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Revised Application for Refund of Bank Charges and Audit Fees Form

The purpose of this communication is to advise the Legal Practitioners, Registered Auditors, and all relevant stakeholders that the Application for refund of bank charges and audit fees form (form) was revised during 2022.

In terms of section 57(2) of the Legal Practice Act No. 28 of 2014 (the Act), the Fund may be utilised for the following purposes:

a) refunding the bank charges or any portion thereof paid by any attorney, or an advocate referred to in section 34(2)*(b)* in relation to the keeping of a trust account referred to in section 86(2) and (3).

c) paying the audit and inspection costs or a portion thereof incurred by an attorney or advocate in relation to the obtaining of a Fidelity Fund certificate.

The revised application for refund of bank charges and audit fees form must be used for the purpose of claiming recoverable bank charges and audit fees referred to in section 57(2)(a) and (c) of the Act.

This revised form must also be used for claims in respect of financial period ending after 1 March 2021. This form has been updated to indicate separately and in total:

- trust interest earned from all section 86 trust accounts, in terms of section 86(5) of the Act.
- recoverable bank charges incurred on section 86(2) and section 86(3).

The revised form can be completed digitally, but **electronic signatures are NOT permitted**.

The revised application for refund of bank charges and audit fees form can be found on the LPFF's website using the following URL: https://www.fidfund.co.za/trust-accounts/

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