

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP

CLOSING DATE FOR APPLICATIONS: 30 SEPTEMBER

TO: (Durban)
The Co-ordinator : Pupillage Committee
3rd Floor, 6 Durban Club Place
Durban
4001
Fax: 031 304 4415
E-mail: kznbar@law.co.za

(Pietermaritzburg)
The Co-ordinator : Pupillage Committee
17 Prince Edward Street,
Pietermaritzburg
Fax: 033 845 3548
E-mail: pmbbar@pmblaw.co.za

1. Full name of Applicant: _____

2. Home Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

Postal Address: _____

3. Work Address: _____

Telephone No: _____

Email: _____

4. Date of Birth: _____

5. 5.1 Academic qualifications and detailed results of examinations

which must be attached:

5.2 Do you have an LL.B degree? _____

5.3 If not, when do you expect to obtain an LL.B degree and what requirements are outstanding?

5.4 Please provide details of any other information that you believe may be relevant to your academic record:

6. Previous legal experience (if any):

7. Details of employment or occupation over the last 5 years (if any):

8. Date of and division where you were admitted as an advocate:

9. If not admitted, date when and division where your application for admission was or will be lodged with the Registrar:

Your attention is drawn to Rule 8.1.2 of the General Council of the Bar Rules which is included in full for ease of reference:-

“Unless the Society in General Meeting otherwise resolves, any person who has filed an application to Court for his admission as an advocate and who has been approved by the Bar Council, shall be eligible to be admitted as a pupil member, provided that no person whose name appears on the Roll of Attorneys shall be eligible to be so admitted, unless he has filed an application for the removal of his name from such Roll and the Law Society concerned has indicated in writing that it has no objection to such application for removal; and provided further that he may not write the National Bar Examinations unless he has been admitted as an advocate.”

10. Apart from the above, give particulars of any previous:-

- 10.1 Application for admission as an advocate:-

- 10.2 Application for membership of any Bar:-

10.3 Membership of any Bar:-

10.4 Pupillage applied for:-

10.5 Pupillage served:

10.6 Which year are you applying for? _____

You are required to confirm that you are no longer in full-time employment or will not be so employed upon commencement of your pupillage and during the period of your pupillage.

NOTE: In the event that you are unable to confirm both the above, you will not, without the special consent of the Bar Council, be permitted to commence pupillage.

11. 11.1 Are you presently on the Roll of Attorneys? _____

If the answer to 11.1 is “yes”, when do you intend to apply for the removal of your name? _____

Your attention is drawn to Rule 8.1.2, which expressly provides that you may not commence pupillage if you are still on the Roll

of Attorneys, without the consent of the Bar Council.

11.2 Were you on the Roll of Attorneys, and if so, give particulars of the circumstances of and the reason for the removal of your name from the roll?

11.3 What arrangements have been made for any firm of attorneys, which practises under a name which includes yours, to cease using your name? _____

11.4 Are you entitled to any payment in respect of goodwill? If so, give full particulars: _____

11.5 Are you presently employed as a candidate attorney? If so, give full particulars: _____

11.6 Were you previously a candidate attorney or admitted as an attorney? Please furnish full particulars and the name(s) of the

firm(s) where you were employed or with whom you were associated:- _____

12. Please furnish the names of two persons (preferably local people) to whom the Bar Council can refer:-

12.1 Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

12.2 Name: _____

Address: _____

Tel No: _____

13. Please attach to this form the following documents:-

13.1 your degree certificate (if already conferred);

13.2 your identity document;

13.3 a testimonial from the Dean of the Faculty of Law which you attended, in which it is stated that in the opinion of the Dean, you are a fit and proper person to be admitted as an advocate and as a member of this Society. If it is difficult to obtain a testimonial

of the Dean of the Faculty, you are required to state the reason for your inability to obtain the testimonial and this requirement may be waived by the Society;

13.4 your detailed degree(s) results

13.5 Not more than 1 further page setting out any other relevant information that you believe the selection panel should consider

13.6 In not more than 2 pages, a short written note on the following:

“in the context of the recent KZN riots discuss the rule of law”

14. Do you wish to apply for exemption of any of the ordinary requirements of pupillage? If so, state on a separate page the exemption requested and the basis for your application.

15. 15.1 Give all further information regarding your fitness to undertake pupillage or to practise as an advocate on a separate page, which the Bar Council should have in order to consider your application. *Inter alia*, details of criminal charges brought against you, findings by a Court which have a bearing upon your fitness to practise as an advocate and any previous convictions or disciplinary proceedings by a professional body should be mentioned.

15.2 Do you have any previous convictions or have you ever been disciplined by a professional body? _____

15.3 If the answer is “yes” to 15.2 above, please provide full particulars in an annexure to this application.

16. Before admission to the Society, you will be requested to attend an interview with the Pupillage Committee.

17. The interview can take place before the LL.B degree is conferred upon you or before your admission as an advocate, but in that event, your degree certificate and admission order will have to be exhibited to the Society in due course.

18. I declare that I have not been guilty of any dishonest or improper conduct or other conduct which will render me unsuitable or disqualify me from being admitted as an advocate or of being admitted as a member of the Society. No investigation relating to such conduct is being considered or is pending. No fact, circumstance or information which ought to be considered by the Society in order to enable it to decide upon my fitness to be admitted as a member has been withheld by me.

19. I confirm that I have had my attention drawn to, and am aware of the requirement of Rule 8.1.2 of the General Council of the Bar, dealing with admission to the Roll of Attorneys, and removal from the Roll of Attorneys, as applicable.

20. I undertake that:-

21.1 during my pupil membership I will abide by the Rules of the Society and any directions and decision of the Bar Council and the General Council of the Bar of South Africa and the National Bar Examination Board;

21.2 save to the extent that I may in law be compellable to do so, I will not, during or after the period of my pupillage, disclose to any person any information obtained by me in the course of my pupillage concerning the affairs of my mentor or any other advocate with whom I might work as a pupil or concerning the affairs of any client; and

21.3 in the event of my circumstances changing during my pupillage, I shall notify the Pupillage Committee thereof immediately, as I am aware that any failure to disclose material circumstances may be viewed very seriously.

DATE

SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT