



SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES  
OF NAMIBIA

## URGENT NOTIFICATION

### **SOCIETY OF ADVOCATES: PUPILLAGE PROGRAMME - PERIOD AMENDMENT**

The Society of Advocates of Namibia has resolved to amend its pupillage programme timelines as follows:

#### **2025/2026 Pupillage Programme:**

**Friday, 13 June 2025 at 16h30:** Deadline for application to participate in the 2025/2026 Pupillage Programme

**June 2025:** Applications will be distributed to obtain comments from SOA members.

**June 2025:** Pupillage Committee will conduct Interviews with the applicants. **June 2025:** Bar Council will consider the recommendations of the Pupillage Committee.

**July 2025:** Applicants will be informed if their applications are successful.

**August 2025:** Confirmation of pupil masters will be provided to applicants.

**1 August 2025:** Applicants who are accepted to participate in the Pupillage Programme to resign from employment and submit a copy of the resignation letter to the Secretary General (copied to Manager) of the Society of Advocates.

**1 September 2025:** Pupillage Programme commences and resignation letters not yet handed in should be submitted.

**March to April 2026:** Pupils will be assigned / deployed to the High Court.

**June 2026:** Pupillage Examination, including marking and moderating.

**July 2026:** Supplementary Examinations, including marking and moderating.

**August 2026:** Once the Pupillage Committee has considered the marks and the results are confirmed by the Bar Council the pupils who have passed can apply to the LSN to be issued with certificates exempting them from holding fidelity fund certificates.

**August / September 2026:** Upon receipt of the exemption certificate the Pupils must sign the Society of Advocates' Members Roll to be admitted to the Bar, whereafter they can start practising.

**PLEASE NOTE:**

- **The deadline for applications will be the end of May yearly.**
- **The programme will commence yearly in September.**
- **Application Fee: N\$750.00 (non-refundable).**
- **Only admitted legal practitioners are eligible to apply for the Pupillage Programme.**

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**Secretary General**

**20 March 2025**