



OUR REF.

THE CHIEF REGISTRAR
HIGH COURT OF FIJI
GOVERNMENT BUILDINGS
SUVA, FIJI

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DATE:

30th October 2012

Dear Legal Practitioners,

Re: Notice pursuant to the Legal Practitioners (Amendment) Decree No. 53 of 2012

Take note that as per the amendment, all legal practitioners or law firms who have entered into a contingency agreement with their clients with respect to fees upon the award or settlement or value of any property recovered in any proceeding or any claim by or on behalf of the client been transferred to their trust account **must** transfer the said monies from the trust account to their clients within 7 days after deducting not more than ten percent of the award or settlement amount.

Thereafter, within 7 days after the transfer of the amount to the client all law firms or legal practitioners should file an affidavit in the High Court. The affidavit should contain the following particulars:

- a) Certified true copy of the agreement entered with the client
- b) Documentary evidence of the total amount of any award or settlement or the value of any property recovered in any proceeding or claim by or for on behalf of the client received into the trust account of the legal practitioner or law firm
- c) Documentary evidence of the amount of deductions made from the total amount of any award or settlement or the value of any property recovered in any proceeding or claim by or for or on behalf of the client.
- d) Documentary evidence of the total amount transferred or paid to the client.

Any legal practitioner or law firm who fails to comply with the above shall be guilty of an offence and shall be liable upon conviction to a fine not exceeding \$50,000 or to a term of imprisonment not exceeding 5 years, or to both.

A copy of affidavit should be copied to the Chief Registrar's office.

Mohammed Saneem [Mr.]
Acting Chief Registrar, Judicial Department