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New Leadership...

I am happy to announce new leadership at the Law Society Council. There was one vacancy in the Bulawayo constituency and Councillor Ndabezinhle Mazibuko retained his seat unopposed. As such there are no new faces in Council. However Council met on the 23rd of January 2017 and elected new Presidium. Councillor Misheck Hogwe was elected the President, while Councillor Thandaza Masiye-Moyo was elected the Vice President. I wish to congratulate the new Presidium and wish them a successful term of office. I would also wish to convey special thanks to Councillor Vimbai Nyemba and Councillor Chaka Mashoko the outgoing presidium for their commitment and visionary leadership. Councillor Vimbai Nyemba and Councillor Chaka Mashoko are still seating in Council as Councillors.

**Misheck Hogwe
President**



**Thandaza Masiye-Moyo
Vice President**

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Notices

1. Reminder...

When depositing funds in any of The Law Society of Zimbabwe's bank accounts kindly remember to put your law firm name on the bank deposit slip as opposed to putting an individual's name. We often have challenges linking your payments to your law firms in instances where the depositor, often a messenger or clerk, puts his/her name.

In addition, we remind you to scan and send the proof of payments either by email to lu-cy@lsz.co.zw or hand deliver to our offices.

For those members who have signed acknowledgements of debts please do the honourable lawyerly thing by settling your dues on or before the agreed due date.



New Leadership....

Here is the full line up of council by constituency,		
Harare	President	Misheck Hogwe
	Councilor	Wellington Magaya
	Councillor	Tatenda Mawere
	Councillor	Vimbayi Nyemba
Minister's Representative		Simplicius J Chihambakwe
Minister's Representative		V. Mabhiza/Nominee
Bulawayo	V. President	Thandaza Masiye-Moyo
	Councillor	Ndabezinhle Mazibuko
	Councilor	Godfrey Nyoni
Gweru	Councilor	Chaka Mashoko
Mutare	Councilor	Blessing Nyamaropa

We also advise that the trustees of the compensation fund were re-elected unopposed at the last AGM. These are:

Promise Ncube

Gloria Mawarire

Rodgers Matsikidze

Opening of 2017 Legal Year...



January 16 witnessed the opening of the 2017 legal year. We are happy to have received special mention during the opening of the Legal Year whereat the Chief Justice acknowledged our relationship as a profession with the Judiciary. The sustenance of this cordial working relationship has seen continued productive and mutually beneficial dialogue between the profession and judiciary.

We are particularly pleased to note that the Chief Justice (CJ) continued his truthful and candid approach to matters of judges' performance. We believe such an approach is progressive as it correctly informs on appropriate strategies to be adopted in resolving performance shortfalls. We are equally encouraged to note the improvement in the performance of the judges as highlighted in the CJ's speech. We however remain concerned over the number of ex tempore judgments coming from the Superior Courts. We emphasise the need for judges to write judgments. As the CJ observed ex tempore judgments do not improve our jurisprudence. On that note we congratulate the JSC for producing their first ever set of law reports. This is a significant milestone in the development of our law. The spectre of courts making contradictory judgments was always too ghastly to contemplate, but yet it was a reality in the absence of written and reported judgments. Inferior courts risked overruling albeit unwittingly judgments of superior courts.

We also took note that the CJ's speech took the form of a valedictory address. We acknowledge that the CJ took over the reigns at a turbulent time. Sadly his departure also appears to have brewed another storm. We hope the matters of his succession shall be resolved in a way that won't bring the judiciary into disrepute. **Fare thee well Hounorable Chief Justice Godfrey Guwa Chidyausiku**