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Africa day

For this Africa Day, the Law Society of South Africa thought it would be the opportune time to summarise the information contained in the WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 and highlight the numbers from the index that pertain to Africa and South Africa (SA). The WJP Rule of Law Index 2021 is the latest report in an annual series that measures the rule of law based on the experiences and perceptions of the public, the legal practitioners of that country and experts worldwide.

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LSSA makes history at its annual conference

The Law Society of South Africa held its Annual Conference and Annual General Meeting under the theme 'The rule of law and the role of legal practitioners in combating corruption,' on 23 March 2022 in Johannesburg.

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Invitation to comment on Road Accident Fund's Administration of Claims and Compliance with Court Procedure

In the Mpumalanga Division of the High Court, the Honourable Judge President Legodi directed that the conduct of the Road Accident Fund (RAF) in administering claims, and in particular trial preparation, required further investigation and issued a ruling to that effect. Follow the link below for the full story.

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Cybercrimes Act 19 of 2020: Standard Operating Procedures

The South African Police Service (SAPS) is in the process of preparing Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) in terms of s 26 of the Cybercrimes Act 19 of 2020 and requested provisional input on the draft SOPs, which appear on the LSSA's website.

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Chief Registrar's Circular 28 of 2013 substitution

Practitioners should please note that Chief Registrar's Circular 28 of 2013 has been withdrawn and substituted by Chief Registrar's Circular 1 of 2022.

The Circular deals with the impact of certain provisions of the Companies Act, as amended.

[Read circular here](#)



Masters' Protocol to address the spread of Covid-19

All Masters' Protocols issued previously in terms of the Disaster Management Act and related published regulations are, with effect from 6 April 2022, no longer applicable.

The normal procedures followed in the Master's Offices prior to the State of Disaster, will apply, but the regulations and prescripts of the National Health Act, such as wearing of a face mask, etc, should be complied with.

[Read the notice here](#)



Cyber resilience: 12 key controls to strengthen your security

Marsh's latest insight on Cyber resilience: Twelve key controls to strengthen your security.

The whitepaper explores all 12 recommended cybersecurity controls and their characteristics and requirements.

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Arrest of legal practitioner Malesela Teffo

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) is dismayed at the manner in which legal practitioner Malesela Teffo was arrested in the Gatueng Division of the High Court in Pretoria on 28 April 2022.

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Invitation to apply for acting regional magistrates positions

Acting appointments as Regional Magistrates are available in the Limpopo Regional Division for the period 13 June to 29 July 2022 in the Giyani/Morebeng court and from 1 July to 30 September 2022 in the Groblersdal, Polokwane, Nebo, Sibasa, Nkawkankowa, Malamulele courts and the Dzanani and Waterval Circuit courts.

Judicial officers have to do both criminal and civil cases. The deadline for applications is 1 June 2022.

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New guidelines on Conveyancing fees

Conveyancing fees are negotiable. These are merely guidelines and not minimum or maximum fees.

The fees recommended in the new guidelines, effective from 16 May 2022, are in respect of conventional deeds, sectional titles, interprovincial apportionment, wasted costs and fees in respect of the Alienation of Lands Act.

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Security changes to Sars eFiling system

Sars is implementing security changes to its eFiling system. Practitioners are to ensure that their contact details are confirmed/updated. Refer to the SARS notice.

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Sars has a new Service Charter

Sars has a new Service Charter, effective from 1 April 2022. The Charter includes issues such as the service timeframes and the complaints processes.

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LEAD and SASSETA opportunity for candidate legal practitioners

The Law Society of South Africa's, Legal Education and Development Division and SASSETA are offering an opportunity for university graduates to partake in a Work Integrated Learning Programme. Closing date 10 June 2022.

[Click here to find out more](#)



New training centre at Walter Sisulu University

Compulsory Practical Vocational Training for Candidate Legal Practitioners – the Law Society of South Africa Legal Education and Development has launched a new centre at Walter Sisulu University this year.

The course is designed to supplement the training provided by law firms in the knowledge and skills required of a competent candidate legal practitioner. Closing date for registration at this centre is 7 July 2022.

[Click here to register](#)



Cyber Law (LSSA) FREE Webinar

This presentation by the LSSA and Storm Guidance is part of the LSSA's service to members and is part of the collaboration with the Storm Guidance on 26 May 2022.

The webinar summarises the current cyber risks posed to the legal industry, the impact incidents are having, and the vulnerabilities attackers are looking for when selecting their next target.

[Click here to register for the webinar](#)



The BEE Chamber Legal Services Forum - Complimentary Webinar

The BEE Chamber is hosting a Legal Services Forum in collaboration with the Law Society of South Africa on 1 June 2022. This forum is dedicated to Legislative issues around B-BBEE. Our compliance specialists will provide Legal Practitioners with updates on the B-BBEE Legislation and the latest interpretations from the B-BBEE Commission and the DTIC B-BBEE Policy Unit.

[Click here to register](#)



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LEVERAGING TECHNOLOGY: HOW CAN LAW FIRMS BEST ADAPT TO OPERATING POST-LOCKDOWN?

Failure to pay maintenance: Breaching the remedies in the Maintenance Act

Enterprise risk management: as part of management's present/ future duty to quality decision making

Does a Master have to approve of an agreement when all that has been given their consent to a sale?

Who has to prove that the employee did not participate in an unprotected strike?

Breaking the glass ceiling in the legal profession

Protected Discretionary Act: Interdicting the employer for 'occupational detriment'

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Upcoming courses

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Civil Mediation Course

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Course

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