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THE COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION ACT, 1989 (ACT NO.1 OF 1989)

THE COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION (ADMISSION OF STUDENTS) REGULATIONS, 2023

Short title

In exercise of the powers conferred upon it by section 22 of the Council of Legal Education Act, 1989, the Council of Legal Education hereby makes the following Regulations -

1. In these Regulations, unless the context otherwise requires-

"Act" means the Council of Legal Education Act, 1989
(Act No. 1 of 1989);

"Council" means the Council of Legal Education
established by section 3 of the Act;

"Director" means the Director of the Sierra Leone Law
School appointed under section 8 of the Act.

2. (1) A person who wishes to be admitted into the Sierra Leone Law School shall submit an application for admission into the Sierra Leone Law School to the Director. Application
for admission.

(2) An application for admission into the Sierra Leone Law School under sub-regulation (1), shall be accompanied by-

- (a) a character reference made by a legal practitioner of at least 15 years of good standing, commencing from his enrolment in the Permanent Register, certifying that the applicant is of good character;
- (b) certified copies of the transcript of the result of the applicant sent directly to the Sierra Leone Law School by the awarding university or other institution;
- (c) proof of payment of such application fee as may be determined by the Council.

Qualification
for admission.

3. (1) A person shall not be qualified for admission under Regulation 2, unless he has obtained -

- (a) a minimum of second class lower with honours degree in law or a joint honours degree law and any other subject awarded by -
 - (i) the University of Sierra Leone;
 - (ii) an accredited university or other institution of higher learning of a Commonwealth country or a country with a legal system analogous to that of Sierra Leone approved by the Council of Legal Education;
- (b) in the following subjects, approved by the Council in accordance with paragraph (d) of section 6 of the Act, -

- (i) a score or grade not below "C", in not more than 2 attempts, in Sierra Leone constitutional law, Sierra Leone legal system, law of contract and criminal law; and;
 - (ii) score or grade not below "C", in not more than one attempt, in law of tort, equity and trusts and land law, in not more than one attempt; and
- (c) he is successful at an entrance -
- (i) examination; and
 - (iii) interview,

conducted by Council of Legal Education.

(2) An entrance examination under sub-paragraph (i) of paragraph (c) of sub-regulation (1) shall include, in the case of an applicant -

- (a) from a foreign university, an examination in Sierra Leone constitutional law and Sierra Leone legal system;
- (b) whose first or official language is not the English language, an English Language proficiency test.

(3) The names of candidates shortlisted for admission into the Sierra Leone Law School after a successful completion of the examination and entrance interview under paragraph (c) of sub-regulation (1) shall be displayed on the notice board and website of the Sierra Leone Law School.

Admissions
Committee.

4. (1) There is hereby established an Admissions Committee comprising the Director, who shall be Chairman and not less than 5 or more than 7 members, appointed by the Council.

(2) The Admissions Committee shall, as Council may consider appropriate, conduct such interviews and entry examinations, for the purposes of making recommendations to the Council for the admission of applicants under sub-regulation (2) of Regulation 2 into the Sierra Leone Law School.

(3) The Council shall, on the acceptance of the recommendations of the Admissions Committee under sub-regulation (2), inform each applicant whose application has been approved, in writing, of his admission into the Sierra Leone Law School.

(4) A successful applicant who receives a letter of admission under sub-regulation (3) shall communicate his acceptance, in writing, within the time specified in the letter and an applicant who fails to communicate within the time so specified shall be deemed to have rejected the offer of admission into the Sierra Leone Law School.

JUSTICE DESMOND BABATUNDE EDWARDS

The Honourable Chief Justice,
Chairman,
Council of Legal Education.

MADE this day of , 2023