

Date: 24 April 2019

The Secretary, Mr Shehu Balam,
The High Level Committee of Experts,
9th floor, Astor Court Building,
Lislet Geoffroy Street,
Port Louis.

Sir,

The Mauritius Law Society ("TMLS") would like to make an addendum to the Memorandum which it submitted on 15 April 2019.

TMLS suggests that the relevant laws be amended so that whenever a law practitioner is found guilty of any offence involving fraud, dishonesty and/or violence, the clerk of the Court where the conviction has been pronounced should inform the Attorney General and the Council of which the law practitioner is a member, of such conviction.

The reason behind this is that often times we read in newspapers that a law practitioner is being prosecuted for an offence but the Councils are not formally informed of such prosecution or of the outcome thereof. Council members rely on the press to know when a law practitioner is being prosecuted or has been convicted.

There is no duty on a law practitioner who has been convicted to inform his/her council of his/her conviction. It is high time that the Councils be informed of convictions of their members to allow them to take disciplinary action against the members who have been found guilty.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. S. Murday', written over a horizontal line.

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