

Legal Practice Council Code of Conduct
effective from 29 March 2019



ADVISORY FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Colleagues

The Legal Practice Council (LPC) has published the final Code of Conduct. The Code applies to all legal practitioners (attorneys and advocates) as well as all candidate legal practitioners and juristic entities as defined, and is effective from 29 March 2019.

We wish to remind you that the Code of Conduct serves as the prevailing standard of conduct and will be enforced by the LPC. Failure to adhere to the Code will constitute misconduct and transgressors will be subjected to disciplinary proceedings in terms of the Rules promulgated under ss 95(1), 95(3) and 109(2) of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014.

The Code of Conduct consists of the following parts:

- I. Definitions;
- II. Code of conduct: general provisions;
- III. Conduct of attorneys;
- IV. Conduct of advocates contemplated in section 34(2)(a)(i) of the Act;
- V. Conduct of advocates contemplated in section 34(2)(a)(ii) of the Act;
- VI. Conduct of legal practitioners and candidate legal practitioners in relation to appearances in court and before tribunals; and
- VII. Conduct of legal practitioners not in private practice.

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Regards

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