

**NOTICE TO ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS REGARDING PRACTICING CERTIFICATES UNDER  
THE LEGAL PRACTITIONERS DECREE 2009**

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**GENERAL**

The Office of the Chief Registrar wishes to inform Legal Practitioners on the **Legal Practitioners Decree 2009** which came into force on the 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2009.

Accordingly, the Office of the Chief Registrar further wishes to inform all relevant persons, especially Legal Practitioners that pursuant to **Part 5** of the **Legal Practitioners Decree 2009** the power to issue Practicing Certificates to all Legal Practitioners is now vested with the Chief Registrar.

Please be informed that the Decree makes provision for a transitional period. In this and according to section 49 of the same Decree those with Practicing Certificates originally issued by the Fiji Law Society for the period February 2009 to February 2010 will now cease to have effect on the 30<sup>th</sup> June 2009.

Accordingly the relevant application forms for new Practicing Certificates can be obtained from the following offices;

<b>SUVA:</b>	Office of the Chief Registrar Judicial Department Government Buildings		
	<b>Telephone contact:</b>		<b>3211481</b>
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<b>LAUTOKA</b>	Lautoka High Court Registry Lautoka High Court		
	<b>Telephone contact:</b>		<b>6660969</b>
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<b>LABASA</b>	Labasa High Court Registry Labasa High Court		
	<b>Telephone contact</b>		<b>8811388</b>
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**FEES**

The fees payable for the renewals for this transitional period are as follows:

- a. **New member just admitted but not in partnership with another member: \$10.00**
- b. **Employed by the Attorney General's Office or other Statutory Department: \$10.00**

- c. Member in employment with a private firm with more than one year but less than 5 years post admission [young lawyers] \$10.00
- d. Sole Practitioner with no associates or employed solicitors and less than 5 years since sole practice commenced: \$10.00
- e. Member in an employment with a private firm with more than 5 years post admission: \$10.00
- f. Sole Practitioner with or without associates or employed solicitors and more than 5 years since sole practice commenced: \$10.00
- g. Partner in a private firm : \$10.00
- h. Employed by a private or publicly listed limited liability company or incorporated body or bank [local or foreign base]: \$10.00

Please be further informed that these fees are applicable for the transitional period only.

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