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SPECIAL RESOLUTION IN ACCORDANCE WITH SECTION 14 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION (JAA)

JAA PROPOSED CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS

PASSED DURING THE HYBRID AGM MEETING HELD ON THE 7 OCTOBER 2026

RESOLVED THAT:

Rule 4 be amended to read:

4.1 Any legal practitioner as defined in the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 who provides legal services in the greater Johannesburg area shall be eligible for membership as a Practising Attorney or Practising Advocate, as applicable.

4.2 Any candidate legal practitioner serving articles of clerkship shall be eligible for membership as a Candidate Attorney, and any person serving pupillage shall be eligible for membership as a Pupil Advocate. The eligibility of a Candidate Attorney or Pupil Advocate to membership, is subject to their principal and/or legal practitioners from their law firm or group of advocates being a member of the Association.

4.3 Any person admitted as a legal practitioner under the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 and enrolled on the Non-Practising Roll of the Legal Practice Council, based in the greater Johannesburg area shall be eligible for membership as a Non-Practising Legal Practitioner.

4.4 Any law student registered at a recognised institution in the greater Johannesburg area shall be eligible for membership as a Student Member.

4.5 Any law firm providing legal services in the greater Johannesburg area may apply for Firm Membership in a seat band determined by the Committee from time to time.

4.6 For purposes of Firm Membership categories, 'practitioners' includes practising attorneys and candidate attorneys enrolled as members under this Constitution. Voting rights and eligibility for election to the Committee remain governed by Rules 11.1 and 6.1 respectively and are not affected by the number of practitioners included in a firm's membership band.

4.7 The following may be recognised within the membership structure as specialist or role-based classifications, provided that each such person otherwise qualifies as a Practising Legal Practitioner or Non-

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Practising Legal Practitioner, as applicable: Conveyancer; Notary; Knowledge, and Innovation and Legal Tech Practitioner.

4.8 The Committee may create, recognise, vary and administer membership categories, sub-categories, classifications, participation streams, or benefit groupings that are consistent with the objects of the Association, provided that such categories remain subject to this Constitution and that no such category, sub-category, classification, participation stream, or benefit grouping shall confer voting rights or Committee eligibility except as expressly provided for in this Constitution.

4.9 The Committee may confer Honorary Membership or Retired Membership in accordance with criteria determined by it.

Rule 5 be amended to read:

5.1 Annual subscriptions shall be differentiated by membership category, sub-category, classification, participation stream, benefit grouping, and, in the case of Firm Membership, by seat band or other objective measure determined by the Committee from time to time, with due regard to inflation, affordability, the requirements of the Association, and the value proposition attached to the relevant membership offering.

5.2 The Committee may determine different subscriptions, benefits, access rights, or participation entitlements for different membership categories, sub-categories, classifications, participation streams, or benefit groupings, provided that no such determination shall confer voting rights or eligibility for election to the Committee except as expressly provided for in this Constitution.

5.3 The financial year of the Association shall commence on the 1st day of June of each year and subscriptions shall be due and payable on such date.

Rule 6.1 be amended to read:

6.1 The affairs of the Association shall be managed and controlled by a Committee consisting of fifteen members (all of whom shall be Practising Attorney members of the Association and entitled to vote under Rule 11.1, elected in accordance with this Constitution) during the Annual General Meeting of the Association or any other General Meeting specially called for such purpose. Each committee member shall hold office for a two-year period, but the retiring members shall be eligible for re-election.

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6.1.1. At the first meeting following each Annual General Meeting, the Committee shall elect a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, provided that no member of the Committee shall hold office as Chairman for more than four consecutive years, if any of these offices shall become vacant between elections, the Committee shall be entitled to fill the vacancy.

6.1.2. All existing office-bearers and sub-committee members shall hold office until the formal appointments are made at the first Committee meeting after the Annual General Meeting.

Rule 6.4 be amended to read:

6.4 The Committee may co-opt not more than two additional members to serve on the Committee, provided that any such co-opted member shall satisfy the same eligibility requirements as an elected Committee member under Rule 6.1 and shall be a Practising Attorney member of the Association entitled to vote under Rule 11.1, and who shall hold office on the same terms as the other members of the Committee and shall serve only until the next voting Annual General Meeting.

Rule 9 be amended to read:

Any member whose subscription shall be in arrears for a period of 60 days after receiving their invoice, and who shall not thereafter pay such subscription within 14 (fourteen) days of the mailing to him/her of a written request for payment, may be removed from the list of members by the Committee and all services offered to such member will be suspended and the member will still be liable for the debt and will not be able to rejoin the JAA until all outstanding amounts are settled.

Rule 10 be amended to read:

Any member desiring to resign from the Association may do so on giving notice to the JAA office in writing via email to info@jaa.org.za or delivered in person to the JAA office but such person shall remain liable for any subscription or subscriptions and/or account which fell due prior to the date of such resignation.

Rule 11.1 be amended to read:

11.1 Every Practising Attorney member of the Association, present at a meeting and not in arrears with their subscriptions, shall have one vote. Practising Advocate members and Non-Practising Legal Practitioners shall

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have no voting rights, or only such limited voting rights as may specifically be conferred by the Constitution or by resolution of the Association. Candidate Attorneys, Pupil Advocates, Student Members, Retired Members and Honorary Members shall have no voting rights.

Rule 11.3 be amended to read:

In the event of voting by ballot, in completing the voting paper for the election of the members of the Committee, a member entitled to vote shall vote for not less than six and not more than fifteen of the candidates proposed for election. If a voting paper does not comply with the above it shall be disregarded.

Insert Rule 11.4:

11.4 For purposes of any Annual General Meeting, General Meeting or Special General Meeting of the Association, no more than ten votes may be cast by Practising Attorney members from the same law firm, regardless of the number of members from that law firm enrolled in the Association.

Insert Rule 11.5:

11.5 For purposes of Rule 11.4, members shall be regarded as being from the same law firm where they practice, are employed, or are otherwise enrolled through the same Firm Membership or institutional structure, as determined by the Committee.

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