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## TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

### **ANNOUNCEMENT: CONFERMENT OF SENIOR COUNSEL STATUS – NATASHA BASSINGTHWAIGHTE**

After delaying the announcement whilst she was acting as a Judge of the High Court, it is now our distinct pleasure to announce that the Bar Council, effective 2 October 2025, conferred Senior Counsel status on **Natasha Bassingthwaighte**.

Bassingthwaighte made substantial contributions to the profession, the administration of justice and empowering others in the process during her distinguished career:

1. She was admitted as a legal practitioner on 22 April 2002 and commenced practicing under the auspices of the Society of Advocates of Namibia on 22 March 2006.
2. During the period 2005 to 2015 she served as co-opted Councillor; Councillor; Vice President and President of the Law Society of Namibia.
3. She also represented the LSN at the International Bar Association.
4. During the period 2005 to 2014 she served as a member of the Board for Legal Education (BLE) and lectured Legal Ethics at the Justice Training Centre for several years.
5. She acted as a Judge of the High Court during 2017 and again for the period 16 September to 12 December 2025.
6. She was Pupil Master to several pupils; served on several ad-hoc committees of the SOA and presented sessions at the Aspirant Judges Training.
7. She served on the Bar Council in the capacities of an ordinary member, Secretary-General and since November 2022 as the President of the Society of Advocates.

The Bar Council congratulates her on the conferment and wishes her continued success and distinction in the practice of law.

Yours faithfully,

**E SHIFOTOKA**  
**Secretary-General**  
**23 January 2026**



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