



LAW ASSOCIATION OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO

INCREASE IN ANNUAL FEES FOR THE LAW TERM 2007/2008

TAKE NOTICE that at a Special General Meeting of the Law Association of Trinidad and Tobago held on Wednesday 18th July 2007 increases in annual subscriptions and two new classes of members were approved to take effect in the new law term 2007/2008. The new rates of annual subscription will become due on 1st October 2007.

(1) Members overseas and not practising in Trinidad and Tobago	-	\$ 200.00
(2) Members 1 year to 5 years' call to the Bar	-	\$ 500.00
(3) Members 5 years to 10 years' call to the Bar	-	\$1,000.00
(4) Members 10 years' call and over	-	\$2,500.00
(5) Members Queen's Counsel & Senior Counsel	-	\$6,000.00
(6) Members admitted to practise pursuant to a ministerial order under section 15A of the Legal Profession Act, 1986	-	\$15,000.00

The Council of the Law Association has decided to employ stricter measures at the places where deeds are registered, probate and letters of administration applied for and court appearances are made in order to ensure that attorneys-at-law pay their annual dues as prescribed by the Legal Profession Act.

Section 20(2) of the Act provides that no person may practise law unless his name is entered on the Roll in accordance with the Act and he is the holder of a valid practising certificate. In order to obtain a practising certificate, an attorney-at-law must pay his annual subscription to the Law Association and his contribution to the Compensation Fund for the 12 month period commencing on 1 October in each year. On being satisfied that the above dues have been paid, the Registrar will, subject to section 24 of the Act, issue a practising certificate.

Attorneys-at-law are hereby reminded that Rule 1 of the Mandatory Provisions and Specific Prohibitions of the Code of Ethics (Part B) of the Legal Profession Act stipulates that "An attorney-at-law shall not practise as such unless he has been issued a practising certificate in accordance with the provisions of the Act". An attorney-at-law who practises law without a practising certificate (by, inter alia, preparing and registering deeds, appearing in court or giving legal advice) will be in contravention of this rule and guilty of professional misconduct.

Law officers are hereby also reminded that completion of Form 3A or Form 3B is prima facie evidence that they are law officers and they are required to submit to the Registrar of the Supreme Court completed forms on an annual basis.

The forms for applying for annual practising certificates are obtainable from the Secretariat of the Law Association and the Accounts Department, Hall of Justice, Port of Spain, San Fernando and Tobago.

P. Dindyal

Dated this 16th day of August, 2007

By order of the Council

Patricia Dindyal

Honorary Secretary