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The Advocates (Special Rank) Regulations. *(Under section 77(1)(f) of the Act.)*

1. Citation.

These Regulations may be cited as the Advocates (Special Rank) Regulations.

2. Special rank to be granted by the President.

(1) The President may, subject to these Regulations, grant to an advocate the special rank of senior counsel.

(2) The notice of the grant shall be published in the *Uganda Gazette*.

3. Attorney General to get the rank automatically.

(1) Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Regulations, upon the appointment of an advocate as the Attorney General, a grant of the rank of senior counsel shall immediately be issued to him or her.

(2) An advocate granted the rank of senior counsel under subregulation (1) of this regulation shall continue to enjoy that rank after ceasing to be the Attorney General.

4. Establishment of committee.

(1) There is appointed a committee to be known as the Advocates (Special Rank) Committee consisting of the Chief Justice who shall be the chairperson of the committee, the Attorney General and the chairperson of the Uganda Law Society.

(2) The secretary to the Law Council shall act as secretary to the committee.

5. Application.

(1) An advocate who has practised as such within Uganda for an aggregate period of ten years or more may apply to the committee for the grant of the rank of senior counsel.

(2) The application referred to in subregulation (1) of this regulation shall be in the form set out in the Schedule to these Regulations.

6. Committee to forward recommendation to Attorney General.

The committee shall, after considering the application and after affording such hearing to the advocate as it may consider necessary, forward its recommendations to the Attorney General for transmission of the recommendations, along with such comments as he or she may wish to make, to the President.

7. Limitation of number.

(1) No more than three advocates shall be granted the rank of senior counsel in anyone year; except that—

- (a) more than three advocates may be granted the rank in anyone year if an advocate granted the rank in any preceding year has died or for any other reason has ceased to enjoy it; but
- (b) in no case shall the number of senior counsel at any time exceed twenty-five.

(2) Subregulation (1) of this regulation shall not apply in the case of the Attorney General.

8. Consequences of the grant of special rank.

(1) A senior counsel shall appear in court in silk gown.

(2) A senior counsel shall not practise before a court below that of a magistrate grade I.

(3) A senior counsel shall not practise without a junior, unless the Law Council, for any sufficient cause, permits him or her to do so.

(4) A senior counsel may appear in court alone, but if he or she appears with his or her junior, the junior shall be entitled to a fee not

exceeding one-third of the fee charged for the brief.

9. Penalty.

If a senior counsel contravenes any of the provisions of the Advocates (Professional Conduct) Regulations, or any of the provisions of regulation 8 of these Regulations then, in addition to any other penalty to which he or she may render himself or herself liable, the President may, on the recommendation of the committee, revoke the grant of the rank of senior counsel.

Schedule.

reg. 5(2).

Application for the Special Rank of Senior Counsel.¹

(Under regulation 5(2) of the Advocates (Special Rank) Regulations.)

1. Name (*in full*) _____
2. Date of birth _____
3. Place of birth _____
4. Nationality _____
5. Home address _____
6. Business address _____
7. Education record (*including any prizes and honours awarded*)

8. Professional qualifications (*with dates*) _____

9. Date of enrollment as advocate _____
10. Professional career/employment record (*with dates*) _____

¹To be submitted in triplicate.

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11. Any other appointments or honours held (*with dates*) _____
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12. Publications (*if any*) _____
13. (a) Do you practise with another or a junior advocate in your chambers? _____
- (b) If so, state his or her name, qualifications and date of enrollment _____
- (c) State whether he or she is full time or part time in your chambers _____
14. Any additional information which may be relevant to this application.

Date

Applicant

History: S.I. 18/1978.

Cross Reference

Advocates (Professional Conduct) Regulations, S.I 267-2.
