THE LAW SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCES

NOTICE TO MEMBERS

18 OCTOBER 2017

Dear Member,

1. PROTECTION OF FUNDS – *CURATOR AD LITEM / CURATOR BONIS*

Members are advised that pursuant to a request by the Master of the High Court, a Committee comprising representatives of the Master's Office, the Law Society and the various Bar Councils, under the guidance of Deputy Judge President A P Ledwaba, commenced drafting proposals for the revision of the Practice Manual in respect of inter alia the appointment of and reporting obligations of curators-ad-litem. The Committee has made a great deal of progress and drafts for consideration by the Judiciary are at an advanced stage of preparation and are to be submitted by 15 November 2017.

Members who are interested in contributing are welcome to contact Ms Anette Cook on ANETTEC@lsnp.org.za for more information.

2. PAYING ESTATES AGENTS' COMMISSION IN ADVANCE

It has come to the attention of the Council that in some instances, members who act in conveyancing transactions, whether as the conveyancer or as a referring attorney, are advancing commission to Estate Agents in circumstances where all suspensive conditions have not been fulfilled and the transfer process has not yet been finalised.

Members are reminded that it is unprofessional conduct for them to advance commission to Estate Agents prior to the finalisation of the transfer process and members who do this will be subject to disciplinary action.

M J S GROBLER
Director