Commencement: 29 June 1998

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS (REGISTRATION) REGULATIONS

Order 20 of 1998

To prescribe for the manner of application for registration and matters incidental thereto.

1. Form and manner of application for a Certificate of Legal Practitioner

(1) An application for a Certificate of Registered Legal Practitioner shall be made to the Law Council in the form set out as Form 1 in the Schedule.

(2) The Law Council may approve or refuse to approve any application made under subsection (1).

2. Fees

(1) The fees shown in the second column of the table below are payable in respect of the matters corresponding thereto in the first column:

a) Temporary Registration	VT 25,000
b) Conditional Registration	VT 25,000
c) Unconditional Registration	VT 50,000
d) Practising Certificate	VT 25,000
e) Temporary Practising Certificate	VT 25,000
f) Appointment of a Notary Public	VT 5,000

(2) Notwithstanding subsection (1) the Law Council may waive any of the fees as it may consider appropriate from time to time.

(3) In respect of applications to which the Law Council does not invoke subsection (2), the relevant fee must be paid prior to the issuing of a Certificate.

3. Certificate of Registered Legal Practitioner

(1) Upon approval of the application, the Law Council shall issue a Certificate of Registered Legal Practitioner in the form set out as Form 3 in the Schedule to the applicant subject to such conditions as the Law Council may see fit to impose.

(2) Prior to issuing a Certificate of Registered Legal Practitioner, the Law Council shall cause details of the application to be entered in the Register.

(3) The Register shall be in the form set out as Form 4 in the Schedule.

(4) The Law Council is solely vested with the authority of entering and/or amending details of the Register.

(5) Except as authorised by the Court, it shall be an offence to alter or amend the Register without prior approval of the Law Council.

4. Notice

(1) Subject to section 2(1), a Registered Legal Practitioner shall –

(a) not less than 14 days prior to the date of his or her Notice of Motion in the Supreme Court publish in a newspaper circulating throughout Vanuatu, notice of his intention to apply for admission to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor and such notice shall be in the form set out as Form 2 in the Schedule;

(b) serve a copy of the notice on the Law Council and the Law Council shall upon receipt of that notice, cause that notice to be published in the Official Gazette.

5. Application for admission to practice

(1) Subject to section 4, an application for admission to practice shall be made to the Chief Justice.

(2) An application under subsection (1) shall –

(a) be made by Notice of Motion in the manner prescribed by the Rules of Court; and

(b) be accompanied by evidence of qualifications for admission.

SCHEDULE

FORM 1

APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION AS A REGISTERED LEGAL PRACTITIONER

I, *A.B.,* employed by [*address of employer]*, hereby apply for a Certificate of Registered Legal Practitioner in the Supreme Court of the Republic of Vanuatu.

1. I was born on ……. 19……..

2. My place of origin is [*if Ni-Vanuatu, state island and village]*.

3. I completed my law degree, or similar qualification, at *[name of Institution]* in *[year completed]*.

4. I provide the following:

   (a) a copy of my law degree or similar qualification;

   (b) evidence of my having been admitted in a foreign jurisdiction *[or proof of having duly completed the required period of supervised employment]*;

   (c) name and address of employer(s) in the last two years.

5. I duly completed the required period of 2 years' supervised employment *[or I have been practicing as a Barrister or Solicitor for …… years]* and now submit the names, addresses and the occupation of two persons, who have known me personally for at least two years and to whom reference may be made as to my character and my suitability and fitness to be admitted as a Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court –

   (a) Name of Referee ……..
   Address ……..
   Occupation ……

   (b) Name of Referee ……..
   Address ……..
   Occupation ……

6. I declare that the above information is correct.

DATED at the day of 20 ….

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(Applicant's Signature)

FORM 2

NOTICE OF INTENTION

Notice is hereby given that a Registered Legal Practitrioner is intended to be admitted to the Supreme Court of the Republic of Vanuatu within 14 days of the date hereof.

The signing of the Bar Roll shall take place at the Supreme Court held at Port Vila.

1.	Name	
2.	Qualifications	
3.	Place of Origin	
4.	Address	

DATED at the day of 20 ….

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(Signature of Applicants)

FORM 3

REPUBLIC OF VANUATU ***[Law Council Logo]*** **REPUBLIQUE DE VANUATU**

Legal Practitioners Act

CERTIFICATE OF REGISTERED LEGAL PRACTITIONER

This is to certify that *[Name]*

Having completed a law Degree at *[University]*

And having fulfilled the requirements of the Law Council of Vanuatu is this day registered as a **LEGAL PRACTITIONER** of the Court of Vanuatu subject to the following conditions:

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DATED this day of 20….

…….. **……..**
Chairman **Secretary**
Law Council **Law Council**

PORT VILA

FORM 4

REGISTER OF REGISTERED LEGAL PRACTITIONERS

1.	Full Name	
2.	Date of Birth	
3.	Place of Origin *(Island/Country)*	
4.	Where obtained Law Degree	
5.	Date of completion of Law Degree	
6.	Date of issuance of Law Degree	
7.	Address of Employer(s) in the last two years	
8.	Date when Application was considered	
9.	Date of Registration	
10.	Serial number of document on file	
11.	Date of admission to other Bars	