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PRACTICAL VOCATIONAL TRAINING (PVT) STRUCTURED COURSEWORK PROGRAMME FOR CANDIDATE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (CANDIDATE ATTORNEYS) IN TERMS OF REGULATION 6(10)

OF THE LEGAL PRACTICE ACT 28 of 2014

FOR THE 2026 PVT STRUCTURED COURSEWORK PROGRAMME ONWARDS

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INTRODUCTION

1. Background

Following the Legal Education Forum held in July 2022, and the Legal Education Colloquium held in November 2023, it was resolved that candidate attorneys sitting for the competency-based examinations required an examinations curriculum that would serve as a guide on what to prepare and focus on for the examinations. The curriculum and syllabus document is prepared in terms of Regulation 6(10) of the Legal Practice Act, as well as the approved Norms and Standards guidelines published by the LPC in the Government Gazette on 11 December 2020.

The syllabus and curriculum document have been finalised. They are published below. The syllabus and curriculum will come into effect in 2026. From 2026 all future assessments of candidate attorneys will be subject to the syllabus and curriculum document set out below.

In order to be admitted as an attorney, a candidate will need to complete the PVT contract with their principal (previously called articles); complete the 150-notional or 400-notional hour PVT structured coursework programme through an LPC-accredited training provider; and pass the five competency-based, admission examinations. This document deals with the latter two requirements (being the PVT structured coursework, and the examinations).

Regulation 6(10) provides that:

- (10) The programme of structured course work referred to in sub-regulation (1)(a) and (b) must be standardised and uniform throughout the Republic and comprise the following modules:
 - (a) constitutional practice;
 - (b) professional legal ethics;
 - (c) personal injury claims;
 - (d) high court practice;
 - (e) magistrate's court practice;
 - (f) criminal court practice;
 - (g) labour dispute resolution;
 - (h) alternative dispute resolution;
 - (i) attorneys' bookkeeping;
 - (j) wills and estates;
 - (k) matrimonial law;
 - (I) legal costs;
 - (m) drafting of contracts;

- (n) information and communication technology for practice, and associated aspects of cyber law; and
- (o) introduction to practice management.
- The LPC-accredited training providers are required to provide training and assessment of all of the abovementioned modules in the 150-notional hour and 400-notional hour PVT structured coursework programme. If a candidate successfully completes all the abovementioned modules (attendance and assessment as required), the candidate will be entitled to receive the certificate confirming their successful completion, and their competence in the abovementioned modules.
- 3. The examinations are provided for in *Rule 21 Competency-based examinations or assessments* [section 95(1)(n) read with section 26(1)(d), (2) and (3)]
 - 21.1 A person wishing to qualify to be admitted and enrolled as a legal practitioner will be required to have passed a competency based assessment in terms of this rule 21, read with any rule made by the Council or the National Forum concerning levels of competence required for the admission and enrolment of legal practitioners.
 - 21.2 The assessment of a person wishing to be admitted and enrolled as an attorney shall comprise assessment at least in relation to-
 - 21.2.1 the practice and procedure in the High Court and in courts established under the Magistrates' Courts Act, 32 of 1944;
 - 21.2.2 the practice and procedure relating to the winding up and distribution of the estates of deceased persons;
 - 21.2.3 the practice, functions, and duties of an attorney, including the ethical duties of an attorney;
 - 21.2.4 a knowledge of accounting necessary for the keeping of accounting records referred to in section 87 of the Act, and compliance with accounting rules published by the Council from time to time.
- 4. The examinations provided for in Rule 21 above are reconstituted into five examinations explained in the Table below.

FIVE EXAMS IN TERMS OF THE MODULES IN REGULATION 6 (10)

Regulation 6 (10)	Current Rule 21 (2) exams' assessment in relation to the modules listed below	Exams <i>per</i> module in Reg 6(10) under the FIVE exam
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(1)(a)	and ((b) must b	e sta	anda	ardised	and
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comp	rise th	ne followir	ng ma	odul	es:	

- (a) Constitutional practice;
- (b) professional legal ethics:
- (c) personal injury claims;
- (d) high court practice;
- magistrate's court practice;
- criminal court practice;
- (g) dispute labour resolution;
- (h) alternative dispute resolution
- (i) attorneys' bookkeeping;
- wills and estates;
- (k) matrimonial law;
- legal costs;
- (m) drafting of contracts;
- information and communication technology for practice, and associated aspects of cyber law; and
- (0) introduction to practice management.

Currently candidate attorneys write four exams. Pupils write five. Total exam time is 9 hours for both sets of exams. Some modules in Reg 6 (10) are currently not examined. The old exams were:

- Paper 1: Court procedures
- Paper 2: Wills and Estates
- Paper 3: Professional Ethics and Attorneys' Practice
- Paper 4: Legal Practitioners' Bookkeeping
- (a) Constitutional practice; NOT examined
- (b) professional legal ethics; (Paper 3)
- (c) personal injury claims; (Paper 3)
- (d) high court practice; (Paper 1)
- magistrate's court practice; (Paper 1) (e)
- (f) criminal court practice; (Paper 1)
- (g) labour dispute resolution; (Paper 3) alternative dispute resolution; (Paper 3) (h)
- (i) attorneys' bookkeeping; (Paper 4)
- (j) wills and estates; (Paper 2)
- (k) matrimonial law; (Paper 3)
- legal costs; (Paper 3) (1)
- (m) drafting of contracts; (Paper 3)
- (n) information and communication

technology for practice, and associated aspects of cyber law; (Paper 3)

intro to practice management. (Paper 3) (0)

Paper 1 – two hours (d) high court practice (e) magistrate's court practice (c) personal injury claims (m) drafting of contracts

Paper 2 – one hour (f) criminal court practice (n) information and com tech for practice, and associated aspects of cyber law

Paper 3 – two hours (i) wills and estates (k) matrimonial law

Paper 4 – two hours (b) professional legal ethics (a) constitutional practice (g) labour dispute resolution; (h) ADR

Paper 5 – two hours (i) attorneys' bookkeeping (I) legal costs (o) introduction to practice management

5. The profession, stakeholders, and interested persons are requested to consider the proposed revised curriculum and examination syllabus and provide comment by no later than 28 April 2025. All comments must be sent to the following email address: comments@lpc.org.za.

Signed at Midrand on 17 March 2025



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PAPER 1 – NEW SYLLABUS 2026

PAPER 1: COURT PRACTICE AND PROCEDURES (High Court Practice, Magistrates' Court Practice, Personal Injury Claims, Drafting of Contracts)

Injury Claims, Drafting of Contracts)			
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS	
High Court practice Reg 6 (10)(d) The principles of drafting apply to all Courts both civil and criminal and to all ADR, tribunals and other formal forums.	Introduction to the High Court High Court jurisdiction and courts of similar jurisdiction Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013. Uniform Rules of Court (the Rules). There will be emphasis on those rules that are in regular use in practice; such rules will be set out in the reading list. Mediation The impact of and compliance with Rule 41A of the Uniform Rules of Court. Contingency Litigation: Contingency litigation and how to decide whether to take a matter on contingency. How to charge contingency fees. How to carry out a risk analysis when requested to take a matter on contingency. Case management: Case Management in practice. Candidates must know how to refer a matter to case management, the process and procedures in case management. Section 60 in Part VI of the Code of Conduct: Commitment of legal practitioner to an effective court process.	PRINCIPAL WORKS: • Erasmus: Superior Court Practice Vol 2 (*Erasmus") • Hussain: Practical Drafting Skills • Hussain: Trial Advocacy: The Art of Persuasion • Marnewick: Litigation Skills for South African Lawyers • Schmidt & Others: Law of Evidence • Zeffertt & Paizes: The South African Law of Evidence To avoid prolixity, for the detail on the law of evidence see the module on Magistrate's Court Practice. For example remember the parol evidence rule: KPMG Chartered Accountants (SA) v Securefin Ltd and Another 2009 (4) SA 399 (SCA) ([2009] 2 All SA 523) at para [39]. COMPULSORY READING "The ethics of the hopeless case", by Owen Rogers, in the Advocate magazine, December 2017 especially the summary at pages 50 and 51. https://gcbsa.co.za/law-journals/2017/december/2017-december-vol030-no3-pp46-51.pdf • Children's Resource Centre Trust and Others v Pioneer Food (Pty) Ltd and Others 2013 (2) SA 213 (SCA) at para [35]. • Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013 • Uniform Rules of Court 1. GENERAL 1.1. Character of application proceedings Rule 6; Fakie NO v CCII Systems (Pty) Ltd 2006 (4) SA 326 (SCA) at para [55] Gold Fields Ltd v Motley Rice LLC 2015 (4) SA 299 (GJ) at paras [121] to [125]	

Certification:

How the trial certification process works according to the directives of the court where the action is brought.

How to discern triable issues.

Trial Preparation:

Candidates must understand that there is a duty on a practitioner to settle a matter at any stage. The earlier the matter gets settled, the better.

Candidates must acquire the following skills:

How to obtain all the relevant facts and documents

How to carry out an effective fact analysis

- * How to analyse pleadings.
- * How to determine triable issues.
- * How to limit the issues for trial.
- * How to initiate case conferences for certification and for trial readiness.
- * How to do pre-trial conferences, how to achieve the purpose of the conference and how to draft the agenda.
- * How to carry out a proof analysis. What is meant by "proof of a fact" and how to discharge the onus.
- * How to carry out witness and documentation analysis.
- * How to prepare chronology documents.

Discovery:

* Latest developments on how to obtain, preserve and present relevant documentation including Electronic Documents.

What is meta data and how to use it to authenticate documents. How to use secondary evidence to prove a document where the meta data is unavailable.

- * The concept of narrow discovery and proportionality.
- * How to prepare trial bundles. The importance of sequencing.

Form of notice of motion:

Mynhardt v Mynhardt 1986 (1) SA 456 (T) at 463H Arendsnes Sweefspoor CC v Botha 2013 (5) SA 399 (SCA) at para [18] and Eke v Parsons 2016 (3) SA 37 (CC) at paras [25], [26] and [39] to [42] and Ekurhuleni City v Rohlandt Holdings CC 2025 (1) SA 1 (CC) at paras [99] to [103]

1.2 Ex parte applications

See the section under the corresponding heading in ethics:

Herbstein & Van Winsen p290

Mynhardt v Mynhardt 1986 (1) SA 456 (T) at 458H-I Mahomed NO & others v NDPP 2002 (4) SA 366 (W) at 373B-374B.

Rules nisi

1.3 Disputes of fact in application proceedings

The distinction between motion proceedings and actions:

In motion proceedings, the affidavits constitute both the pleadings and the evidence.

See Kham v Electoral Commission 2016 (2) SA 338 (CC) at para [46]. This rule applies to all the affidavits: founding, answering and replying. See *Transnet Ltd v Rubenstein* 2006 (1) SA 591 (SCA) at para [28].

However, an applicant may not make out a new cause of action in the replying affidavit.

See Airports Company South Africa Ltd v Airport Bookshops (Pty) Ltd t/a Exclusive Books 2016 (1) SA 473 (GJ) at para [17]: case confirmed on appeal. Mostert and Others v FirstRand Bank Ltd t/a RMB Private Bank and Another 2018 (4) SA 443 (SCA) at para [13].

Room Hire Co (Pty) Ltd v Jeppe Street Mansions (Pty) Ltd 1949 (3) SA 1155 (T) at the Headnote and pages 1162 to 1163

Soffiantini v Mould 1956 (4) SA 150 (E) at page 154 E-H;

Cf Metallurgical and Commercial Consultants v Metal Sales Co 1971 (2) SA 388 (W) at page 390F

Economic Freedom Fighters v Manuel 2021 (3) SA 425 (SCA) at para [92]

Referral to trial or to oral evidence:

1971 (2) SA 388 (W) at pages 396D to 397B for the form of order;

Kalil v Decotex (Pty) Ltd and Another 1988 (1) SA 943 (A) at 981D-F

Lekup Prop Co No 4 (Pty) Ltd v Wright 2012 (5) SA 246 (SCA) at para [32]

Trial or hearing

What is "the Case Concept: how to proceed with the hearing and discharge the onus.

- * Witness briefing. Candidates must know how to prepare a witness for court appearances.
- * Opening Statement.
- * Leading a witness in chief.
- * Cross examination.
- * Re-examination.
- * Presenting argument.

Heads of Argument.

