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FOR ACTION

Regional Operations Executives, Justice Centre Executives, High Court Unit Managers, other Legal Aid Board staff, Legal Practitioners and agent Legal Aid Officers at Magistrates' Courts

FOR INFORMATION

The Chief Justice, The President of the Supreme Court of Appeal, Judges President of All Divisions of the High Court, The National Director of Public Prosecutions, Registrars and Bars of the Cape Provincial Division, Eastern Cape Division, South Eastern Cape Local Division, Northern Cape Division, Free State Provincial Division, Kwa-Zulu Natal Provincial Division, Durban and Coast Local Division, Transvaal Provincial Division, Witwatersrand Local Division, Mafikeng High Court, Bisho High Court, Mthatha High Court and Thohoyandou High Court, General Council of the Bar of South Africa, the Law Society of South Africa, the Law Societies of the Cape, Kwa-Zulu Natal, Free State and Northern Provinces, National Association of Democratic Lawyers, Black Lawyers Association, Association of Independent Advocates of South Africa, The National Forum of Advocates of South Africa, The Magistrates' Commission, National Prosecuting Authority, Department of Justice, Judicial Inspectorate of Prisons, Human Rights Commission, The Public Protector, Commission on Gender Equality, the Editor of De Rebus and the Editor of Advocate.

Dear Sir/Madam

CIRCULAR NUMBER 1 OF 2009: **IMPLEMENTATION OF THE LEGAL AID GUIDE 2009 11th EDITION**

1. RATIFICATION OF THE 11TH EDITION OF THE LEGAL AID GUIDE

The Legal Aid Guide 2009 11th Edition was ratified in terms of Section 3A(2) of the Legal Aid Act 22 of 1969(as amended) by the National Assembly on 23 October 2008 and by the National Council of Provinces on 11 November 2008.



The Legal Aid Guide 2009 11th Edition will replace the Legal Aid Guide 2002 10th Edition and all circulars from Circular No 1 of 2001 up to and including Circular No 2 of 2008.

2. TARIFF OF FEES AND DISBURSEMENTS

The tariff of fees and disbursements contained in Annexure E and Annexure F to the Legal Aid Guide 2009 11th Edition will only come into effect from 1 April 2009 for work done on or after 1 April 2009. The various tariffs of fees and disbursements that are applicable for work done prior to 1 April 2009 will be listed on the LAB website (www.legal-aid.co.za) under the heading "LAB Tariffs Pre-April 2009".

3. COPIES OF THE LEGAL AID GUIDE 2009

Juta Law Publishers have been appointed to publish and print the Legal Aid Guide 2009. The printed copies should be available from late March 2009. The LAB will distribute copies of the Legal Aid Guide 2009 to all Justice Centres, Courts and Accredited Judicare Practitioners at no cost. Additional copies will be available from the Legal Development Department of the Legal Aid Board at a cost to be advised or directly from Juta.

In the interim, an electronic copy of the Legal Aid Guide 2009 will be made available on the LAB Intranet as well as the LAB Website. An SMS message will be sent to all Accredited Judicare Practitioners and LAB Staff to advise them of the implementation of the Legal Aid Guide 2009 11th Edition.

4. COMMENCEMENT

The Legal Aid Guide 2009 11th Edition will come into operation with effect from 10 February 2009.

Yours faithfully



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CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER