Guidelines on use of Digital Devices during the 2016 Session of the Part A Bar Examinations

General Guidelines:

1. All communications devices must be switched off and placed in a designated spot during the examinations.

2. A candidate may bring and use one of the following digital devices: (a) a portable computer (e.g. a laptop or notebook computer); or (b) a tablet computer (e.g. iPad, Samsung Tab).

3. A candidate must use the digital device only for the purposes of accessing legislation, notes and materials previously stored in the device. He/she must not use or attempt to use the digital device to communicate with external parties; to access the Internet or to store the examination questions or his answers. All wifi and bluetooth connections must be turned off.

4. A candidate must ensure that his/her digital device is adequately charged for the entire duration of the paper. As a precautionary measure, a candidate should consider bringing a spare battery. A candidate will not be allowed to leave the examination hall to charge his digital device. To facilitate inspection, all forms of removable casing must be removed from the digital devices when used in the examination hall.

5. A candidate should be adequately prepared in case his/her digital device fails during the examinations. No allowance (e.g. extension of time etc.) will be made on account of a candidate’s failed digital device.

6. A candidate must cooperate with the invigilators inspecting the digital device.

7. A candidate will be required to declare that he/she has understood these guidelines, which will form part of the examination regulations.

8. A candidate caught violating these guidelines may be disqualified from sitting for the examinations, and may be required to leave the examination hall immediately. The candidate’s digital device may also be retained for investigations.

Specific guidelines for notebook computers:

1. All computers which are 3G-enabled or 4G-enabled (LTE), which allow the use of a SIM card are not allowed.

2. No dongles, thumb drives or portable hard disk drives should be attached to the computer. Candidates should use a wired mouse and/or keyboard instead of a wireless mouse and/or keyboard if that requires a dongle.