- * When are heads required.
- * What are "main heads of argument".
- * What are Short or Concise heads.
- * What are Comprehensive heads.
- * How to draft heads of argument

Appeal procedures

Enforcement of judgments and orders

Execution of process

Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013 section 43

Uniform Rules of Court: rules 45, 45A, 46, 46A

The following rules in the Uniform Rules of Court will not be examined. If candidate legal practitioners, candidate attorneys or pupils ever need to use the rules below, the rules can be mastered in practice by reading and applying the rule.

Drafting Legal Documents – Pleadings and Motions

Drafting pleadings

- a) Drafting on one's own without precedents and AI.
- b) Understand and apply rules 18 and 22 of the Uniform Rules.
- c) How to establish a "cause of action" or "defence" from a set of facts or instructions.
- d) Particulars of claim and a plea

Hotz v University of Cape Town 2017 (2) SA 485 (SCA) at para [29] and paras [36] and [39] Director-General, Depart of Rural Development and Land Reform, and Another v Mwelase and Others 2019 (2) SA 81 (SCA) at para [64]

Murray NO and Others v Humansdorp Co-Operative Ltd 2023 (3) SA 66 (SCA) at paras [21] to [23]

1.4 Approach to disputes of fact in applications for final relief:

Plascon-Evans Paints Ltd v Van Riebeeck Paints (Pty) Ltd 1984 (3) SA 623 (A) at 634E-635D.

Stellenbosch Farmers' Winery Ltd v Stellenvale Winery (Pty) Ltd 1957 (4) SA 234 (C) at page 235 Director-General, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform v Mwelase 2019 (2) SA 81 (SCA) (overturned on appeal) at para [64] for a crisp statement of Plascon-Evans (para [64] was not overturned on appeal)

1.5 Character of trial and motion proceedings Uniform Rules of Court

The vital aspect of jurisdiction

Standard Bank of SA Ltd v Mpongo 2021 (6) SA 403 (SCA)

South African Human Rights Commission v Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd and Others 2023 (3) SA 36 (CC)

2. INSTITUTING APPLICATIONS General provisions

2.1 Notice of motion and founding affidavit

Hlophe v Freedom Under Law, and Other

Matters 2022 (2) SA 523 (GJ) at para [28]

Rule 6 and commentary thereon on Erasmus and

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- Annexures to affidavits (numbering and reference to content)

Avoid the sloppy method identified in para [31] of *Drift Supersand (Pty) Ltd v Mogale City Local Municipality and Another* [2017] 4 All SA 624 (SCA) ([2017] ZASCA 118) and the slovenly practice identified in para [3] of *Eskom Holdings SOC Ltd v Masinda* 2019 (5) SA 386 (SCA) ([2019] ZASCA 98) Important to set out the whole case in the founding affidavit:

Advertising Regulatory Board NPC and Others v Bliss Brands (Pty) Ltd 2022 (4) SA 57 (SCA) at para [39]. See also Esau v Minister of Co-op Governance & Traditional Affairs 2021 (3) SA 593 (SCA) ([2021] 2 All SA 357; [2021] ZASCA 9) at para [60].

- in contract, delict and divorce. The focus is on contract and delict.
- e) The correct lay-out of pleadings with proper paragraph numbering, appropriate spacing, font types, use of headings and point first drafting.
- f) No pleading may be vague: each pleading must disclose a cause of action or a defence and must be based on the peculiar facts of your case.
- g) A plea must comply with Rule 22 of the Uniform Rules. Bare denials are not allowed. Candidates must plead their client's version, which, if proved, will amount to a defence to plaintiff's claim.
- h) Candidates must be able to draft a Special Plea and know when and how to draft a Special Plea. See the Crompton Street Motors CC t/a Wallers Garage Service Station v Bright Idea Projects 66 (Pty) Ltd t/a All Fuels 2022 (1) SA 317 (CC) at para [33] below.

<u>Drafting Notices of Motion and</u> three sets of affidavits

- Candidates must learn the different types of notices of motion and when each is used. This must include a long form notice of motion, a short form notice of motion and a Two-Part notice of motion.
- b) Candidates must know when and how each of the three types is used.
- c) Candidates must understand what is a provisional order, interim order, a rule nisi, and a final order.
- d) Candidates must learn to draft founding, answering and

- Annexures to affidavits (numbering and reference to content)
- pleadings and evidence: Mostert v FirstRand Bank t/a RMB Private Bank 2018 (4) SA 443 (SCA) ([2018] ZASCA 54) at paras [13]; Fischer and Another v Ramahlele and Others 2014 (4) SA 614 (SCA) ([2014] 3 All SA 395; [2014] ZASCA 88) at para [13] affirmed by the Constitutional Court in Public Protector v South African Reserve Bank 2019 (6) SA 253 (CC) (2019 (9) BCLR 1113; [2019] ZACC 29) at para [234].
- Institution of Legal Proceedings against Certain Organs of State Act 40 of 2002
- Applications that raise constitutional issues Rule 16A
- Shaik v Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development 2004 (3) SA 599 (CC) at para [24]] and Sarrahwitz v Maritz NO 2015 (4) SA 491 (CC) at paras [28] to [31].
- 2.2 Joinder under rule 10A and Joinder of respondents
- Who must be joined?
- Joint and several liability

Alberts and Others v Minister of Justice and Correctional Services 2022 (6) SA 59 (SCA) at paras [17] to [21]

2.3 Service generally Rule 4

Candidates should know the essential requirements and procedure involved in applications for substituted service Rule 4(2)

Proceedings against firms, etc. Rule 14

Change of parties Rule 15

Substituted service

Edictal citation (rules 5 and 63)

Attachment to found or confirm jurisdiction

3. URGENT APPLICATIONS

Rule 6(12): refer to the practice directives where you intend to bring an application

Luna Meubel Vervaardigers (Edms) Bpk v Makin 1977 (4) SA 135 (W) at page 137A-F (paras 1 to 4)

Sikwe v SA Mutual Fire & General Insurance Co Ltd 1977 (3) SA 438 (W) at 440H on the substance of the affidavit over its form. Not to be confused with the CSARS case below.

Nelson Mandela MM v Greyvenouw CC 2004 (2) SA 81 (SE) at para [37]

CSARS v Hawker Air Services (Pty) Ltd; CSARS v Hawker Aviation Partnership 2006 (4) SA 292 (SCA) at paras [9] to [11].

- replying affidavits.
- e) Candidates must know the required lay-out of each of the affidavits with reference to the requirements in the Uniform Rules and directives.
- f) Candidates must know how to index and paginate court files.
- g) Candidates must know how to prepare draft orders.
- h) Candidates must know how to draft interdicts.

Managing Fact:

- a) How to obtain relevant facts.
- b) What are the sources of fact.
- c) Obtaining documents including electronic documents.
- d) How to preserve documents.
- e) Obtaining witness statements.
- f) Carrying out *in loco* inspections: how to record the evidence.
- g) How to obtain and preserve relevant exhibits: what is Visual Evidence and how to use it.

Analysing Fact.

- h) Candidates must demonstrate logical sequencing of facts and documents and the use of chronology documents.
- i) Candidates must demonstrate their ability to analyse facts: only relevant facts must be obtained, retained and presented at a hearing; only facts that are admissible, in terms of the rules of evidence, can be relied on.
- (i) Candidates must demonstrate that any version of facts on which they intend to rely, must be probable in the circumstances of the case.
- k) Candidates must know that they cannot rely in court on a version that is improbable, implausible or impossible.
- I) Candidates must be able to work out what facts support

See especially para [9]: "Urgency is a reason that may justify deviation from the times and forms the Rules prescribe. It relates to form, not substance, and is not a prerequisite to a claim for substantive relief."

4. ANSWERING AND REPLYING AFFIDAVITS Content and form

Answering affidavits cannot contain mere bald denials. This principle is similar to rule 22 concerning pleas. See Skog NO v Agullus 2024 (1) SA 72 (SCA) at paras [23] – [24]

Points in limine

Gcaba v Minister for Safety and Security 2010 (1) SA 238 (CC) at para [75]

Late filing, barring and condonation

Motloung v Sheriff, Pretoria East 2020 (5) SA 123 (SCA) at paras [10] to [17], [23] to [25] and para [28]

- Rule 26
- Rule 27

Raising new matters in the replying affidavit – not normally permitted

However, see *Mostert v FirstRand Bank t/a RMB Private Bank* 2018 (4) SA 443 (SCA) ([2018] ZASCA 54) at paras [13] to [15]

5. ADDITIONAL AFFIDAVITS

Leave required

NM v John Wesley School and Another 2019 (2) SA 557 (KZD) at paras [56] and [57]

Form and content

6. DISCOVERY IN MOTION PROCEEDINGS

Obligation to put up evidence on which party intends to rely

MV Alina II: Transnet Ltd v MV Alina II 2013 (6) SA 556 (WCC) at paras [19] to [26]

STT Sales (Pty) Ltd v Fourie 2010 (6) SA 272 (GSJ) at paras [13] to [17]: note para [17]

Rules 35(12) and (14)

Non-application of Promotion of Access to Information Act 2 of 2000

Cf Arena Holdings (Pty) Ltd t/a Financial Mail v South African Revenue Service and Others [2023] ZACC 13; 2023 (8) BCLR 905 (CC) at paras [147] to [150] and [155] to [157] and [170] to [172],

Authentication of documents Rule 63

7. OBJECTIONS TO PROCESS OR PLEADINGS Failure to deliver pleadings - barring Rule 26

Extension of time periods Rule 27 Amendments Rule 28

Irregular proceedings Rule 30

their client's version and what facts do not support their client's version.

Working out the case concept (or theory of the case)

- a) What happened according to your client's version of the facts?
- b) What are the issues, factual and legal, that emerge from the facts?
- c) What are you going to tell the judge at the hearing?
- d) What version are you going to present in your papers?
- e) How will you present evidence?
- f) Who will be the witnesses and what documents will you need?
- g) How will you run the case from pleadings to final argument?
- h) This process has to be applied before any papers are drafted.

<u>Candidates will need and know</u> the following:

- * Candidates will know how to analyse three sets of affidavits in motion matters.
- * Candidates will know how to grasp findings of facts on affidavits, including the *Plascon-Evans* test. The *Plascon-Evans* test is best understood by asking the question: what are the probabilities concerning the allegations in the respective affidavits bearing in mind the undisputed facts?
- * Candidates need good literacy skills to pass exams.
- * Candidates are not allowed access to the internet during the exams.
- * Candidates must not rely on AI, like ChatGPT, when drafting legal

Afrocentrics Projects and Services (Pty) Ltd t/a Innovative Distribution v State Information Technology Agency (SITA) SOC Ltd and Others [2023] ZACC 2; 2023 (4) BCLR 361 (CC) especially at para [30]

Non-compliance with Rules Rule 30A

Vexatious proceedings and abuse of process

Mineral Sands Resources (Pty) Ltd v Reddell 2023 (2) SA 68 (CC) at paras [2] and [89] to [100]

South African Human Rights Commission v Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd 2023 (3) SA 36 (CC) at paras [29] to [33], and [38]

PFC Properties (Pty) Ltd v Commissioner for the South African Revenue Services and Others and Brita De Robillard NO and Another v PFC properties (Pty) Ltd and Others [2023] ZASCA 111

Applications to strike out

Security for costs

8. PARTICIPATION BY OTHER PARTIES

Intervention applications

Rule 12

Joinder and consolidation

Rule 10

Third party procedures

Rule 13

Interpleaders

Rule 58 and commentary thereon in Erasmus

The Fonarun Naree: Trustees, Copenship Bulkers A/S (in Liquidation) and Others v Afri Grain Marketing (Pty) Ltd and Others 2020 (4) SA 188 (GJ) at paras [24] and [34] and [35]

Curators

Rule 57

9. AFTER PLEADINGS CLOSE

Heads and practice note (check the practice directives for these requirements)

Set down

Hearing

Settlement and/or withdrawal Rule 41

10. ORDERS

Interim and final orders

The finality of judgments

Skog NO v Agullus 2024 (1) SA 72 (SCA) at paras [63] to [75]

The functus officio doctrine

See Public Investment Corporation Soc Ltd and Another v Trencon Construction (Pty) Ltd and Another 2024 (1) SA 66 (SCA) at para [12]

Rescission Rule 42, Rule 31(2)(b), Common law

documents. To draft well requires personal agency not the crutch of an Al programme or a set of precedents.

- * Candidates will be examined and need to draft pleadings and affidavits without the assistance of the internet during the exams.
- * Most importantly, candidates must understand and apply the ethical precepts discussed in the article by Judge Owen Rogers in the reading list under the title: "The ethics of the hopeless case", Owen Rogers, Advocate December 2017.

