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URGENT NOTICE TO MEMBERS

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Dear Members,

THERE IS NO RESOLUTION TO LIQUIDATE THE JOHANNESBURG SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES

1. There are messages circulating on various social media chat groups advising recipients thereof of a resolution by “*The Bar Council ... to be wound up.*”
2. The first of such messages says that:

“The Bar Council has resolved to apply on an urgent basis on Wednesday next week, to be wound up. 9 vs 8 in favour of the proposal, with one AFT member abstaining. AFT did not support the proposal. Members of the Bar will be approached urgently to ratify the resolution per electronic poll.”

3. The second of such messages says that:

“The Bar Council met this evening to discuss the future existence of the organization having due regard to its financial difficulties. After debating the issue it was resolved to apply for the liquidation of the organization. Correspondence regarding the process to be followed will be addressed to members by the chairperson of the PSA tomorrow.”

4. The Bar Council of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates (“**the JSA**”) **did not pass a resolution to liquidate the JSA.**

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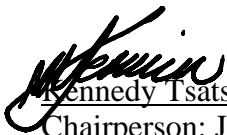
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5. The resolution referred to in the above quoted messages was taken by the Bar Council of the Pretoria Society of Advocates.
6. Despite the aforesaid resolution, efforts are still underway to avoid placing the Pretoria Society of Advocates under liquidation.
7. As you are all aware, these are difficult times – they are worse than what we usually refer to as “*rainy days.*” All organizations depend on their creditors settling their debts timeously. The same applies to the JSA. Whilst the JSA’s financial position is sound, it will continue to depend on all of its members meeting their financial obligations towards it as and when they arise.
8. Keep well and away from strangers. The maintenance of the prescribed social distance between people makes it impossible for people to hug and kiss each other. The prohibition against kissing has now been extended to hugging and also applies to fellow members who are not strangers.

Yours faithfully,



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