketing and registration, to follow soon.

Watch this space for full details.

Did You Know?

Did you know you can access the latest court rolls, reclassified and made easy to navigate, on the JAA website? Visit **jaa.org.za**

VISIT JAA.ORG.ZA

Member Benefit

As a JAA member you have access to JAA exclusive WhatsApp groups where you can engage with the legal community, receive urgent updates, and stay connected with your peers across practice areas. Email **viv@jaa.org.za** to get added.

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Did You Know You Can Engage with the JAA on Social Media?

Click the icons below to follow, engage, and stay connected with the JAA community across our social platforms.

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