Candidates will apply the principles of drafting set out below. The principles commence with a grasp of the facts and end with the case concept.

Writing involves thinking. There is a method in this. Candidates must apply their minds before putting pen to paper.

The importance of remaining within the case pleaded *City of Cape Town v Sanral* 2015 (3) SA 386 (SCA) ([2015] 2 All SA 517; 2015 (5) BCLR 560; [2015] ZASCA 58) at para [10] on page 397

Candidates will learn to think before they ink.

University of South Africa v Socikwa and Others (J 675/23; J 680/23) [2023] ZALCJHB 172 (7 June 2023) especially at paras [1], [4] and [45] requirements

Candidates are particularly required to understand the differences between applications in terms of Rule 31, Rule 42 and the common law.

See *Ellis v Eden* 2023 (1) SA 544 (WCC) at paras [25] to [38]

o Colyn v Tiger Food Industries Ltd t/a Meadow Feed Mills (Cape) 2003 (6) SA 1 (SCA) at para [12] at page 9F and HLB Intl (SA) v MWRK Accountants & Consultants 2022 (5) SA 373 (SCA) at paras [19] to [28] and Ingosstrakh v Global Aviation Investments (Pty) Ltd 2021 (6) SA 352 (SCA) at para [21]

Claims for interest Sections 1, 2, 2A and 4 of the Prescribed Rate of Interest Act 55 of 1975. Cf Da Cruz v Bernardo 2022 (2) SA 185 (GJ) at paras [17] to [62]

HOW TO EXECUTE JUDGMENTS

Rule 45 Execution - general and movables 45A Suspension of orders by the court BP Southern Africa (Pty) Ltd v Mega Burst Oils & Fuels (Pty) Ltd & Similar Matter 2022 (1) SA 162 (GJ) MEC, Dept of Public Works v Ikamva Architects 2022 (6) SA 275 (ECB) at paras [81] to [93]

46 Execution – immovable property
46A Execution against residential immovable property

Bestbier and Others NNO v Nedbank Ltd 2024 (4) SA 331 (CC) at paras [54] to [82]

11. COSTS

Ordinary rule of costs
Costs in interlocutory applications
Punitive costs

Borcherds v Duxbury and Others 2021 (1) SA 410 (ECP) at paras [40] to [43]

The *Biowatch* rule compared to the public function rule, the conduct of the parties rule, the abuse of process rule and the SLAPP suit rule: *Biowatch Trust v Registrar, Genetic Resources* 2009 (6) SA 232 (CC) in paras [28] to [31] and at paras [42] to [49] and [56] and [60]

Compared to the public function rule

Minister of Water and Sanitation v Sembcorp Siza

Water (Pty) Ltd 2023 (1) SA 1 (CC) at para [91]

Compared to the conduct of the parties rule Esorfranki Pipelines (Pty) Ltd v Mopani District Municipality 2023 (2) SA 31 (CC) at para [59]

Compared to the abuse of process rule *Mineral Sands Resources (Pty) Ltd v Reddell* 2023 (2) SA 68 (CC) at paras [69] and [70] Which rule includes SLAPP suits *Mineral Sands Resources (Pty) Ltd v Reddell* 2023 (2) SA 68 (CC) at paras [76], [77], [90] and [98]

12. PARTICULAR KINDS OF APPLICATIONS
12.1. Default judgment I Judgment by confession
Rule 31 and commentary thereon in Erasmus
Rule 26; and see paras 15 and 20 below.
Havenga v Parker 1993 (3) SA 724 (T).
Nedbank Ltd v Fraser & Four Other Cases 2011 (4)
SA 363 (GSJ) at para [47]

Relevance of the National Credit Act, 2005 Special requirements for declaring property specially executable

- Form of notice of motion
- Content of affidavits
- Service requirements

Sebola and Another v Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd and Another 2012 (5) SA 142 (CC) (2012 (8) BCLR 785; [2012] ZACC 11)

- o Sale in execution values (Rule 43A)
- o Jaftha v Schoeman & Others; van Rooyen v Stoltz & Others 2005 (2) SA 140 (CC)
- o Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd v Saunderson & Others 2006 (2) SA 264 (SCA)
- o Gundwana v Steko Development & Others 2011 (3) SA 608 (CC)
- o Nkata v FRB 2016 (4) SA 257 (CC) at paras [94] to [126]
- o NPGS Protection and Security Services CC v Firstrand Bank 2020 (1) SA 494 (SCA)
- o Bayport Securitisation Ltd and Another v University of Stellenbosch Law Clinic and Others 2022 (2) SA 343 (SCA) at para [3]
- o *Bestbier and Others NNO v Nedbank Ltd* 2023 (4) SA 25 (SCA) at paras [26] to [28] and [32]

12.2. Eviction applications

Difference between commercial and residential evictions

Requirements under PIE

Grobler v Phillips and Others 2023 (1) SA 321 (CC) at paras [23] and [34] read with para [36], then paras [37] to [48]

Meme-Akpta and Another v Unlawful Occupiers at 44 Nugget Street 2023 (3) SA 649 (GJ) – the entire case

Cape Killarney Property Investments (Pty) Ltd v

Mahamba 2000 (2) SA 67 (C) at paras [13] to [21], especially para [18]

Cape Killarney Property Investments (Pty) Ltd v Mahamba and Others 2001 (4) SA 1222 (SCA) at para [16]

- Municipal joinder
- Service
- Risk of homelessness
- Process

Stay At South Point Properties (Pty) Ltd v Mqulwana and Others (UCT intervening as amicus curiae) [2023] ZASCA 108 at paras [11], [18] and [19]

12.3. Summary judgment

Rule 32 (as amended)

FirstRand Bank Ltd t/a First National Bank v Moonsammy t/a Synka Liquors 2021 (1) SA 225 (GJ) Ingenuity Property Investments (Pty) Ltd v Ignite Fitness (Pty) Ltd 2023 (5) SA 439 (WCC)

Absa Bank Ltd v Meiring 2022 (3) SA 449 (WCC). The whole of this case is profoundly important for all lawyers in South Africa. Vital to understand about this case is the concept of <u>pleading over</u> despite the temporary advantage a litigant may gain by a special plea or point in limine. Pupils must read this case. City Square Trading 522 (Pty) Ltd v Gunzenhauser Attorneys (Pty) Ltd 2022 (3) SA 458 (GJ) at para [29] Hennie Ehlers Boerdery CC v APL Cartons (Pty) Ltd 2024 (1) SA 149 (ECGq)

12.4. Interdicts (LAWSA, Volume 11, 2nd edition, paras 389 to 428 and 429 to 435)
Interdicts and mandamenten van spolie
Ngqukumba v Minister of Safety and Security and Others 2014 (5) SA 112 (CC) 2014 (2) SACR 325; 2014 (7) BCLR 788; [2014] ZACC 14

Interim interdicts:

Candidates are particularly required to understand the distinctions between:

- (a) applications for final relief;
- (b) applications for interim relief;
- (c) rules nisi; and
- (d) orders operating as interim interdicts,

and to be able to draft appropriate prayers and draft orders illustrating same.

Public Protector of South Africa v Speaker, National Assembly and Others 2023 (4) SA 205 (WCC) at paras [3] to [7]

Saharawi Arab Democratic Republic v Owners & Charterers of The Cherry Blossom 2017 (5) SA 105 at paras [49] – [50].

Camps Bay Residents and Ratepayers Association v

Augoustides 2009 (6) SA 190 (WCC) paras [7] – [8].
12.5. <i>Insolvency</i> (LAWSA Volume 11, 2 nd edition paras 199 to 365)
Candidates are required to know: (a) The essential requirements and differences
between; and (b) The procedures and requirements involved in the
following applications: Provisional sequestration – section 10 of the
Insolvency Act 24 of 1936 Sequestration – sections 9 to 17 of the Insolvency Act –
Investec Bank Ltd v NS 2025 (1) SA 210 (GP) With regard to availability of evidence, see Wiese and Others v Commissioner, SARS 2025 (1) SA
127 (SCA) at paras [63] and [64] Friendly sequestration – Ex parte Arntzen (Nedbank Ltd as Intervening Creditor) 2013 (1) SA 49 (KZP) at
para [12] Surrender – sections 3 to 17 of the Insolvency Act Rehabilitation – sections 124 to 130 of the Insolvency
Act Liquidation
Afgri Operations Ltd v Hamba Fleet (Pty) Ltd 2022 (1) SA 91 (SCA) Pusinges ressure section 121 as part of Chapter 6
Business rescue – section 131 as part of Chapter 6 of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 - Purpose
RequirementsProcess, service and publicationEnding business rescue
12.6. Applications for Anton Piller (search & seizure) orders
Erasmus, Anton Piller Type Orders See the Notice of Motion in the Practice Directives for
the Gauteng Divisions Viziya Corporation v Collaborit Holdings (Pty) Ltd and Others 2019 (3) SA 173 (SCA)
12.7. De lunatico inquirendo, curators ad litem, ad personam and bonis Rule 57.
12.8. Rule 43 procedures Rule 43
TS v TS 2018 (3) SA 572 (GJ) see the court order on 573 E v E 2019 (5) SA 566 (GJ)
12.9. <i>Reviews</i> Rule 53.
Sections 3, 5, 6, 7 and 8 of the Promotion of

		Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000. Oudekraal Estates (Pty) Ltd v City of Cape Town and Others 2004 (6) SA 222 (SCA) at para [26] Van Zyl v Govt of the RSA 2008 (3) SA 294 (SCA) at paras [54] and [55] Mamadi v Premier, Limpopo 2024 (1) SA 1 (CC) 12.10. Interpleaders Rule 58. 12.11. National Credit Act National Credit Act sections 65, 86, 88, 129 and 130; Collett v First Rand Bank 2011 (3) SA 585 (SCA); Nedbank v National Credit Regulator 2011 [4] All SA 131 (SCA); Rossouw v First Rand Bank [2011 All SA 56 (SCA); Sebola v Standard Bank 2012 (5) SA 142 (CC); Kubyana v Standard Bank 2014 (3) SA 56 (CC). In respect of 12.5 to 12.11 above, candidates are expected to consult the practice directives in their respective divisions. NOTE WELL: Practice Directives will not be examined unless a copy of the relevant directive is supplied to candidates writing the exams.
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Magistrates' Courts Practice Reg 6 (10)(e)	Introduction to the Magistrates' Courts and their jurisdiction Candidates must have knowledge of the rules in the Magistrates' Courts and how the rules are the same in some instances and how the rules differ in other instances from the powers and functions in the High Court. Pleadings, motions, and discovery Trial practice and courtroom advocacy Appellate practice and procedure Enforcement of judgments and orders	PRINCIPAL WORKS: • Hussain: Practical Drafting Skills • Hussain: Trial Advocacy: The Art of Persuasion • Jones & Buckle: Civil Practice of the Magistrates' Court in South Africa Vol 1 and 2 • Marnewick: Litigation Skills for South African Lawyers • Schmidt & Others: Law of Evidence • Zeffertt & Paizes: The South African Law of Evidence COMPULSORY READING MATERIAL "The ethics of the hopeless case", by Owen Rogers, in the Advocate magazine, December 2017 especially the summary at pages 50 and 51. 1. GENERAL 1.1. Character of Action Proceedings • When to bring an action • Difference from application proceedings • Matters that must be brought by way of action • Requirements of pleadings

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1.3 Jurisdiction

Magistrates' Courts

Sections 26, 28, 29, 30, 45, 46(2) and 110 of the Magistrates' Courts Act 32 of 1944

South African Human Rights Commission v Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd and Others 2023 (3) SA 36 (CC) at paras [1] and [31] and paras [42] to [45].

The Constitutional Court dismissed the appeal against, explained the decision in, *Standard Bank of South Africa Ltd v Mpongo* 2021 (6) SA 403 (SCA).

2. THE PLEADING PHASE OF ACTIONS

2.1. Instituting Actions

- Rule 5 Summons
- Rule 6 Pleadings: Commentary on Rule in *Jones & Buckle*
- Rule 7 Amendment of summons: Commentary in *Jones & Buckle*

Limpopo Provincial Council of the South African Legal Practice Council v Chueu Incorporated Attorneys and Others [2023] ZASCA 112 at paras [20] to [23]

- Rule 15 - Declaration: Commentary in *Jones & Buckle*

2.2. Parties

- 2.2.1. Intervention, joinder, and consolidation of actions
- Rule 28 Commentary on Rule 28 in *Jones & Buckle*.
- 2.2.2. Third party procedure
- Rule 28A Commentary in Jones & Buckle.
- 2.2.3. Proceedings against non-juristic persons as a matter of procedural convenience
- Rule 54 Commentary in Jones & Buckle.

