

Call to nominate practitioners to the Provincial Councils
of the Legal Practice Council:
Nomination deadline - 8 February 2019



ADVISORY FROM THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Colleagues

The Chairperson of the Legal Practice Council, Hlaleleni Kathleen Matolo-Dlepu, has invited legal practitioners to make nominations of practising attorneys and practising advocates to the Provincial Councils of the Legal Practice Council (LPC). The Provincial Elections Nominations Process commenced on 29 January 2019 at 10h00 and will close on 8 February 2019 at 16h00.

[Read the LPC notice here.](#)

Nominations can be made through the portal link e-mailed to legal practitioners. For queries please e-mail lpcsupport@isiqhingi.co.za.

The LPC has given notice of the nomination process in terms of Regulations 3 and 4 of the Regulations made under section 109 (1) (a) of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 and Rule 16 (9) of [amended Rule 16](#) (as gazetted on 21 December 2018 (GG 42127).

Each attorney must nominate only an attorney and each advocate must nominate only an advocate. The election procedure is set out in the amended Rule 16 - [view here](#).

Election timelines are as follows:

Nominations period: 29 January 2019 to 8 February 2019 at 16h00.

Voting period: 12 February 2019 to 22 February 2019 at 16h00.

Legal Practice Act Section 23

23. Establishment of Provincial Councils

(1) The Council must establish Provincial Councils the areas of jurisdiction of which must correspond with the areas under the jurisdiction of the Divisions of the High Court of South Africa as determined by the Minister, from time to time, in terms of section 6(3) of the Superior Courts Act, 2013 (Act No. 10 of 2013), and may delegate to the Provincial Councils such powers and functions which, in the interests of the legal profession are better performed at provincial level.

(Section 23(1) substituted by section 3(a) of Act 16 of 2017)

(2) ...

(Section 23(2) deleted by section 3(b) of Act 16 of 2017)

(3) The Provincial Councils must carry out any powers and perform any functions as may be determined by the Council or set out in this Act.

(4) Provincial Councils must be elected in accordance with a procedure determined by the Council in the rules.

(5) Provincial Councils must be constituted in such a manner so as to reflect the proportion of attorneys and advocates in the area of jurisdiction of the Provincial Council concerned.

(6) A Provincial Council may establish one or more committees to assist it in the exercise of its powers and the performance of its functions.

(7) A committee contemplated in subsection (6) may consist of only attorneys or only advocates to deal with matters relating exclusively to the attorneys or advocates' professions, respectively.

(Commencement of section 23: 31 October 2018)

We urge legal practitioners to participate in the nomination and election process.

Regards

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