

Mauritius Bar Association

From: Mauritius Bar Association <mba@mba.intnet.mu>
Sent: Wednesday, January 20, 2021 5:58 PM
Subject: Motion raised under Rule 3 of the Schedule of the MBA Act
Attachments: Revised Agenda - AGM 2021.pdf; Special Notice - Motion.pdf

Dear friends,

The Council has received notice of motion and matters to be raised at the AGM.

A revised Agenda and a Special Notice are herewith attached.

Regards,
Varuna R Bunwaree Goburdhun
Secretary of the Bar Council

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19th January 2021

To: All members of the Mauritius Bar Association,

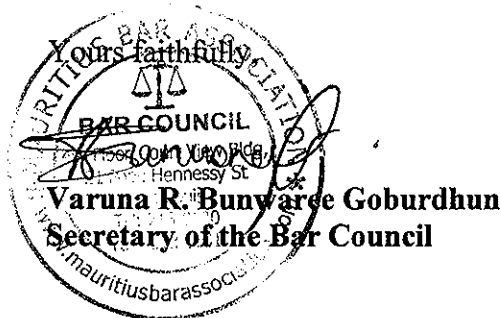
Dear Members,

Re: Annual General Meeting 2021 of the Mauritius Bar Association

You are kindly convened to the Annual General Meeting of the Mauritius Bar Association to be held on **Tuesday 26th January 2021 at 2pm** at the Bar Seat, 4th floor, Court View Building, Pope Hennessy street, Port Louis.

Revised Agenda

1. Approval of the minutes of proceedings of the Annual General Meeting 2020
2. Report of the President
3. Report of the Treasurer
4. Appointment of Auditors
5. Election of the Bar Council (Chairperson & Members)
6. Motion raised under Rule 3 of the Schedule of the MBA Act



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SPECIAL NOTICE

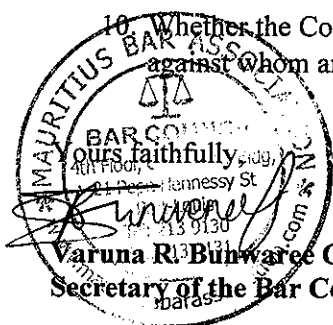
Motion and Matters to be Raised at Annual General Meeting of the Mauritius Bar Association to be held on Tuesday the 26th of January 2021 at 14:00

MOTION

“This Assembly to consider and ratify, with or without amendment, the setting of a full-time post for a member of the bar with at least 3-years’ experience to work for the Mauritius Bar Association on a permanent basis. The scope of duties, responsibilities and salary scale shall be fully defined by the Bar Council and ratify by a special or annual general assembly.”

MATTERS TO BE RAISED

1. The conduct of barristers appearing before our courts and commenting on ongoing proceedings, including commenting on the testimony of witnesses, outside the courtroom;
2. The assault on barristers who were attending a police station to discharge their duties as Counsel;
3. The outcome of the meeting held with the Commissioner of Police and any follow ups thereon;
4. Trade Licence Fees that are to be imposed on Barristers for them to be able to exercise their profession;
5. The request by some Judges of the Supreme Court for the filing of written submissions, before the merits of a case, with, in some instances, barristers are unable to offer viva voce submissions, which is an essential part of discharging their duties.
6. The stance of the Bar Council in respect of Foreign Qualified Lawyers employed in the private sector offering legal advice on Mauritian law;
7. Decorum and Court attire within and outside the courtroom;
8. The criteria used by the Bar Council when opining and/or giving its views to the Council for Vocational and Legal Education on the suitability of a barrister to become a Pupil Master;
9. Whether any representations have been made to the Attorney General on the recommendations on professional discipline as per the Report of the Committee for the Review of Law Practitioners Act and other relevant enactments concerning the legal profession dated 10th March 2020 (commonly known as the Lord Phillips’ report). If such were made, when were they made and what follow up has been undertaken on same;
10. Whether the Council has issued any reprimands or severe reprimands against any barristers and if yes, against whom and for what purpose/nature of breach of etiquette.



Varuna R. Bunwaree Goburdhun
Secretary of the Bar Council