LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL

NOTICE 3168 OF 2025

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THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 95(1) OF THE LEGAL PRACTICE ACT, 28 OF 2014

Notice is hereby given that the Council amends the Rules of the Council made in terms of sections 95(1)(n), read with section 26(1)(d), (2) and (3), of the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014 (as amended), in the following respects:

By amending the wording of Rule 21.4 of the Legal Practice Council Rules and inserting sub-rules 21.4.1 and 21.4.2.

- 21.4 A person wishing to qualify to be admitted and enrolled as an attorney who, before the date referred to in section 120(4) of the Act, had passed one or more parts of the practical examinations provided for in section 14 of the Attorneys Act, 1979 (Act no. 53 of 1979) but at that date had not yet passed all parts of those examinations, shall have the right to be examined or assessed on those parts which he or she had not yet passed, and upon successfully completing those parts of the said examinations which he or she had not passed at that date, he or she will be deemed to have complied with rule 20.1; provided, however, that if the candidate concerned has not passed the parts of the said examination which he or she had not successfully completed prior to the date referred to in section 120(4) of the Act within a period of three years from that date, then he or she shall no longer have the right to be examined or assessed on any part of those examinations.
 - 21.4.1 In the event that a person as mentioned in 21.4 above, due to a disability or exceptional circumstances beyond his or her control, is unable to fulfill the requirement of completing the outstanding parts of the examinations within the three-year period following the date mentioned in section 120(4) of the Act, may apply to the Council for a waiver or extension of the application of Rule 21.4.
 - 21.4.2 The Council, upon receiving an application under Rule 21.4.1, may, at its discretion, grant an extension of time, to ensure that the person is not unfairly disadvantaged by the provisions of Rule 21.4. The Council's decision shall be based on the merits of the request, taking into account the nature of the disability or the exceptional circumstances involved, as the case may be. Once an extension of time has been granted by the Council, no further extension will be granted.

Signed at Midrand on 15 April 2025.

ADV PULÉ SELEKA (SC)

Chairperson- Legal Practice Council

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