

# **OUR FEES**

### What to Expect:

To schedule an initial consultation, please contact us by phone or email. During this meeting, we will evaluate the nature of your legal issue to determine if we can provide assistance and, if so, the associated costs.

To comply with Section 21 of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act, No. 38 of 2001, we require specific information from you if you choose to entrust us with your legal work.

We request that you sign our engagement letter to establish a written record of the scope of work, fee calculation method, and payment terms, in accordance with Sections 37(7) - (9) of the Legal Practice Act. This includes a detailed outline of the work to be done and an estimated cost notice for legal services. You have the right to negotiate the proposed fees.

## **Cannot afford legal fees?**

If you cannot afford the services of an attorney, you do have other options:

#### Legal Aid South Africa

Legal Aid SA offers professional legal advice and representation for those who cannot afford it, especially for issues such as deceased estates. As per the mandate from the South African Constitution, Legal Aid SA is funded by taxes to assist the poor in getting legal aid and representation. To apply for their services, you need to complete a Means Test form where you will need to disclose your monthly income, assets like a car or house, and any other information required by Legal Aid SA. The Means Test involves certain criteria such as earning less than R8,200.00 per month after tax if employed. If you live with other people for more than four nights per week and share the cost of food and other expenses, Legal Aid SA will consider your total household income and provide legal aid to households earning less than R9,000.00 per month. Additionally, Legal Aid SA will consider the total value of your assets, such as a house or belongings, and provide free legal service if they do not exceed a certain value. For the latest amendments to the Means Test and to apply for free legal services, contact Legal Aid SA or visit their website at <a href="https://legal-aid.co.za/">https://legal-aid.co.za/</a>.



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### Pro bono (free) legal services by attorneys

ProBono.Org facilitates the provision of free legal services for the poor by volunteer private lawyers. Contact ProBono.Org at <a href="https://probono.org.za/contact/">https://probono.org.za/contact/</a>

### **Legal Practice Act (LPA) compliance**

Legal Practice Act sets out the rules and regulations governing the legal profession in South Africa, including requirements around professional conduct, client trust accounts, and fee structures.

Dr Susandra van Wyk is a legal practitioner admitted and enrolled by the High Court to practise as a legal practitioner (attorney), conveyancer and notary.

Susandra van Wyk Attorneys holds a valid Fidelity Fund Certificate as issued by the Legal Practice Council. You are welcome to contact us to provide you with a copy of the issued certificate.

Please click on the website link for more information regarding the LPA: https://lpc.org.za/