2.3. Competent Responses to Particulars of Claim

- Notice of intention to defend
- Calling for pre-pleading discovery
- Objections that pleadings are irregular: Rule 60A

- Exceptions: Rule 19

Ocean Echo Properties 327 CC and Another v Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (SA) Ltd 2018 (3) SA 405 (SCA) at paras [9] and [10].

- Pleas and special pleas: Rule 17 and the common law (case law)

Fairvest Property Holdings v Valdimax CC t/a Fish & Chips Co and Others 2020 (3) SA 202 (GJ) paras [21] to [26]

Crompton Street Motors CC t/a Wallers Garage

Service Station v Bright Idea Projects 66 (Pty) Ltd t/a All Fuels 2022 (1) SA 317 (CC) at para [33]

Commentary in Jones & Buckle

- Claims-in-reconvention: Rule 20
- Commentary on Rules 21 to 22 in *Jones & Buckle*
- Failure to respond, barring and default judgment: Rule 21B
- Commentary in Jones & Buckle
- 2.4. Note on pleadings in general
- Remember: generally the principles of pleadings in the High Court apply to the Magistrates' Courts:
- 2.5. Close of Pleadings and Set Down
- 2.6. Changes to Pleadings/amendments
- 2.7 THE FOLLOWING RULES REQUIRE ATTENTION: note this is the introduction to case management in the Magistrates' Courts
- 2.7.1 Rule 22A Meeting between parties to prepare for pre-trial conference or trial
- 2.7.2 Rule 25 Judicial Case Management and pretrial Conference
- 2.7.3 Rule 38 Security by execution creditor
- 2.7.4 Rule 54 Proceedings against non-juristic persons as a matter of procedural convenience (mentioned above)
- 2.7.5 Rule 60 Non-compliance with rules and court orders, including time limits and errors
- 3. PREPARATION FOR TRIAL
- 3.1. Further particulars
- Rule 16 Commentary in *Jones & Buckle*
- 3.2. Discovery
- Notice to discover and discovery affidavits: Rule 35
- Rule 23 Commentary in Jones & Buckle
- Different kinds of discovery
- Consequences of a failure to discover
- Applications to compel
- 3.3. Inspection, Examination and Experts
- Rule 24 Commentary in *Jones & Buckle*
- 4. SPECIAL PRE-TRIAL PROCEDURES
- 4.1. Meeting between parties to prepare for pre-trial conference or trial
- Rule 22A Commentary in *Jones & Buckle* 4.2. *Offer to Settle*
- Rule 18 Commentary in Jones & Buckle

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5. CONDUCT OF CIVIL TRIALS

5.1. Trial Procedure

Rule 29 - Commentary in Jones & Buckle

5.2. Discontinuing a Trial

- Withdrawal, dismissal and settlement
- Rule 27 Commentary in Jones & Buckle
- Postponements and other mid-trial applications

5.3. Costs

- Rule 33 - Commentary in Jones & Buckle

5.4. Interest

- Sections 1, 1, 2A and 4 of the Prescribed Rate of Interest Act No 55 of 1975

Cf Da Cruz v Bernardo 2022 (2) SA 185 (GJ) at paras [17] to [62]

5.5. Judgments and orders

6. AFTER JUDGMENT

- 6.1. Rescission and variation of judgments
- Rule 49 Commentary in Jones & Buckle

6.2 Sections 58A, 65, 65A to 65M, 66

Candidate attorneys need to know how these rules operate.

NOTE WELL: Any questions posed in exams concerning any rules will be accompanied by a copy of the relevant rule.

6.3. Appeals

- Rules 50 and 51 Commentary in Jones & Buckle
- Sections 83 and 84 of the Magistrates' Courts Act
- Caterham Car Sales & Coachworks Ltd v Birkin Cars (Pty) Ltd 1998 (3) SA 938 (SCA) at paras [36] to [38].

Harms, LTC Heads of argument in courts of appeal, Advocate 2009

7. LAW OF EVIDENCE

- 7.1. The burden of proof and duty to begin (in civil cases only)
- Schmidt & others Chapters 2 and 9
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapters 3 and 5.1-5.3

7.2. The assessment/weight of evidence

- Schmidt & others Chapter 3.1
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 5

7.3. Real evidence and documentary evidence

- Schmidt & others Chapters 10 and 11
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapters 19, 20 and 21

1.4. Oral Evidence
- Schmidt & others Chapter
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter

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7.5. Relevance and admissibility

- Schmidt & others Chapter 13
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 7

7.6. Hearsay evidence

- The Law of Evidence Amendment Act 45 of 1988, § 3

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- Schmidt & others Chapter 18
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 13

7.7. Admissions (civil cases only)

- Schmidt & others Chapter 7
- Zeffertt & Paizes pp. 475-499

7.8. Opinion evidence

- Schmidt & others Chapter 17
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 10

Schneider NO and Others v AA and Another 2010 (5) SA 203 (WCC) at 211J – 212B

7.9. Similar fact evidence (civil cases only)

- Schmidt & others Chapter 15
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 9

7.10. Character evidence (civil cases only)

- Schmidt & others Chapter 16
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 8 parts C and D

7.11. Privilege

- Schmidt & others Chapter 20
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 17

7.12. Parol evidence

- Schmidt & others Chapter 1
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 11

KPMG Chartered Accountants (SA) v Securefin Ltd and Another 2009 (4) SA 399 (SCA) ([2009] 2 All SA 523) at para [39].

7.13. The leading of witnesses

- Schmidt & others Chapter 9.2.4.1
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 24

7.14. Cross-examination

- Schmidt & others Chapter 9.2.4.2
- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 24

7.15. Re-examination

- Schmidt & others Chapter 9.2.4.3

		- Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 24
		7.16. Examination by the court - Schmidt & others Chapter 9.2.4.4 - Zeffertt & Paizes chapter 24
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Personal Injury Claims Reg 6 (10)(c)	Introduction to personal injury law. How to plead a claim in Delict. • Wrongfulness • Fault • Causation • Damages Road Accident Fund law. Consumer protection law. A module on medical negligence claims. Pleadings and defences allowed under the law of Delict. Pleadings must comply with the rules of the High Court and Magistrates' Courts set out under Regs 6 (10)(d) and 6 (10)(e) below. Section 60 in Part VI of the Code of Conduct concerning RAF matters. Trial preparation, practice, and settlement are part of High Court and Magistrates' Court curricula. The practice directives peculiar to personal injury cases, including RAF claims. NOTE WELL: Practice Directives will not be examined unless a copy of the relevant directive is supplied to candidates writing the exams.	Road Accident Fund Act 56 of 1996 Access to court – time bar Engelbrecht v RAF 2007 (6) SA 96 (CC) at paras [23] to [45] Causation Road Accident Appeal Tribunal v Gouws 2018 (3) SA 413 (SCA) at paras [32] to [40] Nonkwali v Road Accident Fund 2009 (4) SA 333 (SCA) at para [8] Claimants RAF v Vogel 2004 (5) SA 1 (SCA) at para [24] Du Plessis v RAF 2004 (1) SA 359 (SCA) at paras [11] to [16] and [42] and [43] RAF v Ngubane 2008 (1) SA 432 (SCA) at para [12] Contingency Ronald Bobroff & Partners Inc v De La Guerre 2014 (3) SA 134 (CC) Masango v RAF 2016 (6) SA 508 (GJ) TM obo MM v MEC for Health, Mpumalanga 2023 (3) SA 173 (MM) Hit and run (lodge within two years) Geldenhuys & Joubert v Van Wyk; Van Wyk v Geldenhuys & Joubert 2005 (2) SA 512 (SCA) at paras [23] and [28] and [30] Employee RAF v Monjane 2010 (3) SA 641 (SCA) at para [12] Prescription RAF v Mdeyide (Min of Transport Intervening) 2008 (1) SA 535 (CC) at paras [35] to [46] RAF v Masindi 2018 (6) SA 481 (SCA) at paras [19] to [21] Jones v Road Accident Fund 2020 (2) SA 83 (SCA) at paras [17] to [23] Van Zyl NO v Road Accident Fund 2022 (3) SA 45

		(CC) at paras [126] and [127] – mental incapacity Road Accident Fund RAF v Legal Practice Council 2021 (6) SA 230 (GP) – headnote only Single vehicle collision Road Accident Fund v Abrahams 2018 (5) SA 169 (SCA) at especially para [13] Tribunal Road Accident Appeal Tribunal v Gouws 2018 (3) SA 413 (SCA) – headnote
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Drafting of Contracts Reg 6 (10)(m)	Introduction to contract law and principles of drafting contracts Principles of drafting contracts are similar to drafting pleadings, except: Must know the difference between essential, material and natural elements of a contract; Concentrate on advice re the underlying transaction. Due diligence is important. Focus on this. Types of contracts to consider: Sale of business; Sale of shares; Lease of immovable property; Lease of movable property, like motor vehicles; Partnership; Joint venture; Employment of an independent contractor. Cession (rights); Delegation (duties); and Assignment (obligations). Service Level Agreement Boilerplate clauses The impact of technology on contract drafting and the available software currently being used by attorneys.	Candidates are NOT required to memorise precedents of the contracts. Candidates must understand the principles of drafting and how to use precedents. Natal Joint Municipal Pension Fund v Endumeni Municipality 2012 (4) SA 593 (SCA) ([2012] 2 All SA 262; [2012] ZASCA 13) at para [18] KPMG Chartered Accountants (SA) v Securefin Ltd 2009 (4) SA 399 (SCA) at para [39]. Christie's Law of Contract in South Africa 8th Edition Pacta sunt servanda Beadica 231 CC v Trustees, Oregon Trust 2020 (5) SA 247 (CC) at paras [41] and [58] Barkhuizen v Napier 2007 (5) SA 323 (CC) at paras [28] to [35] read with para [70] Mohamed's Leisure Holdings v Southern Sun Hotel Interests (Pty) Ltd 2018 (2) SA 314 (SCA) at para [30] Liberty Group Ltd and Others v Mall Space Management CC 2020 (1) SA 30 (SCA) at paras [27] to [31]

PAPER 2 – NEW SYLLABUS 2026

PAPER 2: CRIMINAL COURT PRACTICE & ICT (Criminal Court Practice, Information and Communication Technology for Practice, and associated aspects of Cyber Law)

Technology for Practice, and associated aspects of Cyber Law)			
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS	
Criminal Court Practice Reg 6 (10)(f)	Introduction to criminal law and procedure Course Content How to obtain and analyse the charge sheet and docket. How to take instructions and obtain your client's version. How to obtain witness statements & ensure witness presence in court. How to engage prosecution and client in plea bargaining. How to do bail applications. How to plead effectively, including when to make a Plea explanation. Candidates must know how to draft statements in terms of Section 112 and 115. How to attend trial and pretrial conferences. How to cross-examine state witnesses. How to present your client's version to a state witness. How to lead evidence in chief and the decision to call your client. How to manage experts in criminal cases How to present argument How to present sentencing options and evidence in mitigation. Understand that the onus is on the state and how that onus is discharged. In particular candidates must have a practical understanding of what is entailed with regard to discharging the onus and how it differs from the burden of proof both in	PRINCIPAL REFERENCES: Criminal Procedure Act 51 of 1977 (CPA) The Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 ADDITIONAL REFERENCES: Du Toit, et al Commentary on the Criminal Procedure Act Section 60 in Part VI: Commitment of legal practitioner to an effective court process. The Stalingrad defence is inappropriate. It is a violation of the rule of law. Zuma v Downer and Another (788/2023) [2023] ZASCA 132 (13 October 2023) especially at paras [6], [11] and [28] to [30] 1. GENERAL Right to legal representation Constitution Section 35(3)(f) and (g) CPA Section 73 Arrest Constitution Section 14, 35(1)(d), 35(2)(a) and 35(4) CPA Sections 39–53 Mahlongwana v Kwatinidubu Town Committee 1991 (1) SACR 669 (E) Minister of Safety and Security v Sekhoto and Another 2010 (1) SACR 388 (FB) Bail Constitution Section 35(1)(f) Chapter 9 and 10 of the CPA CPA Sections 307 and 309 S v Dlamini; S v Dladla and others; S v Joubert; S v Schietekat 1999 (4) SA 623 (CC) (1999 (2) SACR 51; 1999 (7) BCLR 771; [1999] ZACC 8) S v Mabena and another 2007 (1) SACR 482 (SA) paras [3] to [7]	

criminal and civil cases:

Bail: Chapters 9 and 10 of the CPA. Section 35(1)(f) of the Constitution, 1996.

