Room 028
High Court Building
Cnr. Prichard / Von Brandis sts
Johannesburg

Tel: 010 449 3023
Email: info@jaa.org.za
www.jaa.org.za

THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

01 July 2020

Dear Member

NOTICE OF SPECIAL CONSIDERATION AT AGM:

Since the advent of the Legal Practice Act, the face of the legal profession has changed. We have in the past drawn clear lines between Attorneys and Advocates as well as Practicing Attorneys and those who have left the profession to take on more corporate roles. These clear lines have now become blurred. This blur is welcomed by some and distrusted by others.

One of the main purposes of us as legal professionals is to move forward. We take what we need from the past and use it to shape our future. The future of legal professionals is paramount and how we shape it is up to us. Should we then continue to live in the past citing that this is the way it has always been done or can we embrace a future where legal practitioners can be heard under one banner.

This is a question which will need to be considered by each legal practitioner. We would like to create a platform for this discussion at our Annual General Meeting this year to answer the question of whether the JAA should open its doors to all members of the legal profession (Attorneys and Advocates, practicing and non-practicing Attorneys), who are and remain in good standing.

Your thoughts on this topic will be greatly appreciated. Should you wish to provide your opinion in writing, kindly send same to our secretary Lee-Ann du Toit at lee-ann@smithlaw.co.za on or before the 20th August 2020.

Yours sincerely



SECRETARY OF THE JAA:
LEE-ANN DU TOIT