STBB PRIVACY NOTICE

By providing us with your personal information, you agree to the terms of this Privacy Notice and authorise us to process such information as set out herein.

This Privacy Notice applies to all external parties with whom we interact, including but not limited to individual clients, business partners, visitors to our offices, and other users of our legal and related services (‘you’).

STBB respects the privacy of your personal information and has implemented reasonable measures to ensure that processing of your personal information is aligned to the requirements of the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (‘POPIA’).

In this document we explain how and when we process personal information. If you have questions arising from the processing of information that are not specifically listed herein, you may visit our website at www.stbb.co.za, or contact us on info@stbb.co.za for assistance. STBB may review and update this Privacy Notice from time to time.

Highlighted terms used in this Notice are explained in Annexure A.

1. THE INFORMATION WE COLLECT AND RECORD

1.1 As a matter of course, to manage a legal enquiry or transaction in which we act or have received instruction or are involved with in any way, we request, receive, store and record personal information of data subjects.

1.2 We collect and record only the minimum personal information that is required for us to attend to the matter.

1.3 When you use our APP, STBBDirect, additional detail is collected and recorded, as necessary for your use thereof, and these are described in our APP Disclaimer and APP Privacy Policy. (insert hyperlinks).

1.4 In addition, if you are not involved in a matter that we are attending to, but approach us via our website at www.stbb.co.za, or you are a subscriber to any of our publications, we will collect and retain your email address and additional details you provided when submitting the enquiry to us.

1.5 If you browse our website and/or download any information, we will not record any of your personal details. These details are recorded in our website terms and conditions.

1.6 We may collect or obtain your personal information:

1.6.1 directly from you;

The Big Small Firm

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1.6.2 in the course of our business relationship with you;
1.6.3 in the course of providing legal and related services to you;
1.6.4 when you make your personal information public;
1.6.5 when you visit and/or interact with our website or our social media platforms;
1.6.6 when you register to access our legal and related services including but not limited to newsletters, legal updates, STBBDirect, and similar services and products that we offer;
1.6.7 when you visit our offices; and
1.6.8 from third parties (eg, law enforcement authorities).

1.7 We may record personal information about you such as records of your communications and interactions with us, including, but not limited to, your attendance at events or at interviews in the course of applying for a job with us, subscription to our newsletters and other mailings and interactions with you during the course of digital or 'in person' marketing campaigns.

2. BUSINESS OPERATIONS: WHEN WILL WE USE OR SHARE YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

2.1 We treat your personal information as confidential and only use, share, record or delete it as is required by law, our profession and/or as lawfully instructed by you.

2.2 We primarily use your personal information only for the purpose for which it was originally or primarily collected. We will use your personal information for a secondary purpose only if such purpose constitutes a legitimate interest for you or for us and is closely related to the original or primary purpose for which your personal information was collected. We may subject your personal information to processing during the course of various activities, including:

2.2.1 Operating our business;
2.2.2 Analysis, evaluation, review and collation of information in order to determine legal issues and potential disputes, provide legal advice and preparing or commenting on opinions, agreements, correspondence, reports, publications, documents relating to legal proceedings and any other documents and records;
2.2.3 Compliance with the law and specifically fraud prevention and the combatting of money laundering;
2.2.4 Transfer of information to our service providers and operators, such as Mailchimp which we use to send our newsletters; LegalSuite which hosts our client data records, and others) as part of our business operations, and more;
2.2.5 For recruitment purposes;
2.2.6 For relationship management and marketing purposes in relation to our services (including, but not limited to, processing that is necessary for the development and improvement of our legal and related services), for accounts management, and for marketing activities in order to establish, maintain and/or improve our relationship with you and with our service
2.3 In addition, we may process your personal information for statistical purposes and for internal management and management reporting purposes, including but not limited to: conducting internal audits, conducting internal investigations, implementing internal business controls, providing central processing facilities, for insurance purposes and for management reporting analysis.

2.4 We may process your personal information for safety and security purposes.

2.5 We may share certain personal information with other institutions as part of our service rendering or as legally required, such as sharing information with the deeds registries in South Africa, the Receiver of Revenue, local authorities, the courts, sheriffs and the like. We only share such personal information as are required for purposes of fulfilling our mandate are prescribed by law.

2.6 Where we need to process your special personal information, we will do so in the ordinary course of our business, for a legitimate purpose, and in accordance with applicable law.

3. OTHER PROCESSING OF YOUR PERSONAL INFORMATION

3.1 We are required to ensure that we hold correct and updated personal information and hence may need to update your personal information from time to time, and request your assistance in doing so. We may for that purpose contact you via email or telephonically, or via any other contact form that we have for you.

3.2 We will:
   3.2.1 not sell or give your personal information away, use it, other than in terms of this policy;
   3.2.2 retain your personal information only for as long as we are required by law to do so.

4. YOUR RIGHTS IN RESPECT OF THE PERSONAL INFORMATION THAT WE PROCESS

4.1 You may at any time request us to delete your information or to refrain from using it. If the information is required by us for purposes of a transaction, then we will not be able to complete the transaction on your behalf. Also, if we are by law required to retain the information, we will not be able to delete it.

4.2 You may further unsubscribe from any of our electronic material by clicking on the unsubscribe option provided or by contacting us at the addresses listed on page 1 in the Introduction. In that event we will remove your details from that database, in a secure way.

4.3 You may otherwise ask us to delete any information we have about you but we might refuse if we need your personal information to protect our rights, or if the law obliges us to keep it. In
these circumstances, if we refuse to delete your personal information, we will advise you of the fact that we did not delete the personal information and provide you with a reason therefor.

