

LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL

NOTICE 559 OF 2021

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**THE SOUTH AFRICAN LEGAL PRACTICE COUNCIL ("THE COUNCIL")
NOTICE IN TERMS OF SECTION 36(3) & 36(4) OF THE LEGAL PRACTICE ACT, 28 OF 2014 ("THE ACT")**

Notice is hereby given that the Council intends to amend the Code of Conduct made under the authority of sections 36(1) of the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014 (as amended) in the following manner:

Explanatory Note

Words in bold type square brackets [] indicate proposed deletions from the existing Clauses.

Words in bold and underlined with a solid line indicate proposed insertions to the existing Clauses.

1. **Amendment of Clause 13**

An attorney, other than an attorney referred to in sections 34(5) (c), (d) and (e) of the Act, may not, without the prior written consent of the Council, share offices with a person who is not an attorney or an employee of an attorney **or a trust account advocate.**

2. **Insertion of Clause 25.9**

25.9 Counsel may not, without the prior written consent of the Council, share offices with a person who is not a counsel.

3. **Insertion of Clause 41.6**

41.6 A trust account advocate may not, without the prior written consent of the Council, share offices with a person who is not a trust account advocate or a practising attorney or an employee of an attorney.

In terms of Section 36(4) of the Act, interested persons are called upon to comment to the Council in writing on the draft amendments. All comments must be sent by email to rules@lpc.org.za by no later than 17 October 2021.

Signed at Midrand on the 09th day of September 2021

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