The charge: ss 80 to 104 of the CPA

The plea: ss 105 to 122 of the CPA How pleas are drafted (form and content) and plea and sentence agreements

Conduct of proceedings: ss 144 to 146 and Chapter 22 of the CPA

Discharge applications at the close of the State's case: section 174 of the CPA

Competent verdicts: Chapter 26 of the CPA

Sentencing: Chapter 28 and 29 of the CPA

Appeals and reviews: Chapters 30 and 31 of the CPA (sections 302-324) Chapter 24 evidence

Private prosecutions:

s 7 of Chapter 1 of the CPA

Section 8(5) of the Prevention of Illegal Eviction from and Unlawful Occupation of Land Act 19 of 1998 and section 426 of the Companies Act 61 of 1973 read with section 224 of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 and section 63 (1)(i) of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014.

This section on private prosecutions will not be examined.

National Prosecuting Authority Act 32 of 1998

Representations in terms of section 22 How to make representations

S v Viljoen 2002 (2) SACR 550 (SCA) paras [10] to [15]

S v Botha and another 2002 (1) SACR 222 (SCA) (2002 (2) SA 680 paras [2] to [21]

S v Bruintjies 2003 (2) SACR 575 (SCA) ([2003] ZASCA 4) paras [4], [5] and [8] to [10]

2. CRIMINAL TRIAL

2.1. Indictments and charges

- General

Sections 80 - 104 of the CPA

S v Wannenburg 2007 (1) SACR 27 (C) at 32J - 34C

S v Whitehead and others 2008 (1) SACR 431 (SCA) para [10]

o CPA Chapter 14, particularly sections 54 & 55 & 144

o Shabalala and Others v Attorney-General of Transvaal and Another 1995 (2) SACR 761 (CC) (1996 (1) SA 725 the headnote and para [72] containing the order

- Joinder of Persons and Counts

o CPA Sections 81, 155, 156, 157

- Splitting of Charges

o CPA Sections 336, 83

- Particulars of Offence

o CPA Sections 84, 85, 86-92, 104

Representations

Section 22 of the National Prosecuting Authority Act 32 of 1998

National Director of Public Prosecutions v Zuma 2009 (2) SA 277 (SCA) at paras [15] and [16], paras [23] to [26] and especially paras [35] to [38]. Consider also the remarks in para [44].

2.2. Pleas

- Ordinary Pleas

o Constitution Section 35(3)(h)

o CPA ss 105, 106, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117 Inclusive of how pleas should be drafted (form and content) and plea and sentence agreements - section 105A

S v Esterhuizen 2005 (1) SACR 490 (T)

- Exceptional Pleas

o CPA Sections 57, 77, 79, 109, 85

- Autrefois Acquit and Convict

o Constitution Section 35(3)(m)

o CPA Sections 106 and 324

- Unreasonable delay/ permanent stay

o CPA Sections 168 and 342A

o Sanderson v Attorney-General, Eastern Cape 1998 (1) SACR 227 (CC) the headnote o DPP, Transvaal v Mtshweni 2007 (2) SACR 217 (SCA) the headnote o Magmoed v Janse Van Rensburg and Others 1993 (1) SACR 67 (A) the headnote o S v Basson 2004 (1) SACR 285 (CC) the headnote o S v Basson 2007 (1) SACR 566 (CC) the headnote
2.3. The conduct of the trial - Conduct Sections 144 - 146 and Chapter 22 of the CPA
- Discharge: CPA section 174 Commentary on the Criminal Procedure Act by Du Toit et al S v Lubaxa 2001 (2) SACR 703 (SCA) paras [8] to [23]
- Specific issues around admissibility of evidence Entrapment - Section 252A of Act 51 of 1977
Law of Evidence Amendment Act 45 of 1988, section 3 Kapa v The State 2023 (1) SACR 583 (CC) at paras [18], [77] and [99] to [108]
Admissions and confessions Constitution Sections 35 and 36 CPA Sections 217 to 220
o Unlawfully obtained Evidence • Key v Attorney-General, Cape Provincial Division and Another 1996 (4) SA 187 (CC) the headnote • Director of Public Prosecutions, Western Cape v Killian 2008 (1) SACR 247 (SCA) the headnote • S v Mthembu 2008 (2) SACR 407 (SCA) the entire case • S v Tandwa and Others 2008 (1) SACR 613 (SCA) the headnote • S v Shaik and Others 2008 (1) SACR 1 (CC) the headnote and paras [16] to [23] and [65] to [68]
2.4. Conclusion of the trial Competent Verdicts
o CPA Chapter 26 - Previous Convictions: CPA Chapter 27 - Procedure of Judgment

o CPA Sections 152, 274, 275–299 o <i>S v Lubaxa</i> 2001 (2) SACR 703 (SCA)
3. SENTENCING 3.1. Principles of sentencing Chapter 28 and 29 of the CPA Sections 51-53 of the Criminal Law Amendment Act 105 of 1997 S v Malgas 2001 (1) SAR 469 (SCA) S v Karolia 2006 (2) SACR 75 (SCA) S v Mthimkulu 2013 (2) SACR 89 (SCA)
3.2. Types of sentences - Section 276 - Imprisonment - Committal to a treatment centre - Fine - Correctional supervision - Sentencing of juveniles o Sections 290 and 297 of the Code o Suspension of sentence of various conditions o Conditional/unconditional postponement of sentence o Caution and discharge
3.3. Sentencing discretion - Mandatory minimum sentencing: Criminal Law Amendment Act 105 of 1997 - S v Malgas 2001 (1) SACR 469 (SCA) - Mitigating and aggravating factors
4. APPEALS AND REVIEWS
4.1. REVIEW - Constitution Section 35(3)(o) - CPA Chapter 30

- (i) the difference between appeals and reviews (ii) powers of the court on appeal and review R v Dhlumayo 1948 (2) SA 677 (A) at 705-706 S v Rabie 1975 (4) SA 855 (A) S v Van Aswegen 2001 (2) SACR 97 (SCA) - all evidence to be taken into account S v S 1999 (1) SACR 608 (W) - review S v Bogaards 2013 (1) SACR 1 (CC) – paras [37] and [41]

4.2. APPEAL

- Constitution Section 35(3)(o)
- CPA Chapters 30 and 31
- From Lower Courts
- o CPA Sections 309 and 310
- o Magistrates' Courts: Rule 67

- From the High Courts o CPA Sections 315–322
5. THE ADMISSIBILITY/ INADMISSIBILITY OF RELEVANT EVIDENCE
5.1. Hearsay evidence - Common law exceptions - The Law of Evidence Amendment Act 45 of 1988
5.2. The parol evidence rule - Hoffmann & Zeffertt, chapter 14 KPMG Chartered Accountants (SA) v Securefin Ltd 2009 (4) SA 399 (SCA) at para [39].
5.3. Similar fact evidence (SFE) (SCH – CHP 7) (ZEF - CHP 9) - Rationale for the exclusion of SFE - Rule for the admissibility of SFE: the Makin formulation & the Boardman formulation
5.4. Character evidence (SCH – CHP 6) (ZEF – CHP 8) - Introduction to character evidence - Character in criminal cases o Sections 197, 211 of the CPA - Character in civil cases
5.5. Opinion evidence (SCH – 8)(ZEF - CHP 10) - The Hollington rule - Opinion of a lay person - Expert witness Menday v Protea Assurance Co Ltd 1976 (1) SA 565 (E) the headnote Coopers (SA) Pty Ltd v Deutsche Gesselschaff Fur Schadlingsbekampfung Mbh 1976 (3) SA 352 (A) the headnote Schneider NO and Others v AA and Another 2010 (5) SA 203 (WCC) at 211J – 212B
5.6. Previous consistent statements (PCS) (SCH – CHP 9) (ZEF - CHP 14) - Reason for the exclusion of previous consistent statements
- Exceptions to the general rule o To rebut a suggestion of recent fabrication o Complainant in a sexual case o Identification
6. EVIDENCE 6.1. Confirmation or cautionary rules in regard to:

(i) Single witnesses: Section 208 of the CPA; (ii) Evidence of identification: <i>S v Mthetwa</i> 1972 (3) SA 766 (A) at 768A—C (iii) Complaints in matters of a sexual nature: <i>S v Jackson</i> 1998 (1) SACR 470 (SCA); (iv) Children; (v) Confessions: Section 209 of the CPA; (vi) Accomplices; (vii) Traps
See, generally, the commentary on the cautionary rule in <i>Commentary on the Criminal Procedure Act</i> by Du Toit <i>et al</i> under Section 208 of the CPA
6.2. Presumptions (i) Onus (on criminal cases in respect of defences pleaded); (ii) Particular presumptions (a) Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act 140 of 1992; (b) The CPA; (c) Sections 65(3) and (4) of the National Road Traffic Act 93 of 1996; (iii) The effect of Section 35 read with Section 36 of the Constitution, 108 of 1996, and statutory presumptions. S v Coetzee and others 1997 (3) SA 527 (CC).
6.3. Admissions and confessions(i) Sections 217—220 of the CPA;(ii) The effect of Section 35 read with Section 36 of the Constitution on admissions and confessions.
6.4. Documentary evidence Section 212, particularly ss 212(1), (4), (8), (9), (11) and (12); and Sections 213, 221, 233, 234 and 236 of the CPA.
6.5. Mental capacity of accused persons Chapter 13 of the CPA; Criminal Law Amendment Act 1 of 1988.

Sections 20-22 of the CPA

6.7. Entrapment

Section 252A of the CPA.

6.6. Search and seizures

Case law references in the commentary (Du Toit et al), including:

6.8. The status of evidence illegally obtained (Having regard to Sections 35 and 36 of the

		Constitution and the commentary under Section 225 of the CPA in Du Toit et al) 6.9. Unreasonable delay / Permanent stay Sections 168 and 342A of the CPA 7. LEGISLATION 7.1. Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996 Sections 35 and 36 7.2. The Law of Evidence Amendment Act 45 of 1988 (Hearsay) Kapa v The State 2023 (1) SACR 583 (CC) at paras [18], [77] and [99] to [108] 7.3. Accused's right of access to information contained in the State brief / Police docket (Having regard to the provisions of Sections 35 and 36 of the Constitution.) Shabalala and others v Attorney General, Transvaal and another 1996 (1) SA 725 (CC) 1995 (2) SACR 761 (CC) the headnote 7.4. Preservation, confiscation, restraint and forfeiture orders Sections 34 and 35 of the CPA
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Information and communication technology for practice, and associated aspects of cyber law Reg 6 (10)(n)	Introduction to information and communication technology for legal professionals Awareness of cyberattacks. Security of personal information Protective risk management strategy. Awareness and protecting against fraudulent transfers out of the trust account. Data response plan in the IBA cybersecurity guideline published in October 2018 Chapter 1: Technology Chapter 2: Organisational processes Chapter 3: Staff training Responsibility for personal/ commercial information. Specific cyber security tips. The future of artificial intelligence as a	International Bar Association's Cybersecurity Guidelines published in October 2018. See https://www.ibanet.org/LPRU/cybersecurity-guidelines.aspx The Guidelines cover the required information and communication technology for practice, and associated aspects of cyber law in detail. However, the Guidelines are for general information for practitioners. The Guidelines are not being examined. For examination purposes read the following: Electronic Communications and Transactions Act 25 of 2002, Chapter III, Part 1, sections 11 to 20. Spring Forest Trading CC v Wilberry (Pty) Ltd t/a Ecowash 2015 (2) SA 118 (SCA) Borcherds and Another v Duxbury and Others 2021 (1) SA 410 (ECP) at paras [22] to [38]

boon and a threat to legal practitioners.

The use of technology in the legal industry, including electronic discovery and case management systems The legal framework for cyber law in South Africa, including the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act and the Protection of Personal Information Act Cybersecurity and data privacy

Cybersecurity and data privacy considerations for legal professionals and their clients

and their clients
Ethical and professional considerations
when using technology in practice
Drafting policies and procedures for
technology use in a law firm

Aarifah Security Services CC v Jakoita Properties (Pty) Ltd and Others 2021 (5) SA 207 (GJ) at para [63]

Compare and contrast:

Global & Local Inv Advisors (Pty) Ltd v Fouche 2021 (1) SA 371 (SCA) ([2019] ZASCA 8) at paras [15] and [16]

Hawarden v Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs Inc 2023 (4) SA 152 (GJ) at paras [1] to [4] and paras [63] to [97] and [108]. Reversed on appeal: Edward Nathan Sonnenberg Inc v Hawarden 2024 (5) SA 9 (SCA) – the headnote

Consider paragraph [17] in Mosselbaai Boeredienste (Pty) Ltd v OKB Motors CC (Case no 1216/21) [2023] ZASCA 91 (09 June 2023).

