



ZIMBABWE EZEKIEL GUTI UNIVERSITY
FACULTY OF LAW, BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE AND ECONOMICS
EXAMINATION PAPER

COURSE CODE :LLB 511
COURSE TITLE : ACCOUNTING FOR LEGALPRACTITIONERS
DURATION :3 Hours
DATE : 08 APR 2025

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES:

1. This question paper comprises of two printed pages.
2. This question paper comprises of four questions.
3. Answer all questions.
4. Start each question on a new page of your answer sheet

Question 1

- a) Husband and wife established a law firm and are currently operating as equal partners.
- b) At some point this year one of their clients approached the law firm requesting money that was due to them.
- c) Two weeks later the client had not been paid prompting the client to approach the wife to enquire about the late payment alleging the husband had not made the payment.
- d) The wife became suspicious and approached the husband requesting access to the trust account and the husband assured her that everything was under control and she needs not concern herself with the trust account.
- e) The wife stopped pursuing the issue only to discover a few weeks down the line that the client had not been paid and had approached the Law Society of Zimbabwe in a bid to recover her money.
- f) The Law Society has since escalated the issue to the disciplinary tribunal.

Opinion sought

- a) Whether there is individual or collective liability. [5 marks]
- b) Wife's rights and liabilities. [5 marks]
- c) Legal implications of failing to supervise the trust account [5 marks].
- d) Legal implications for the Law Society Compensation Fund [5 marks]

Question 2

- a) Making reference to the famous novel by renowned legal author John Grisham titled "The Partner" list any twenty (20) cases of unprofessional, dishonourable or unworthy conduct which may have been committed by any of the lawyers. [10 marks]
- b) Making reference to decided Zimbabwean and South African case law under what circumstances may *costs de bonis propriis* be granted against a legal practitioner? [10 marks]

Question 3

In most law firms in Zimbabwe accounting and book keeping is done by professional secretaries or accountants. Discuss the justification for teaching law students Accounting for Legal Practitioners as a core course. [10 marks]

Question 4

Summarise the facts and the law in the following matters involving legal practitioners.

- a) Law Society of Zimbabwe v Chiutsi [5 marks]
- b) Law Society of Zimbabwe v Mugadza [5 marks]
- c) Law Society of Zimbabwe v Gunje [5 marks]
- d) Law Society of Zimbabwe v Murambasvina [5 marks]
- e) Law Society of Zimbabwe v Chimuriwo [5 marks]

****END OF PAPER****

0/50AM