

7 April 2020

Per Email

**Mrs Matolo-Dlepu
Chairperson
Legal Practice Council**

Dear Madam

RE: CHALLENGE BY SHERIFFS: NON-PAYMENT OF FEES BY LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

As you are aware the President declared a national lockdown of 21 days due to the Covid 19 virus and all businesses including sheriffs were closed to mitigate the spread of the virus. This has put an enormous strain on the business of sheriffs as well as their income.

One of the major challenges experienced by sheriffs nationwide at the present moment is the non-payment of sheriffs' fees due by attorneys. Many attempts made by sheriffs to procure payment of outstanding fees from attorneys, has proven futile to date.

The SABFS hereby, appeals to the Legal Practice Council, to mandate the legal practitioners nationwide to honour payment of sheriffs' fees when due and payable. This would alleviate the strain on the sheriffs' finances.

Your favorable consideration during this difficult time would be appreciated by the Board and the Profession.

Yours faithfully



**Mrs C Mabuza
Chairperson
SOUTH AFRICAN BOARD FOR SHERIFFS**