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PAPER 3: WILLS AND ESTATES and MATRIMONIAL LAW		
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Wills and Estates Reg 6 (10)(j)	Introduction to Wills and Estates Wills The Wills Act 7 of 1953 The Trust Property Control Act 57 of 1988. Drafting Wills. Using plain language, avoid old precedents. Taking instructions, what one needs to know to draft a will. Proper consultation. The role of sound literacy skills. Interpreting (archaic) Wills. Capacity to benefit under a Will Incompetency of a person involved in the execution of a Will to inherit and the maxim of "de bloedige hand erft niet". Formalities and the Execution of Wills - Section 2(1)(a) Amendments of Wills - Section 2(1)(b); Codicils The Court's overriding discretion	Legislation The Wills Act 7 of 1953 Van der Merwe v The Master and Another 2010 (6) SA 544 (SCA) especially at paras [14] to [19] Delport v Le Roux 2022 ZAKZD 51 Intestate Succession Act 81 of 1987 Maintenance of Surviving Spouses Act 27 of 1990 Recognition of Customary Marriages Act 120 of 1998 Reform of Customary Law of Succession and Regulation of Related Matters Act 11 of 2009. Administration of Estates Act 66 of 1965 Estate Duty Act 45 of 1955 The Trust Property Control Act 57 of 1988 National Health Act 61 of 2003 PRINCIPAL WORKS Jamneck & Rautenbach The Law of Succession in South Africa, 3rd Edition, (2017) Oxford University Press, Cape Town

	regarding the validity of wills - (Section 2(3)) Drafting Living Wills. Does the National Health Act 61 of 2003 make provision for a living will? Testate and Intestate Succession. Intestate Succession Act 81 of 1987. Maintenance of Surviving Spouses Act 27 of 1990 Recognition of Customary Marriages Act 120 of 1998 Reform of Customary Law of Succession and Regulation of Related Matters Act 11 of 2009. Administration of deceased estates. Drafting liquidation and distribution accounts Administration of Estates Act 66 of 1965 Estate duty. Estate Duty Act 45 of 1955. What to do when the validity of a will is contested. Drafting wills and trusts and estate administration Intestacy and inheritance law Estate planning and tax considerations Ethics and professional responsibility in wills and estates practice	 Testamentary Succession in General Ngubane v RAF 2022 (5) SA 231 (GJ) especially at para [27] Formalities and the Execution of Wills, Amendments of Wills, and Incorporation by Reference Capacity to make a will and to witness a will Capacity to Benefit under a Will or on Intestacy Invalidity of Wills Generally: Mistake, Fraud, Duress and Undue Influence; Revocation and Revival Custody and Registration of Wills Appointment of Heirs and Legatees: Dies, Conditions Vesting Substitution Legacies Accrual Interpretation: Principles Canons of Construction and Presumptions Specific Words and Phrases Intestate Succession Wilkinson and Another v Crawford NO and Others 2021 (4) SA 323 (CC) at paras [1] to [12], [23], [31] to [33], and especially paras [67] to [78]
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Matrimonial Law Reg 6 (10)(k)	Taking instructions in detail. Advice on marriage and its consequences Ante-nuptial contracts Advice on out of community of property with or without the accrual system and marriage in community of property Divorce and its consequences Complying with Rule 41A Redistribution orders Drafting particulars of claim / defence. Drafting Rule 43 Applications: E v E	Legislation Candidates must read the legislation listed below. Candidates are NOT required to memorise the contents of the legislation. Candidates will be assessed on their ability to understand and apply the legislation and regulations published in terms of that legislation. In the exams, candidates will be required to read the legislation provided in the question and demonstrate their ability to understand and apply the legislation and regulations. The case law below is part of the PVT curriculum

2019 (5) SA 566 (GJ)

How to settle matrimonial disputes outside Court. ADR in Family Law. Advice on rights and duties concerning children, including: Birth and registration of births Recognition of the unborn child Adoptive children:

Step-children: and, Children in foster care.

The best interests of the child principle.

Chapter 3 of the Children's Act 38 of 2005 sections 18 to 41

Drafting particulars of claim and a plea.

NOTE WELL: Practice Directives will not be examined unless a copy of the relevant directive is supplied to candidates writing the exams.

A discussion on the judgment in B v.

A discussion on the judgment in B $\mbox{\it V}$ B.

The duty of a practitioner in all family matters to resolve disputes quickly and cheaply. That practitioners are not to adopt an adversarial approach in family law cases.

Domestic violence and abuse Alternative dispute resolution in family law AND will be examined. Candidates are not required to know the statutes or case law by heart. Candidates must understand the principles in the cases and the legislation.

Births and Deaths Registration Act 51 of 1992 Child Justice Act 75 of 2008 Children's Act 38 of 2005 and Regulations Civil Union Act 17 of 2006 Criminal Law (Sexual Offences and Related Matters) Amendment Act 32 of 2007 Divorce Act 70 of 1979

EB (born S) v ER (born B) and Others; KG v Minister of Home Affairs and Others (CCT 364/21; CCT 158/22) [2023] ZACC 32 (10 October 2023) especially at paras [108], [109], [120] to [133], [145] and [149]

Domestic Violence Act 116 of 1998 Domicile Act 3 of 1992

Hague Convention on International Child Abduction 72 of 1996 – repealed and re-enacted in Act 38 of 2005

Maintenance Act 99 of 1998

Maintenance of Surviving Spouses Act 27 of 1990 Marriage Act 25 of 1961

Matrimonial Property Act 88 of 1984

Mediation in Certain Divorce Matters Act 24 of 1987

Prevention and Combating of Trafficking in Persons Act 7 of 2013

Protection from Harassment Act 17 of 2011 Pottas v Plath 2022 (4) SA 301 (GJ) at para [1] Recognition of Customary Marriages Act 120 of 1998

Reciprocal Enforcement of Maintenance Orders (Countries in Africa) Act 6 of 1989
South African Citizenship Act 88 of 1995
South African Passports and Travel Documents

Act 4 of 1994

Accrual system

Honey v Honey 1992 (3) SA 609 (W) at 612 B – D Odendaal v Odendaal 2002 (1) SA 763 (W) ST v CT 2018 (5) SA 479 (SCA) at paras [33] to [36] and [39]

EB (born S) v ER (born B) and Others; KG v Minister of Home Affairs and Others (CCT 364/21; CCT 158/22) [2023] ZACC 32 (10 October 2023) especially at paras [108], [109], [120] to [133], [145] and [149]

Antenuptial contracts CB v DB 2023 (1) SA 381 (SCA) at para [7] EB (born S) v ER (born B) and Others, op cit.
Damages claim based on adultery RH v DE 2014 (6) SA 436 (SCA) confirmed on appeal in DE v RH 2015 (5) SA 83 (CC)
Customary marriage Gumede v President of the Republic of South Africa 2009 (3) SA 152 (CC) Netshituka v Netshituka 2011 (5) SA 453 (SCA) at para [15] MM v MN and Another 2013 (4) SA 415 (CC)
Muslim marriages Women's Legal Centre Trust v President of the Republic of South Africa 2022 (5) SA 323 (CC)
Change of matrimonial regime Sithole v Sithole 2021 (5) SA 34 (CC) at paras [47] and [50]
Divorce Irretrievable breakdown of marriage Schwartz v Schwartz 1984 (4) SA 467 (A)
Interpretation of divorce order concerning pension fund MN v FN 2020 (2) SA 410 (SCA)
Old Mutual Life Assurance Company (SA) Ltd and Another v Swemmer 2004 (5) SA 373 (SCA)
Maintenance Kruger NO v Goss 2010 (2) SA 507 (SCA)
Best interests of the child J v J 2008 (6) SA 30 (C) the entire case
Views of the children HG v CG 2010 (3) SA 352 (ECP)
Redistribution orders GKR v Minister of Home Affairs 2022 (5) SA 478 (GP) DM v CM 2022 (6) SA 255 (GJ) at para [180]
Adoption TT v Minister of Social Development 2023 (2) SA 565 (GJ) at paras [80] to [91]
Births

EJ and Others v Haupt 2022 (1) SA 514 (GP) Centre For Child Law v Director-General, Department of Home Affairs and Others 2022 (2) SA 131 (CC)
Children FS v JJ 2011 (3) SA 126 (SCA) – very important case for many reasons – this case will feature in the candidates' examinations often For example: "the court pointed out that the present litigation had not been in any of the parties' interests. It endorsed the views expressed in MB v NB 2010 (3) SA 220 (GSJ) that mediation in family matters is a useful way of avoiding protracted and expensive legal battles, and that litigation should not necessarily be a first resort. (Paragraph [54].)"
Martens v Martens 1991 (4) SA 287 (T) at 295 D-E the court held it is not bound by the decision of a foreign Court where the interests of minor children are at stake
Removal of child to temporary safe care C v Dept of Health & Social Dev, Gauteng 2012 (2) SA 208 (CC)
Rights of unmarried father FS v JJ 2011 (3) SA 126 (SCA) – very important case for many reasons – this case will feature in the candidates' examinations often

PAPER 4 – NEW SYLLABUS 2026

PAPER 4: PROFESSIONAL LEGAL ETHICS, CONSTITUTIONAL PRACTICE, LABOUR DISPUTE RESOLUTION and ADR		
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Professional Legal Ethics Reg 6 (10)(b)	Introduction to legal ethics and professional responsibility Lewis Golden Rule: all legal practitioners must avoid conduct which could damage their reputation as honourable people and honourable lawyers. The seven universal ethical principles	("LPA")

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	The current Code of Conduct of 29 March 2019 applicable to attorneys: Section 3 in Part II of the general provisions in the Code of Conduct. Section 56 in Part VI: Scope and limits of legitimate cross-examination especially in the Magistrates' Courts. Section 60 in Part VI: Commitment of legal practitioner to an effective court process. Conflicts of interest, legal privilege, and confidentiality. What to do when client's instructions amount to "a hopeless case". How fiduciary duties are based on the principles and precepts of ethics. Consider: Limpopo Provincial Council of the South African Legal Practice Council v Chueu Incorporated Attorneys and Others [2023] ZASCA 112 at paras [26] to [28]	- Part III: Conduct of Attorneys - Part VI: Conduct of legal practitioners and candidate legal practitioners in relation to appearances in court and before tribunals - Part VII: Conduct of legal practitioners not in private practice. University of South Africa v Socikwa and Others (J 675/23; J 680/23) [2023] ZALCJHB 172 (7 June 2023) Freedom Under Law v Judicial Service Commission and Another (550/2022) [2023] ZASCA 103; [2023] 3 All SA 631 (SCA) (22 June 2023) Ex Parte Minister of Home Affairs and Another 2024 (2) SA 58 (CC) at paras [105] to [118] All legal practitioners and candidate legal practitioners have their essential ethical duties enumerated in the Code of Conduct published in March 2019. Candidate attorneys are required to know those parts of the Code that relate to all legal practitioners and specifically to attorneys. Candidate attorneys will be assessed accordingly. Principles governing the hopeless case "The ethics of the hopeless case", Owen Rogers, Advocate December 2017 Motswai v Road Accident Fund 2013 (3) SA 8 (GSJ) at paras [26]-[37] University of South Africa v Socikwa and Others (J 675/23; J 680/23) [2023] ZALCJHB 172 (7 June 2023) Freedom Under Law v Judicial Service Commission and Another (550/2022) [2023] ZASCA 103; [2023] 3 All SA 631 (SCA) (22 June 2023) To exercise the duty of care and skill Code of conduct section 18.14
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Constitutional Practice Reg 6 (10)(a)	Introduction to Constitutional Law What is "the rule of law"	Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, 1996

How the Constitution is transformative in nature

Jurisdiction of our courts to hear constitutional matters: the 2013 change to the jurisdiction of the Constitutional Court.

Rules and Directives: Constitutional Court.

Eleven ways to the Constitutional Court.

Advising clients about their Constitutional rights, duties and obligations.

Advising clients on the Constitutional Court's stance on legal standing

Advising clients on the remedies that can be awarded by the Constitutional Court

How to apply Chapter 2 of the Bill of Rights and the limitations clause.

How to apply the rest of the Constitution in giving advice to clients. Candidates must be up to date with case law from the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal to within one week before their exams.

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. Historical approach to customary law
- Law of Evidence Amendment Act 1988 s 1(1), (2)
- 1.2. Customary law under the constitution
- The Constitution, sections 30, 31, 39, 211
- o Alexkor Ltd and Another v Richtersveld Community and Others 2004 (5) SA 460 (CC) (2003 (12) BCLR 1301; [2003] ZACC 18) at para [51]
- o Bhe and Others v Magistrate, Khayelitsha and Others; Shibi v Sithole and Others; SA Human Rights Commission and Another v President of the RSA and Another 2005 (1) BCLR 1 (CC) 2005
- o Shilubana and Others v Nwamitwa and Others 2009 (2) SA 66 (CC) (2008 (9) BCLR 914; [2008] ZACC 9)

Rules of the Constitutional Court, 2003 Directives of the Constitutional Court

1. GENERAL

This course will prepare candidates to understand the principles, concepts and the procedure of Constitutional litigation.

- 1.1. Access to the Constitutional Court
- Superior Courts Act, sections 16 and 17
- Constitutional Court Rule 19

What is a "constitutional matter"?

S v Boesak 2001 (1) SA 912 (CC) especially paras [10] to [15].

- 1.2. The Bill of Rights, Constitutional matters & any other matter that raises an arguable point of law of general public importance which ought to be considered
- Constitution, section 167(3)(b) & 167(6)(a) & (b)

CC Rule 18.

CC Rule 19.

Jurisdiction of the Constitutional Court University of Johannesburg v Auckland Park Theological Seminary and Another 2021 (6) SA 1 (CC); 2021 (8) BCLR 807; [2021] ZACC 13 at paras [39] to [52]

- Intervention in the Constitutional Court CC Rule 8.
- Confirmation proceedings in the Constitutional Court

Section 167(5) of Constitution. CC Rule 16.

- The exclusive jurisdiction of the Constitutional Court

CC Rules 14 to 1.

Section 167(4) of Constitution

Content and limitation of rights

Chapter 2 of the Constitution, especially section 36.

NM and Others v Smith 2007 (5) SA 250 (CC) especially paras [33] to [45].

Government of the Republic of South Africa and Others v Grootboom 2001 (1) SA 46 (CC) especially paragraphs [39] to [46].

- 1.3. Costs in Constitutional matters
- Biowatch Trust v Registrar Genetic Resources and Others 2009 (6) SA 232 (CC) paras [16]

and [20] to [24] and [56]
SPECIFIC PROCEDURES 1. Direct access applications Constitutional Court Rule 18
- Lesbian & Gay Equality Project v Minister of Home Affairs 2006 1 SA 524 (CC) par 39 Ashebo v Minister of Home Affairs and Others [2023] ZACC 16 at footnote 1 and paras [57] and [60] - Mazibuko v Sisulu 2013 6 SA 249 (CC) - SA Informal Traders Forum v City of Johannesburg; SA National Traders Retail Assoc. v City of Johannesburg 2014 4 SA 371 (CC) UDM v Speaker, NA 2017 (5) SA 300 (CC) (2017 (8) BCLR 1061; [2017] ZACC 21) at para [23] - Urgent applications Constitutional Court Rule 12
2.2. Declaration of constitutional invalidity - Constitution, section 172(2) - Constitutional Court Rules 15 and 16 - Director of Public Prosecutions v Mohamed 2003 (4) SA 1 (CC) at para [56] - Arena Holdings (Pty) Ltd t/a Financial Mail and Others v South African Revenue Service and Others [2023] ZACC 13; 2023 (8) BCLR 905 (CC) especially at paras [141], [147], [158] and [193] to [195]
2.3. Amicus curiae and joinder applications - Constitutional amicus interventions in the High Court Uniform Rule 16A. Constitutional amicus interventions in the the SCA SCA Rule 16 Constitutional Court Rules 5, 8 and 10 Ex parte Institute for Security Studies: In re S v Basson 2006 (6) SA 195 (CC) especially at paras [5] to [11]
3. CONSTITUTIONAL REMEDIES Minister of Health and Others v Treatment Action Campaign and Others (No 2) 2002 (5) SA 721 (CC) especially paras [96] to [114]. Mwelase v Director General, Department of Rural Development & Land Reform 2019 (6) SA 597 (CC) at para [51].

3.1.	Declaration	of	invalidity,	reading	down,
read	ing in & sever	rand	ce		
- Hie	erarchy of rem	nedi	es		
	Rooyen v Th			5) SA 246	5 (CC)

- Declarations of invalidity S v Makwanyane 1995 (3) SA 391 (CC) par 151

S v Makwanyane 1995 (3) SA 391 (CC) par 151 National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality & Others v Minister of Home Affairs & Others 2000 (2) SA 1 (CC) par 73–76

- Reading down & Severance

Investigating Directorate: Serious Economic Offences & Others v Hyundai Motor Distributors (Pty) Ltd & Others: In re Hyundai Motor Distributors (Pty) Ltd v Smit NO & Others 2001 (1) SA 545 (CC)

Lawyers for Human Rights & Another v Minister of Home Affairs & Another 2004 (4) SA 125 (CC)

Coetzee v Government of the Republic of South Africa; Matiso & Others v Commanding Officer, Port Elizabeth Prison 1995 (4) SA 631 (CC) par [51]

Minister of Home Affairs v National Institute for Crime Prevention and the Reintegration of Offenders (NICRO) & Others 2005 (3) SA 280 (CC)

National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality & Others v Minister of Home Affairs & Others 2000 (2) SA 1 (CC) par 63-64

- Reading In

National Coalition for Gay and Lesbian Equality & Others v Minister of Home Affairs & Others 2000 (2) SA 1 (CC) par 67-68

Khosa & Others v Minister of Social Development & Others; Mahlaule & Others v Minster of Social Development & Others 2004 (6) SA 505 (CC)

Bhe & Others v Magistrate, Khayelitsha & Others; Shibi v Sithole & Others; SA Human Rights Commission & Another v President of the RSA & Another 2005 (1) SA 580 (CC)

- 3.2. Retrospectivity and suspension of invalidity Nyathi v MEC of the Department of Health & Another 2008 (5) SA 94 (CC)
- Matatiele Municipality & Others v President of the Republic of South Africa & Others 2007 (1) BCLR 47 (CC) par 96
- Ex Parte Women's Legal Centre: In re Moise v Greater Germiston TLC 2001 (4) SA 1288 (CC) par 13
- Masiya v Director of Public Prosecutions,

		Pretoria & Another (Centre for Applied Legal Studies & Another, Amici Curiae) 2007 (5) SA 30 (CC) par 47-57 3.3. Interdicts, interim orders and supervisory orders - Black Sash Trust v Minister of Social Development and Others (Freedom Under Law NPC Intervening) 2017 (3) SA 335 (CC) 3.4. Constitutional damages - Fose v Minister of Safety and Security 1997 (3) SA 786 (CC) paras [60] and [67] - Minister of Safety and Security & Another v Carmichele 2004 (3) SA 305 (SCA) - Minister of Safety and Security v Van Duivenboden 2003 (1) SA 389 (SCA) para [21] - President of the Republic of South Africa and Another v Modderklip Boerdery (Pty) Ltd (Agri SA and Others, Amici Curiae) 2005 (5) SA 3 (CC)
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS
Labour Dispute Resolution Reg 6 (10)(g) NOTE WELL: Practice Directives will not be examined unless a copy of the relevant directive is supplied to candidates writing the exams.	Introduction to the Industrial Relations Framework. Identification of an employee. Permanent employees. Temporary employees. Disciplinary Proceedings and Hearings. Unfair labour practices and Dismissals. Bargaining Agents, Forums and Collective Bargaining. Dispute resolution including disputes about collective agreements The process of conciliation. How to prepare and move an interdict in the labour court. How to differentiate between a sufficiently representative trade union, majority and minority unions How to determine the validity of an extension of a collective agreement to members not party to the collective agreement How to ensure a strike is protected	PRINCIPAL WORKS • Grogan, Workplace Law Juta, 13th Edition 2020 • Grogan, Dismissal, Juta, 4th Edition COIDA and domestic workers Mahlangu and Another v Minister of Labour and Others 2021 (2) SA 54 (CC) at paras [71] to [107] Suspension Limpopo Provincial Council of the South African Legal Practice Council v Chueu Incorporated Attorneys and Others [2023] ZASCA 112 at paras [31] to [33] Strikes and lockouts National Union of Metalworkers of South Africa v Trenstar (Pty) Ltd [2023] ZACC 11; (2023) 44 ILJ 1189 (CC); 2023 (7) BCLR 814 (CC); [2023] 7 BLLR 609 (CC); 2023 (4) SA 449 (CC) at paras [47] and [48] Numsa obo Dhludhlu and Others v Marley Pipe Systems (SA) (Pty) Ltd 2023 (1) SA 338 (CC) Disciplinary proceedings

Labour Relations Act 66 of 1995 (LRA)

Chapter II Freedom of Association and General Protections – sections 4 to 10

Employees' right to freedom of association

Protection of employees and persons seeking employment

Employers' right to freedom of association

Protection of employers' rights

Rights of trade unions and employers' organisations

Procedure for disputes Burden of proof

Chapter III Collective Bargaining Part A Organisational rights – sections 11 to 22

Part B Collective agreements – sections 23 to 26

CHAPTER VII DISPUTE RESOLUTION Part A

Commission for Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration – sections 112 to 114

Part C Resolution of disputes under auspices of Commission – sections 133 to 135

Rules for the Conduct of Proceedings before the CCMA: GN R3318 of 2023 IN GG 48445 of 21 Apr 2023

Part D Labour Court – sections 151 and 156 to 166

Part E Labour Appeal Court – sections 172 to 180 and 182 and 183

Labour Appeal Court Rules and Labour Court Rules GN 4775 of 2024 GG 50608 of 3 May 2024

Chapter VIII Unfair Dismissal And Unfair Labour Practice – sections 185 to 197B

Hamata v Chairperson, Peninsula Technikon Internal Disciplinary Committee 2002 (5) SA 449 (SCA) ([2002] ZASCA 44) at para [5] and the important nuances at paras [12] and [20] to [22]

Dyantyi v Rhodes University 2023 (1) SA 32 (SCA) at paras [21] to [23]

Dismissal

Amcu v Royal Bafokeng Platinum Ltd 2020 (3) SA 1 (CC) at paras [102] to [126]

Collective Bargaining and Organisational rights

CCMA rules

NUMSA v Bader Bop (Pty) Ltd & another [2003] 2 BLLR 103 (CC)

Solidarity & others v Eskom Holdings Ltd (2012) 33 ILJ 464 (LC)

Growthpoint Properties (Pty) Ltd v SACCAWU (2010) 31 ILJ 2539 (KZD).

The Occupational Health and Safety Act 85 of 1993 (OHSA) and the Unemployment Insurance Act 63 of 2001 (UIA)

Gunter v Compensation Commissioner 2009 (30) ILJ 2341 (0).

Twalo v Minister of Safety and Security and Another 2009 (30) ILJ 1578 (Ck).

Mahlangu and Another v Minister of Labour and Others 2021 (1) BCLR 1 (CC); [2021] 2 BLLR 123 (CC).

Association of Mineworkers and Construction Union and Others v Chamber of Mines of South Africa and Others 2017 (3) SA 242 (CC)

Securicor (SA) (Pty) Ltd v Lotter 2005 (5) SA 540 (E)

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MODULES	Basic Conditions of Employment Act 75 of 1997 (BCEA) Chapters Two, Three, Four and Five Employment Equity Act 55 of 1998. Chapters II and III CURRICULUM	READING LISTS
	AND COURSE CONTENT	
Alternative Dispute Resolution Reg 6 (10)(h)	Introduction to alternative dispute resolution (ADR) The impact of Rule 41A of the Uniform Rules of Court Understand that courts expect actual compliance with Rule 41A and not mere lip service. Defining and understanding: - what is a conflict. Negotiation. Conciliation Mediation. Protection of Investment Act 22 of 2015, section 13. Arbitration. Arbitration Act 42 of 1965 and the International Arbitration Act 15 of 2017. The role of ADR in litigation.	PRINCIPAL WORKS: Grogan, Workplace Law Juta (2015) chapter 20 Ramsden McKenzie's Law of Building and Engineering Contracts and Arbitration Juta (2014) Tobie Wiese Alternative dispute resolution in South Africa, Negotiation, Mediation and Arbitration 2021 Juta 1. INTRODUCTION 1.1. Distinction between adversarial proceedings and facilitative / consensusbuilding processes. The role of a mediator. 1.2. Conflict management and dispute resolution LSSA Manual on Alternative Dispute Resolution Access to justice and social justice Rights vs interest disputes Rights vs position-based negotiation Ethics involved in conciliation (conflicts of interest, confidentiality, mediator liability) Drafting certificates, outcome reports, settlement agreements 2. COURT-ANNEXED MEDIATION PROCESSES 2.1. Rule 41A, Uniform Rules of Court 2.2. Magistrates court Rules of Voluntary Court-Annexed Mediation, 2014 Rules: Conduct of proceedings of Magistrate's Courts of South Africa, 2019 2.3. Divorce Mediation Function of the mediator

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- Children's Act, Brownlee v Brownlee Gauteng Local Division 2008/25274 - Best interests of the child, parenting plan, maintenance, division of assets, Memorandum of Understanding Mediation in Certain Divorce Matters Act 24 of 1987 Centre For Child Law v TS and Others 2023 (6) SA 1 (CC)
3. ARBITRATION 3.1. Arbitration Agreements - Jurisdiction Dis-Chem Pharmacies Limited v Dainfern Square (Pty) Ltd & Others [2023] ZASCA 115 and the general principle in favour of pleading over and the consequences of failing to plead over in all adversarial litigation Close-Up Mining and Others v Boruchowitz NO and Another 2023 (4) SA 38 (SCA) especially at paras [10] to [16], [23] and [34] to [36] - Competence-competence principle - Enforcement of arbitral awards: o Domestic - Arbitration Act 42 of 1965 o International - International Arbitration Act 15 of 2017 - Section 13 of the Protection of Investment Act 22 of 2015 3.2. Role of chairperson (presiding officer) and participant 3.3. Employment arbitration - CCMA or bargaining council o Issues for mediation/ conciliation o Issues for arbitration - Private arbitration - Private arbitration - Charter of Disputes - ICC recommendations - FIDIC & JBCC contracts

PAPER 5 – NEW SYLLABUS 2026

PAPER 5: ATTORNEYS BOOKKEEPING (INCLUDING TRUST ACCOUNT MANAGEMENT), LEGAL COSTS and INTRODUCTION TO PRACTICE MANAGEMENT		
MODULES	CURRICULUM AND COURSE CONTENT	READING LISTS

Attorneys' Bookkeeping Reg 6 (10)(i)

Introduction to bookkeeping and accounting principles

Candidates will not be examined on their ability to carry out double entry accounting and their ability to manually write a set of books from prime entry to balance sheets.

This includes manual entry into cashbooks, ledgers and journals.

The course content must integrate modern accounting technologies. This will better equip practitioners to handle financial management within a modern digital landscape.

Note that manual transaction recording has been eliminated within the profession.

GENERAL

Candidates must be introduced to the following:

- Electronic banking as used by attorneys' practice
- The available software commonly used by attorneys to comply with the accounting requirements of the LPA and Regulations and Rules e.g., Xero, QuickBooks, Pastel. Law74, Winlaw, Practice Manager etc.
- How to enter daily transactions into the system
- Monitoring the trust account using the available software
- A brief introduction to AI and Blockchain in Legal Accounting

The role of the LPFF

Law firm financial management

- Handling trust money in accordance with client instructions
- The principle that funds held in trust do not belong to the firm/practice and an attorney is compelled to account for every cent
- You must never have an overdrawn trust account
- Under no circumstances can a trust account be used as a business or personal account. The trust account is not a piggybank.
- Properly and accurately accounting

A sound understanding of Chapter 7 of the LPA.

In particular Sections 84, 86, 87, 88 and 91.

An understanding of: Part XII of the rules as gazetted.

In particular Sections 54.6, 54.7, 54.8, 54.9, 54.10, 54.11, 54.12, 54.13, 54.14, 54.14.7.1, 54.14.7.2, 54.14.8, 54.14.9, 54.14.10 and 11, 54.14.12, 54.14.13, 54.14.14, 54.15, 54.16, 54.19, 54.20

Where must the records be kept in order to comply with the rule? How to electronically store accounting records and to preserve them. How historic data may be retrieved and presented for inspection when required. Retention of accounting records Rule 54.9 The use and application of firewalls and antivirus software for the firms accounting system.

What is an asset?
What is a liability?
What is income?
What is an expense?
What is a fixed cost?
What is a variable cost?
What is a business expense?
What is a private expense?

Consider paragraph [17] in Mosselbaai Boeredienste (Pty) Ltd v OKB Motors CC (Case no 1216/21) [2023] ZASCA 91 (09 June 2023)

1. Introduction

Legislation

Section 34 of the Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014

Chapter 6 Part 1 of the Legal Practice Act Section 84 of the Legal Practice Act Section 86 of the LPA

Section 87 of the Legal Practice Act Financial Intelligence Centre Act 38 of 2001 Rules

Rule 54.1, 54.6 and 54.7

Caselaw

Supreme Court of Appeal Judgment of Hewetson v The Law Society of the Free State 2020 (5) SA 86 (SCA)

for all trust account monies; client by client

- Reconciling the trust account on a monthly basis

Use recurring EFTs from the business account to pay the trust account bank charges and fees

- Interest on trust money
- Reporting compliance.

Trust accounting and record keeping

Candidates must learn that the following are the fundamental obligations:

- Deposit and/or receipt all trust money received into the trust bank account;
- Hold it exclusively for the relevant client:
- To be paid to that client or as the client directs:
- Account properly to that client for such trust money;
- Trust account records must be maintained which clearly disclose the position of the money in the trust account; software is available which will automatically display this information whenever the attorney or any regulatory authority reguires it;
- They must be kept in such a manner as to enable them to be conveniently and properly reviewed by the LPC and the LPFF;
- They must be up to date, clearly show the amount of trust money held for each client;
- As far as practicable, they must be secure against retrospective alteration or deletion.
- Firms will need to have systems and controls in place to ensure compliance with these rules and the nature of those systems must be appropriate to the nature and volumes of client transactions dealt with and the amount of client money held or received.

Candidates must know how to deal with client investment funds. Know what is an investment practice – see rule 55.

Financial reporting and analysis

Cirota and Another v Law Society of Transvaal (3578) 1978 ZASCA 112

Law Society, Transvaal v Matthews 1989 (4) SA 389 (T)

Botha and others v Law Society, Northern Provinces 2009 (3) SA 329 (SCA) read the head note

Incorporated Law Society, Transvaal v K 1959 (2) SA 386 (T) read head note

Law Society, Cape v Koch 1985 (4) 379 refer to head note

Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope v Budricks 2003(2) SA 11 (SCA) at 171 I-J Law Society of Cape of Good Hope v Dippenaar (715/04) [2006] ZAWCHC 51 Law Society of the Northern Provinces v Mabunda and Another (LEGODI JP) [2019]

2. Cashbooks (Books of Prime Entry for Cash/Banking transactions) and the respective Banking Accounts

ZAMPMBHC 8: 2734/2018

Candidates must be introduced to cloudbased accounting systems that automate transaction recording.

How modern software can import bank statements directly into the cashbook, analyse and process them and automatically post to the client's ledgers.

How software can automatically collate Client Business Ledger with Client Trust Ledger to determine the amount to be transferred at the end of the month and how to minimise the risk of overdrawn Trust Accounts.

Brief introduction to Al-driven accounting tools which can analyse transaction patterns, detect anomalies, flag suspicious activity in trust accounts, reducing human oversight and other errors and misappropriation of Trust funds.

Brief introduction to how transactions recorded on Blockchain are immutable and publicly verifiable, preventing unauthorised alterations and ensuring accountability.

Candidates are expected to understand Part XII of The Rules

Rule 54.8 and 54.14.7.2 Rule 54.9, 54.10 and 54.19 Rule 54.11

Rule 54.14.15

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MODULES	Compliance with legal and regulatory requirements Technology tools for bookkeeping Differentiate between a Legal Practice and a Legal Practitioner. Differentiate between Bookkeeping and Accounting and the importance thereof in the Legal Profession. Acceptable financial reporting - International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS). Legal Practitioners must have proficient numeracy skills. Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA) Purpose of FICA? - Duties and obligations placed on a Legal Practice by the Act. Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund (LPFF) Establishment of the fund The role of the LPFF Trust Account and Investment interest payable to the fund Trust Account bank charges Refundable audit fees Payment of unclaimed/unknown Trust monies. Opening a Legal Practice Closure of a Firm.	Rule 54.14.15.2 and 54.14.15.3 Rule 54.14.16.1 Rule 54.14.16.1 and 54.14.16.2 Rule 54.16 Rule 54.34 and 54.35. 3. Bank Reconciliation methods have become redundant. Candidates are not expected to learn these methods and will not be examined on bank reconciliation. Candidates are expected to be familiar with automated bank reconciliation tools. 4. Value Added Tax (VAT) Legislation Value-Added Tax Act 89 of 1991 Candidates are required to understand the following: - What is value added tax? - What is output VAT? - What is lnput VAT? - What is lnput VAT? - Who must register for VAT? - How to calculate VAT - Software required to manage VAT 5. The Trust Position Rules Rule 54.14.8 Rule 54.15.1, 54.15.2 and 54.15.3. 6. Miscellaneous Rules Rule 54.9 Rule 54.14.10, 54.14.11, 54.19, 54.20, 54.21, 54.22, 54.23, 54.24, 54.25, 54.26, 54.27, 54.28, 54.29 and 54.30 Rule 54.31, 54.32 and 54.33.
Legal Costs Reg 6 (10)(l)	Introduction to legal costs and fee structures	Costs in the normal course of litigation Limpopo Provincial Council of the South

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Section 35(4) of the Legal Practice Act provides that the SALRC must investigate legal costs and report to the Minister within two years. Until then the tariffs determined by the Rules Board for Courts of Law apply. In the interim the module is: The concept of "legal costs" non-litigious matters civil litigious matters Advice to client and estimate of costs Estimate of fees and disbursements Mandate – Taking a deposit Agreed fees Contingency fees Retainers Ethics in relation to costs Overreaching vs undercharging recovery / attempted recovery of costs for work not strictly necessary Keeping proper accounting records Failure to render accounts Different cost orders party and party costs attorney and client costs costs de bonis propriis wasted costs reserved costs / costs to stand over costs in the cause costs of the day all costs/costs/taxed costs no order made / no order as to costs specific cost orders Settlement agreements Payments into court and tenders Cost consultants settling of bills of cost formal requirements for taxation notice of taxation taxability of costs appearance on taxation interest on a taxed allocatur consent to taxation Attending Taxation Review of taxation Billing and timekeeping Retainers and fee agreements Fee disputes and collection Taxation of legal fees Ethics and professional responsibility in legal costs The role of tax consultants

African Legal Practice Council v Chueu Incorporated Attorneys and Others [2023] ZASCA 112 at paras [37] and [38]

Contingency fees

Ronald Bobroff & Partners Inc v De La Guerre 2014 (3) SA 134 (CC) Masango v RAF 2016 (6) SA 508 (GJ) TM obo MM v MEC for Health, Mpumalanga 2023 (3) SA 173 (MM)

Costs – punitive costs on scale as between attorney and client – discussion on the meaning of attorney and own client
Moropa and Others v Chemical Industries
National Provident Fund and Others 2021
(1) SA 499 (GJ) at paragraphs [80] to [90].
Public Protector v CSARS 2022 (1) SA 340
(CC) at para [33]

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MODULES	CURRICULUM	READING LISTS
	AND COURSE CONTENT	
Introduction to practice management Reg 6 (10)(o)	Overview of the legal profession in South Africa The transformative provisions of the LPA - Attorneys - Advocates – referral and non-referral (section 34) - Distinction between practicing and non-practicing attorneys and advocates. The role of the Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund Legal practice as a business The role of efficient management Business plan Marketing – ethical marketing Financial management - Business - Personal Administration - The use of technology - Deploying the appropriate technology tools bearing in mind budgets Risk management - Risks in accounting - Cyber fraud - Business email compromise - Interception of payments from trust account - Fake instructions affecting the trust account - FICA - RICA - FAIS compliance - Money laundering - Illegal funding Personal and professional time management Starting a practice Introduction to digitising legal practice The attorney and insurance The role of AI Deploying AI tools according to the needs and budget of the practice.	Legal Practice Act 28 of 2014 See Chapters 2, 3 and 4 Regulations 6 and 7 to the Legal Practice Act Rules to the Legal Practice Act Rules Part V Part VI Part VII Hawarden v Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs Inc 2023 (4) SA 152 (GJ) at paras [1] to [4] and paras [63] to [97] and [108]. Reversed on appeal: Edward Nathan Sonnenberg Inc v Hawarden 2024 (5) SA 9 (SCA) – the headnote