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FOR ACTION
Legal Aid SA: Regional Operations Executives
Justice Centre Executives
High Court Unit Managers
Other Legal Aid SA staff
Other: Accredited Judicare Legal Practitioners
Agent Legal Aid Officers at Magistrates’ Courts

FOR INFORMATION
See Annexure “A”

Dear Sir/Madam

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AMENDMENTS TO THE LEGAL AID GUIDE 2012
Notice is hereby given that the Board of Legal Aid South Africa has approved the amendments to the 2012 Legal Aid Guide (12th edition). The amendment set out below will come into operation from the 01 July 2013. The underlining of words indicates the insertion of new text.

1. CHAPTER 4
1.1 Paragraph 4.9.2 (d) page 55
4.9.2 (d) Legal aid in protection of elderly

Legal aid may be granted to an elderly person (over 60 years of age), who qualifies in terms of the means test, in a domestic violence matter where it is required to protect the best interest of the elderly and if substantial injustice would otherwise result

2. General amendment to the 2012 Legal Aid Guide

The civil functions and authority of the National Operations Executive are transferred to the Chief Legal Executive. Any reference to Legal Development Executive (LDE) is replaced by reference to Chief Legal Executive (CLE) wherever it appears in the Legal Aid Guide.
Yours faithfully

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