



## **THE SUPREME COURT OF SEYCHELLES**

### **PRACTICE DIRECTION No. 3 of 2020**

**To: All Legal Practitioners  
Judges and Magistrates**

In order to ensure compliance with conditions attached to legal practitioners' licenses issued under section 6A(4)(a) – (c), read with section 6(A)(6) of the Legal Practitioners Act, I issue the following practice directive which is effective as of today:

1. All legal practitioners' licenses, unless exempted, are subject to the following conditions imposed in terms of section 6A(4) of the Legal Practitioners Act:
  - a. Legal practitioners must submit an annual audited copy of his/her clients' account.
  - b. Legal practitioners must take legal aid cases as assigned.
2. All audited clients' accounts must demonstrate compliance with the applicable provisions of the Control and Protection of Clients' Accounts Act and the Legal Practitioners (Professional Conduct) Rules.
3. Failure to appear in legal aid matters, and represent legal aid clients diligently, will be recorded and placed on record by the presiding Judicial Officer.
4. Non-compliance with this practice directive and the conditions attached to legal practitioners' licenses will, in terms of section 6A(6) of the Legal Practitioners Act, be considered when the Registrar considers the renewal of legal practitioners' licenses, the suspension of legal practitioners' licenses, the imposition of additional license conditions and any other sanction permitted under the law and Rules of Court.
5. In considering whether a legal practitioner's license shall be granted or renewed the Registrar will also consider the performance and behaviour of legal practitioners including, persistent late and non-attendance at court hearings by the practitioner, expeditious, professional and ethical conduct in the carriage of litigation, behavior that in the opinion of the Registrar indicates substantial doubts that the practitioner will adhere to the standards of conduct required of practitioners in Seychelles.

**Juliana Esticot  
Registrar, Supreme Court of Seychelles  
Dated 21 January 2020.**