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Commercial Drafting Skills | 2019

A four-day commercial drafting skills workshop for legal practitioners from previously disadvantaged backgrounds

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) in partnership with Irish Rule of Law International (IRLI) present an intensive Commercial Drafting Skills Workshop.

Commercial legal expertise is an important element necessary for a country's enhanced good governance and economic development. Commercial law has particular significance in rural or marginalised areas where legal practitioners can use their knowledge to encourage greater contribution to the market economy and provide valuable legal assistance to local businesses.

The LSSA has long recognised that there are very few opportunities for legal practitioners from disadvantaged backgrounds to up-skill and gain grounding in commercial law. It has, therefore, teamed up with Irish Rule of Law International to offer a four-day commercial drafting skills workshop to legal practitioners from previously disadvantaged backgrounds.

Aim of the workshop

The workshop aims to address the economic imbalance in the practice of commercial law in South Africa through skill transfer. Skill transfer in this instance refers to the transfer of knowledge of legal principles involved in commercial and company law, and specifically the necessary techniques (such as drafting) which are part of a commercial lawyer's skill set.

Invitation to apply

Practising legal practitioners are invited to apply to attend the Commercial Drafting Skills Workshop.

The IRLI will select **15 applicants** to participate in the workshop using its existing relationships and the extensive contact network of the LSSA.

Dates

- The workshop is scheduled to take place from **2 to 5 September 2019**.
- The closing date for applications is **09 August 2019**.
- LEAD will notify successful applicants by **16 August 2019** whereafter payment for the workshop need to be made. LEAD will issue a registration form for payment as part of the notice to successful applicants.

Workshop venue

Legal Education and Development (LEAD), Old Main Building, Unisa Sunnyside Campus, 145 Steve Biko Street, Sunnyside, Pretoria.

Application requirements

Applicants must be from **historically disadvantaged backgrounds who have at least three years' experience as practising legal practitioners**. Preference will be given to legal practitioners who

- do not have prior or current exposure in the field of commercial litigation, commercial contracts or corporate transactions;
- are working in private practice in smaller firms (four partners or less); and
- are from practices in rural or semi-urban areas.

How to apply

If you are interested in applying to participate, please submit the completed application form to LEAD together with a copy of your identity document.

Fee for successful applicants

R 500.00 (VAT inclusive) to be paid in to the LSSA's bank account. The fee should be paid by **20 August 2019**.

Contact person for enquiries

For more information about this workshop, contact Molalatladi Modiba at E: Molalatladi@LSSALEAD.org.za or on T: +27 (0)12 441 4600.

Please take note

- Please wait for the confirmation of your successful application before you make make travel and accommodation bookings.
- Workshop registration will be confirmed only if proof of payment is attached to the registration form.
- The LSSA will not accept liability if fees are not paid into the designated LSSA bank account.
- LEAD reserves the right to cancel a learning activity should the number of delegates not justify the costs involved. Registered delegates will be given reasonable notice of cancellation.
- Registrations cancelled after registration closing date will not be refunded.
- To cancel a workshop registration, the delegate should email annelie@LSSALEAD.org.za two weeks before the course commences to avoid being liable for the full fee.

Other seminars and workshops offered by LEAD

LEAD's full training calendar, brochures and registration forms are available on the website: www.LSSALEAD.org.za

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APPLICATION FORM

Commercial Drafting Skills Workshop I 2019



Complete this form *digitally* and e-mail it together with a certified copy of your Identity Document to Molatladi@LSSALEAD.org.za

Venue and dates (Select with a ✓)

Pretoria: 02-05 September 2019. Closing date for applications is 09 August 2019

Type of practising legal practitioner

Attorney from historically disadvantaged background: YES NO

Number of years' experience as a practising legal practitioner:

Number of partners at your firm:

Your details

Surname:										Title:			
First name:					Gender: Male <input type="checkbox"/>		Female <input type="checkbox"/>						
ID number:													
Race (for reporting reasons): African <input type="checkbox"/>										Asian <input type="checkbox"/>		Coloured <input type="checkbox"/>	
Firm:					City/Town:								
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Where did you hear about the course?													
SMS <input type="checkbox"/>		Word of mouth <input type="checkbox"/>		Internet <input type="checkbox"/>		Employer <input type="checkbox"/>		E-mail <input type="checkbox"/>		Other <input type="checkbox"/>			

If other, please specify:

Motivation on why you should be considered for this workshop

You can include information on your background and why you are interested in commercial law.

For questions on this workshop, please e-mail the administrator: Molatladi Modiba at Molatladi@LSSALEAD.org.za or on Tel: +27 (0) 12 441 4655. LEAD Switchboard: +27 (0) 12 441 4600
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