

SAVANNAH LAW NETWORK MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS

Eligibility for membership of the Association

There shall be 4 (four) types of membership are proposed as follows:

- A. Full Membership;
- B. Associate / General Membership;
- C. Student Membership;
- D. Corporate/ Professional Bodies Membership.

A. Full Membership (Law Firm or Individuals)

Description: It is proposed that this be designed for members who are more interested in referrals and with the capacity to carry out client instructions received from the Network. It is thus proposed that this be restricted to practicing lawyers whose application is tied to that of a law firm. The rationale is that the Full members should be able to execute the client instructions through a registered law firm.

Documents required: All applications to be accompanied by a curriculum vitae of Applicant, a copy of the practicing certificate, certificate of registration and profile of the law firm.

Note: It is proposed that in the future, a short course be introduced by the Council that will be made compulsory for every full member to take before admission as a full member.

Membership fee: Law firm: USD100 (no limit on individual members)
Individuals: USD50

Proposed Eligibility requirements:

- i. Admitted to the Bar or Law society in their respective country;
- ii. Has current practicing certificate;
- iii. Expertise in certain practice area;
- iv. Is employed, or is a partner of a law firm; and
- v. Maximum number of law firms has not been reached in that country.

B. Associate / General Membership

Description: It is proposed that this be designed for individuals who are more interested in networking and receiving information on key issues relating to the SADC Continental Free Trade Area as opposed to referrals. This will be open to all types of lawyers i.e lawyers both in private practice, inhouse counsel, government lawyers, retired lawyers and academicians.

Documents required: Application form, Curriculum Vitae of Applicant, and proof of being in any one of

the categories listed above.

Membership fee: Associate Member: USD25

Proposed Eligibility requirements:

- i. Expertise in certain practice area;
- ii. Is part of a regulatory body in its own country.

C. Student Membership

Description: It is proposed that this be designed for law students enrolled on a part time or full-time basis at a university and the program must eventually lead an undergraduate degree in law. The main benefit for this type of category is the possibility of internship with the Savannah Law Network or any full member of the Network.

Documents required: Application form, Curriculum vitae of Applicant, and proof of enrollment at a higher level institution.

Proposed Eligibility Requirements

- i. Proof of being enrolled at a higher level institution.

Note:

- The Association at a General Meeting may establish additional or alternative categories of membership.
- The Application process can be two staged. First step online application and second step virtual interview.

Membership Fee: Nil.

D. Corporate/ Professional Bodies Membership

Description: It is proposed that this be designed for any companies and/or professional bodies that have an interest in rendering niche services in cross border transactions to be referred by the Savannah Law Network.

Proposed Eligibility requirements:

- i. Expertise in certain practice area;
- ii. Is part of a regulatory body in its own country.

Membership Fee: USD100