

Please state your knowledge and experience in the matters set out in section 7(2)(e) of the Legal Practice Act, 2014.

I have been an attorney for over 34 years, and during that time have served on the Johannesburg Attorneys Association (one-time Chairman), served as a member of Law Society Disciplinary Committees for some 20 years, and have been a Councillor of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces (LSNP) for 3 years, currently serving as one of the vice-Presidents. I served as a Small Claims Court Commissioner for a number of years. I am the LSNP representative on the Transitional Committee of the National Forum.

I have in recent years submitted comments on the draft rules, the Code of Conduct and the tariffs of fees implemented and to be implemented under the Legal Practice Act (LPA).

I have prepared and presented training sessions within my firm, to both candidate attorneys and associates.

During my tenure as a Councillor the LSNP has been involved in various proceedings which involve certain of the issues referred to in section 7(2)(e) of the LPA, particularly the provision of legal services, the promotion of access to justice and competition law, the latter relating specifically relating to the attorneys profession. I sit on the LSNP's Exemptions & Extensions Committee, dealing with Practice Management Training, its Audit & Risk Committee and its Management Committee.

Over the course of my practice as a litigator and in the above-mentioned capacities I have been involved in all aspects of the professional life of an attorney, interacted with court officials and representatives of the judiciary and gained experience and knowledge of the provision of legal services, the principles of promoting access to justice, legal education and training, consumer affairs, civil and criminal proceedings and the functioning of courts and tribunals in general, the maintenance of professional standards, the handling of professional complaints and relevant aspects of competition law.