# LAW PRACTITIONERS VOCATIONAL COURSE – LM521 (ATTORNEYS, BARRISTERS and NOTARIES)

# 1. Objectives

The Law Practitioners Vocational Course offers high-quality training in legal principles from a practical perspective with an emphasis on legal techniques, reasoning and ethics. It aims at preparing candidates for either of the three streams (Attorneys, Barristers and Notaries) of legal practice existent in Mauritius. It has been designed in compliance with The Law Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2011 (Act No. 30 of 2011). Courses shall be taught in both English and French in line with the hybrid nature of the Mauritian legal system.

# 2. Course Requirements

Candidates should hold an LLB (Hons) with at least a Second Class, Second Division or a Maîtrise en Droit/Masters 1 (Mention: Assez Bien) or a law degree as stipulated in The Law Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2011 or any other qualifications deemed acceptable by the Council for Vocational Legal Education.

#### 3. Course Duration

The Law Practitioners Vocational Course will be offered on a full-time basis and should be of a maximum of twelve months' duration.

#### 4. Course Conditions

- (i) The Law Practitioners Vocational Course shall consist of 3 levels for each stream:
  - 1. Foundation
  - 2. Advanced
  - 3. Professional Practice
- (ii) Each level is divided into modules as prescribed by the Second Schedule of The Law Practitioners (Amendment) Act 2011 and by the syllabus of the CVLE.

# 5. List of Subjects

# (i) FOUNDATION (Attorneys, Barristers and Notaries)

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CPLS 6001 Introduction to Mauritian Law CPLS 6002 Criminal Law: Practical aspects CPLS 6003 Droit Civil Approfondi

#### (ii) ADVANCED (Attorneys and Barristers)

CPLS 6004 Administrative and Constitutional Law

CPLS 6005 Arbitration and Mediation

CPLS 6006 Civil Procedure

CPLS 6007 Commercial and Business Law

CPLS 6008 Criminal Procedure

CPLS 6009 Evidence

CPLS 6010 Family Law

#### (iii) ADVANCED (Notaries)

CPLS 6007 Commercial and Business Law

CPLS 6011 Civil Procedure (Notaries)

CPLS 6012 Practical aspects of Family Law

CPLS 6013 Practical aspects of the Law of Immovable Property

CPLS 6014 Revenue and Taxation Laws

# (iv)PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (Attorneys and Barristers)

CPLS 6015 Conferencing

CPLS 6016 Drafting of Legal Documents

CPLS 6017 Ethics

CPLS 6018 Opinion Writing

CPLS 6019 Advocacy

# (v) PROFESSIONAL PRACTICE (Notaries)

CPLS 6015 Conferencing

CPLS 6016 Drafting of Legal Documents

CPLS 6017 Ethics

CPLS 6018 Opinion Writing

CPLS 6020 Rédaction des Actes

CPLS 6021 Responsabilité Notariale

CPLS 6022 Tenue de l'Office Notariale

#### 6. Course Plan

# **PART 1- Prospective Law Practitioners (Compulsory for all)**

Subjects	Hours/ Year		
	Attorneys/ Barristers/ Notaries		
Introduction to Mauritian Law	10		
Criminal Law: Practical Aspects	10		
Droit Civil Approfondi	10		
TOTAL	30		

Subjects		Hours/ Year			
	Attorneys	Barristers	Notaries		
Conferencing	30	30	30		
Drafting of Legal Documents	30	30	30		
Ethics	15	15	15		
Opinion Writing	30	30	30		
TOTAL	105	105	105		

# **PART II- Prospective Barristers and Attorneys**

Subjects	Hours/ Year	
	Attorneys	Barristers
Administrative and Constitutional Law	30	30
Advocacy	30	30
Arbitration and Mediation	30	30
Civil Procedure	60	45
Commercial and Business Law	60	60
Criminal Procedure	30	45
Evidence	30	30
Family Law	30	30
TOTAL	300	300

# **PART III- Prospective Notaries**

Subjects	Hours/ Year	
	Notaries	
Civil Procedure	45	
Commercial and Business Law	60	
Practical Aspects of Family Law	30	
Practical Aspects of the Law of Immovable Property	54	
Rédaction des Actes	30	
Responsabilité Notariale	30	
Revenue and Taxation Laws	39	
Tenue de l'Office Notariale	12	
Total	300	

Stream	No of hours for			Total No. of
	Foundation	Advanced Level	Professional	Hours
	Level	Level	Practice	
			Level	
Attorneys	30	300	105	
Barristers	30	300	105	435
Notaries	30	300	105	