

Dear Legal Practitioners and Stakeholders,

Legal Sector Charter Council has been established

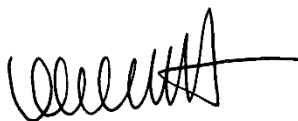
1. As you may be aware, the Legal Sector Code (LSC) was gazetted on 20 September 2024. Paragraph 13 of the LSC provides for the establishment of the Legal Sector Charter Council ("**the LSCC**") by the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development. A copy of the LSC is attached.
2. The LSCC was established at the beginning of March 2025.
3. In terms of paragraph 13.7, the functions of the LSCC are among others:
 - to monitor compliance with the LSC;
 - to provide clarification, support and assistance in the interpretation and implementation of the LSC; and
 - to initiate and supervise revisions of the LSC
4. Based on need, the LSCC will from time to time issue guidelines on the interpretation and implementation of the LSC as provided for in paragraph 13.7.
5. The LSCC will soon undertake a number of stakeholder engagement sessions aimed at
 - clarifying the provisions of the LSC; and
 - responding to any queries stakeholders may have.
6. The LSCC will engage in these stakeholder engagement activities commencing in May for a period of 2 to 3 months. In order to reach as many stakeholders as possible, these engagements will be physical and/or virtual or a combination of both and will take place in different parts of the country. Details of the programme with dates will be provided in due course.

7. After the stakeholders' engagement sessions commencing in May, stakeholders are free to approach the Charter Council at any time for any assistance they require in the interpretation and implementation of the LSC. Another round of stakeholder engagements will take place after the filing of annual reports. It should be noted that the Charter Council may initiate and propose revisions of the LSC. In this regard, feedback from stakeholders after the filing of annual reports will be one of the factors to take into account should the Council decide to propose amendments.

8. The LSCC also wishes to advise that the Legal Sector Transformation Fund has been established. Legal practitioners and stakeholders wishing to contribute to the Legal Sector Transformation Fund will soon be able to do so. A separate communication will be issued by no later than 30 April providing further details.

9. The LSCC is committed to assisting all practitioners and stakeholders with any information they require in order to ensure clarity on compliance with the LSC. While it is in the process of setting up a website, a dedicated email address is included herein in order for stakeholders to in the meantime communicate with the LSCC. The LSCC will endeavour to respond to such queries in a timely manner. Queries can be sent to: info@lsc.org.za

Yours faithfully,



Ms C Qunta

LSCC Chairperson

22 April 2025