

Skills and Support Survey

Purpose of the Survey

This survey seeks to develop a comprehensive database of legal practitioners and law firms across South Africa. The information collected will assist in –

-  Identifying current skills and expertise within the legal profession.
-  Determining specialised legal skills that are in demand.
-  Assessing the number, size, and needs of law firms.
-  Understanding the support requirements of attorneys, advocates, candidate attorneys, pupil advocates, and junior practitioners.
-  Informing transformation, skills development, mentorship, business support, and policy interventions across all provinces.

For your convenience: you may fill this form out digitally via the link or QR code below

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Confidentiality Notice: Information collected will be used for research, planning, stakeholder engagement, and sector development purposes. Individual information will be treated confidentially and reported in aggregate form unless consent is provided for inclusion in a professional directory.

SECTION A: PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INFORMATION

Personal Details												
Full Name												
ID Number												
LPC Member Number												
Gender	Male				Female				Other			
Race	African				Coloured				Indian/Asian			
	White						Other					
Age Group	Under 25				25 – 34				35 – 44			
	45 – 54				55 – 64				65+			
Province	GP				L				MP			
	NC				EC				WC			
Email Address												
Contact Number												
Professional Status												
Professional Status	Attorney				Referral Advocate							
	FFC Advocate				Candidate Attorney							
	Pupil				Legal Consultant							
	In-House Counsel				Academic							
	Other											
Years of Experience	New Entrant				1 – 3 years				4 – 7 years			
	8 – 12 years				13 – 20 years				Over 20 years			
If you are an Attorney or a Fidelity Fund Advocate, please fill out your firm's details below												
Firm Name												
Establishment Date												
Firm Size	Sole Proprietor				2 – 5				6 – 10			
	11 – 15				15 – 20				20+			
If firm has 20+ partners and/or equity directors, please specify the actual number												
Ownership	100% Black-Owned				100% Black Women - Owned							
	More than 51% Black-Owned				More than 51% Black-Women Owned							
	Less than 51% Black-Owned				Less than 51% Black-Women Owned							

	Youth		Persons living with disabilities	
Number of Candidate Attorneys currently employed				
Business Development Status	Newly established		Growing	
	Established		Expanding locally/internationally	

SECTION B: SKILLS AND EXPERTISE ASSESMENT

Skills and Expertise (Please select your area(s) of expertise)	
Commercial Law	
Corporate Law	
Labour Law	
Employment Law	
Family Law	
Criminal Law	
Civil Litigation	
Constitutional Law	
Administrative and Regulatory Law	
Property Law	
Conveyancing	
Mining Law	
Energy Law	
Competition Law	
Tax Law	
Insolvency and Business Rescue	
Banking and Finance Law	
Intellectual Property Law	
Information and Technology Law	
Data Protection and POPIA	
Procurement and Public Sector Law	
Environmental Law	
Medical Negligence and Insurance Law	
Third Party Compensation Law	
Human Rights Law	
International Trade Law	
Alternative Dispute Resolution	

Customary Law		
B-BBEE Advisory		
Pension Law		
Aviation and Aerospace Law		
Maritime Law		
Initial Public Offerings and Securities Exchange Law		
Asset Restructuring, Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers		
Corporate Governance, Due Diligence and Compliance		
Forensic and Fraud Investigation		
Transaction Advisory Services		
Project, Corporate and Structured Finance		
Construction and Engineering Law		
Sports and Entertainment Law		
Media and Telecommunications Law		
Other		
Specialist Competencies		
Do you possess any specialist qualifications, certifications, or recognised expertise?		Y N
If yes, please specify		
Which specialised legal skills are currently most needed in South Africa?		
What specialised skills would you most like to acquire or strengthen?		

SECTION C: LAW FIRMS REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT

What type of support is most needed by your firm?

Business and Development <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Access to clients	

Access to corporate legal panels	
Tender opportunities	
Marketing and branding support	
Strategic planning	
Other (please specify)	
Financial Support <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Funding	
Working capital	
Access to credit	
Equipment and technology funding	
Other (please specify)	
Professional Development <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Specialist legal training	
Continuous Professional Development programmes	
Leadership development	
Advance Trial Advocacy and litigation skills	
Other (please specify)	
Technology and Digitalisation <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Practice management systems	
Legal technology tools	
Digital case management	
Cybersecurity support	
AI and LegalTech training	
Other (please specify)	
Mentorship <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Senior practitioner mentorship	
Business mentorship	
Practice management mentorship	
Other (please specify)	
Please specify any other area of support required	

SECTION D: JUNIOR PRACTITIONERS REQUIREMENTS ASSESSMENT

What challenges are currently experienced by junior legal practitioners? <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Difficulty obtaining articles/pupillage	
Limited access to mentorship	
Lack of practical legal exposure	
Limited advocacy experience	
Difficulty obtaining clients	
Lack of business management skills	
Funding constraints	
Limited networking opportunities	
Limited technology and LegalTech skills	
Geographic disadvantage outside major cities	
Other (please specify)	
Which support interventions would make the greatest difference? <i>(Please select all applicable)</i>	
Structured mentorship programmes	
Advanced Trial Advocacy and litigation skills training	
Briefing opportunities	
Employment opportunities	
Scholarship and funding programmes	
Legal practice management training	
Technology and AI training	
Exposure to Specialised Areas of Law	
Networking and Marketing platforms	
Provincial support structures	
Other (please specify)	

SECTION E: PROVINCIAL DEVELOPMENT NEEDS

Provincial Development Needs	
What are the greatest challenges facing practitioners in your province?	

What support initiatives should be prioritised in your province?			
Are there specialised skills lacking in your province?		Y	N
If yes, please specify			

SECTION F: TRANSFORMATION AND SECTOR DEVELOPMENT

Transformation and Sector Development			
What should the top three priorities for the development of Black legal practitioners and Black-owned law firms be?			

Consent

By completing this form, you consent to your details being included in a professional database for networking, research, development, and transformation purposes.

Signature: _____

Date: _____