CONVEYANCING MENTORSHIP PROGRAMME | INVITATION 2020/21

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Invitation to mentees and mentors

This email is to invite attorneys to participate in the Conveyancing Mentorship Programme. The aim of the programme is to equip prospective conveyancers to pass the examination in November 2020 or in 2021. The invitation is open to both mentees and willing mentors.

Good conveyancers are meticulous in their work and take great care in the preparation of their documents. Any mistake that may lead to a transaction being delayed in the Deed's Office could cause serious financial consequences for the parties to the transaction. The LSSA's mentorship programme is designed to assist aspirant conveyancers to attain the levels required to be knowledgeable, competent and diligent legal professionals and meet the required standards to succeed in the assessment examinations.

Background to the Programme

In March 2019, the LSSA established a Task Team to review the concerns on the poor pass rate for the conveyancing admission examinations. After analysis and evaluation, the Task Team made certain recommendations that included a structured mentorship programme between candidates and attorneys at different law firms. In 2019, the LSSA launched a pilot mentorship programme in Polokwane and Mthatha and it is this programme, with certain amendments, that is now being rolled out to the cities indicated above.

Please click here to read the latest about this LSSA initiative.

More about the Programme

Many candidates who attempt to write the conveyancing examination underestimate the difficulty of the subject matter. For this reason, the programme for 2020/21 has been divided into two streams, depending on the mentee's experience in conveyancing.

Stream 1: Mentees writing the conveyancing admission examination in November 2020

Stream 2: Mentees writing the conveyancing admission examination in 2021

Mentees participating in Stream 1 will have previous experience in conveyancing, whilst mentees participating in Stream 2 will not. Mentees in both streams must be willing to put in at least 10 hours of study per week from the start of the programme until the admission examination.

Format of the Programme

Mentees participating in Stream 1 and Stream 2 use similar resources. However, the resources for Stream 2 are more comprehensive due to the mentees' lack of conveyancing experience.

Study material and online training
The study material for the Legal Education and Development (LEAD) Conveyancing Course, which has been enhanced for the mentorship programme, will be used. This includes a study guide and applicable legislation. In addition, there will be training webinars produced by LEAD that will include question and answer sessions. Just before the examination, an online revision workshop will be presented.

Facebook training groups
Facebook makes it easy to network and interact with other virtual students. Therefore, the LSSA will use a Facebook Group so that the mentees can interact with each other to enhance and support their eLearning.

Mentorship webinars
In the age of Covid-19, the LSSA will not be able to arrange physical-proximity mentoring. Therefore, we will arrange one-on-one or group mentorship virtually with qualified conveyancers (mentors) where the mentees need specific assistance.

Previous examination papers and answer memorandums
The LSSA has already made available previous conveyancing examination question papers along with the answer memorandums on the LEAD website.

- Click here for the question papers
- Click here for the answer memorandums.

Costs associated with the Programme

Mentees will need to pay for the LEAD material and training. Details will be provided to applicants. However, the LSSA is currently applying for sponsorship of this material for those mentees who show a keen interest in participating in the Programme. There is no cost for mentors to participate.

Recognition

The mentees and mentors on the Programme will receive recognition on the LSSA website, in *De Rebus*, in LSSA newsletters and at any relevant media opportunity.

How to apply

- Click here to apply to be a mentee.
- Click here to apply to be a mentor.

The closing date for applications is **Friday, 31 July 2020**.

For any questions on the Programme, please contact Ros Elphick on email: ros@LSSA.org.za or on Cell/WhatsApp: 083 655 7163.

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