

NCOP hearings on the Legal Practice Bill expected in early 2014

The Legal Practice Bill, 2012 was passed at a second-reading debate by the National Assembly in Parliament on 12 November 2013. The Bill was then passed to the National Council of Provinces (NCOP). At the time of going to press, it was speculated that the NCOP would call for comments at some stage and then schedule public hearings both at provincial and national level in February 2014. This would be followed by deliberations with a view to the NCOP voting on the Bill before mid-March 2014.

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) was to consider making comments to the NCOP after reviewing the final version of the Bill published on 12 November 2013. Attorneys are urged to consult the LSSA website for further submissions, as well as information on provincial hearings, which will be open to the public.

The LSSA website has a full chronology on the Bill, including the various drafts that led up to the adoption of the final version. The LSSA's submissions to the NCOP will also be available on the website.

See www.LSSA.org.za or call the LSSA at (012) 366 8800.

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