

21 October 2020

To: All members
JOHANNESBURG SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES

Dear Colleagues

Re: **GCB MEMBERSHIP SUBSCRIPTION HOLIDAY**

1. On 4 September 2020 the General Council of the Bar of South Africa ("GCB") issued circular 61/2020 in terms of which it informed the constituent bars that the GCB decided to assist bars in need of financial assistance during this difficult time by offering all bars a payment holiday of GCB membership subscriptions for four months commencing September 2020.
2. Paragraph 10(c) of the GCB Constitution provides that as it is the constituent bar (and not the individual member of that bar) which is the member of the GCB, it is the responsibility of the constituent bar to contribute to the finances of the GCB.
3. On 22 September 2020 the Bar Council of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates ("JSA") approved the proposed budget for the financial year ending August 2021 in which the JSA's liability to the GCB was reduced by a third. This implies that the JSA will be passing the benefit of the payment holiday on to its members.
4. The Bar Council expresses its gratitude to the GCB for its magnanimous gesture, as it allows for the proposed increase in JSA membership subscriptions to be kept to a minimum.
5. Kindly be advised that, subject to the approval of the proposed budget by members at the annual general meeting to be held on 22 October 2020, the JSA will not be collecting GCB subscriptions from members for the months of November 2020 to February 2021.

Yours faithfully


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