

FIJI MEDIA COUNCIL

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR THE PROVISION OF LEGAL SERVICES: FMC_GLS_1/2023

OBJECTIVE OF THE EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

The objective of this EOI is to solicit the services of a legal firm to provide advice to the FMC on all matter relating to the development of the media industry in Fiji in pursuant of the:

- Universal Declaration of Human Rights
- Covenant on Civil and Political Rights
- Covenant on Economic, Social, and Cultural Rights
- All International Conventions that protect the rights of women, children, sexual minorities, special needs, migrant workers, etc
- Digital media laws and conventions
- Fiji 2013 Constitution
- International and local case law on media freedom and freedom of expression

SCOPE OF SERVICES & DESCRIPTION OF TASKS

The scope of work assigned will not be limited to the following key areas:

- Provision of regulatory support and legal advice on current, past and future development of the media industry as required by the FMC;
- Drafting of contracts and legal documents pertaining to the mandate of the FMC;
- Vetting of key documents and the provision of advisory to the FMC on all matters relating to the functions and roles of the FMC;
- Negotiate or support negotiations on behalf of the FMC if assigned;
- Litigate or support litigation on behalf of the FMC

REQUIRED QUALIFICATION & LEVEL OF EXPERIENCE

- Must have a valid practicing license in Fiji with at least 10 years of experience in litigation, with all other lawyers in the firm holding a valid practicing license;
- Members of the firm must to be in compliance with the requirements of the Legal Services Act 2009 and not have any disciplinary issue with the LPU in past or present;
- Must have at least five years of experience and substantive knowledge of media, human rights, and digital media laws in Fiji and abroad;
- Civic education experience in human rights, media, and/or digital media issues will be an advantage;
- Must have at least five years of experience in informal complaints mechanism;
- Firms to disclose any conflict of interest or potential conflict of interest;
- Firms to disclose if in the process of bankruptcy or being wound up;

DURATION OF THE ASSIGNMENT

The duration of this EOI will span over the period of two years and must re-apply at the lapse of the duration of their appointment.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

The appointed legal firm will report to the FMC and assigned to work with the full council members or the committee of public representatives.

CURRENCY

All currency expressed in the EOI must be in Fiji dollar (FJD)

DEADLINE: March 11, 2024

ENQUIRIES For all enquiries or more information, please contact FMC on

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