4.4 You may enquire from us about your personal information that we have, and how, if at all, it was used and shared or otherwise dealt with by us.

5. SECURITY BREACH
5.1 We have specialized and strict measures in place to make sure that our information systems are not breached.
5.2 However, should a breach occur, we will ascertain how and where the breach occurred and make sure that the exposed area is repaired immediately.
5.3 We will ascertain which data has become vulnerable as a result and notify you if the breach may affect you and assist you to minimize any potential damages that you may suffer as a result.
5.4 Because the internet is an open system, the transmission of information via the internet is not completely secure. Although we will implement all reasonable measures to protect your personal information that is in our possession, we cannot guarantee the security of any information transmitted using the internet and we cannot be held liable for any loss of privacy occurring during the course of such transmission.

6. DISCLOSURE OF PERSONAL INFORMATION TO THIRD PARTIES
6.1 We may disclose your personal information to our associates, operators and service providers, for legitimate business purposes, in accordance with applicable law and subject to applicable professional and regulatory requirements regarding confidentiality. In addition, we may disclose your personal information -
6.1.1 if required by law;
6.1.2 legal and regulatory authorities, upon request, or for the purposes of reporting any actual or suspected breach of applicable law or regulation;
6.1.3 third party Operators (including, but not limited to, data processors such as providers of data hosting services and document review technology and services), located anywhere in the world, subject to 6.2;
6.1.4 where it is necessary for the purposes of, or in connection with, actual or threatened legal proceedings or establishment, exercise or defence of legal rights;
6.1.5 to any relevant party for the purposes of the prevention, investigation, detection or prosecution of criminal offences or the execution of criminal penalties, including, but not limited to, safeguarding against, and the prevention of threats to, public security;
6.1.6 to any relevant third party acquirer(s), in the event that we sell or transfer all or any portion of our business or assets (including, but not limited to, in the event of a reorganization, dissolution or liquidation); and
6.1.7 to any relevant third party provider, where our Website uses third party advertising, plugins or content.

6.2 If we engage a third party Operator to process any of your personal information, we recognise that any Operator who is in a foreign country must be subject to a law, binding corporate rules or binding agreements which provide an adequate level of protection similar to POPIA. We will review our relationships with Operators we engage and, to the extent required by any applicable law if force, we will require such Operators to be bound by contractual obligations to -
6.2.1 only Process such Personal Information in accordance with our prior written instructions; and
6.2.2 use appropriate measures to protect the confidentiality and security of such Personal Information.

7  INTERNATIONAL TRANSFER OF PERSONAL INFORMATION

7.1 We may transfer your personal information to recipients outside of the Republic of South Africa.
7.2 Subject to 6.2, Personal Information may be transferred outside of the Republic of South Africa provided that the country to which the data is transferred has adopted a law that provides for an adequate level of protection substantially similar to POPIA, the Operator/third party undertakes to protect the Personal Information in line with applicable data protection legislation and the transfer is necessary in order to provide the legal and other related services that are required by STBB's clients.

8.  DATA ACCURACY

The Personal Information provided to STBB should be accurate, complete and up-to-date. Should Personal Information change, the onus is on the provider of such data to notify STBB of the change and provide STBB with the accurate data.

9.  DATA MINIMISATION

STBB will restrict its processing of Personal Information to data which is sufficient for the fulfilment of the primary purpose and applicable legitimate purpose for which it was collected.
10. **DATA RETENTION**

STBB shall only retain and store Personal Information for the period for which the data is required to serve its primary purpose or a legitimate interest or for the period required to comply with an applicable legal requirement, whichever is longer.

11. **DIRECT MARKETING**

11.1 We may process your personal information for the purposes of providing you with information regarding services that may be of interest to you. You may unsubscribe for free at any time.

11.2 If you currently receive marketing information from us which you would prefer not to receive in the future please email us at info@stbb.co.za.

12 **CONTACT DETAILS**

You may contact us at:
The Data Protection Officer - [info@stbb.co.za](mailto:info@stbb.co.za)
Tel number: 021 406 9100

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ANNEXURE A - DEFINITIONS

"Associates" means STBB's shareholders, STBB's subsidiaries and the directors, employees and consultants of STBB or of any of its subsidiaries.

"Cookie" means a small file that is placed on your device when you visit a website. In this Policy, a reference to a "Cookie" includes analogous technologies such as web beacons and clear Graphic Interchange Format files ("GIFs").

"Data subject" means a person to whom personal information relates.

"Operator" means any person or entity that processes personal information on behalf of the responsible party.

"Personal Information" means information that is about any individual, or from which any individual is directly or indirectly identifiable, in particular by reference to an identifier such as a name, an identification number, location data, an online identifier or to one or more factors specific to the physical, physiological, genetic, mental, economic, cultural or social identity of that individual.

"POPIA" means the Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013.

"Process", "Processing" or "Processed" means anything that is done with any personal information, whether or not by automated means, such as collection, recording, organisation, structuring, storage, adaptation or alteration, retrieval, consultation, use, disclosure by transmission, dissemination or otherwise making available, alignment or combination, restriction or destruction.

"Responsible Party" means the entity that decides how and why personal information is processed.

"Special personal information" means personal information about race or ethnicity, political opinions, religious or philosophical beliefs, trade union membership, physical or mental health, sexual life, any actual or alleged criminal behaviour.

"Service provider" – third party providers of various services whom we engage, including, but not limited to, providers of information technology, com