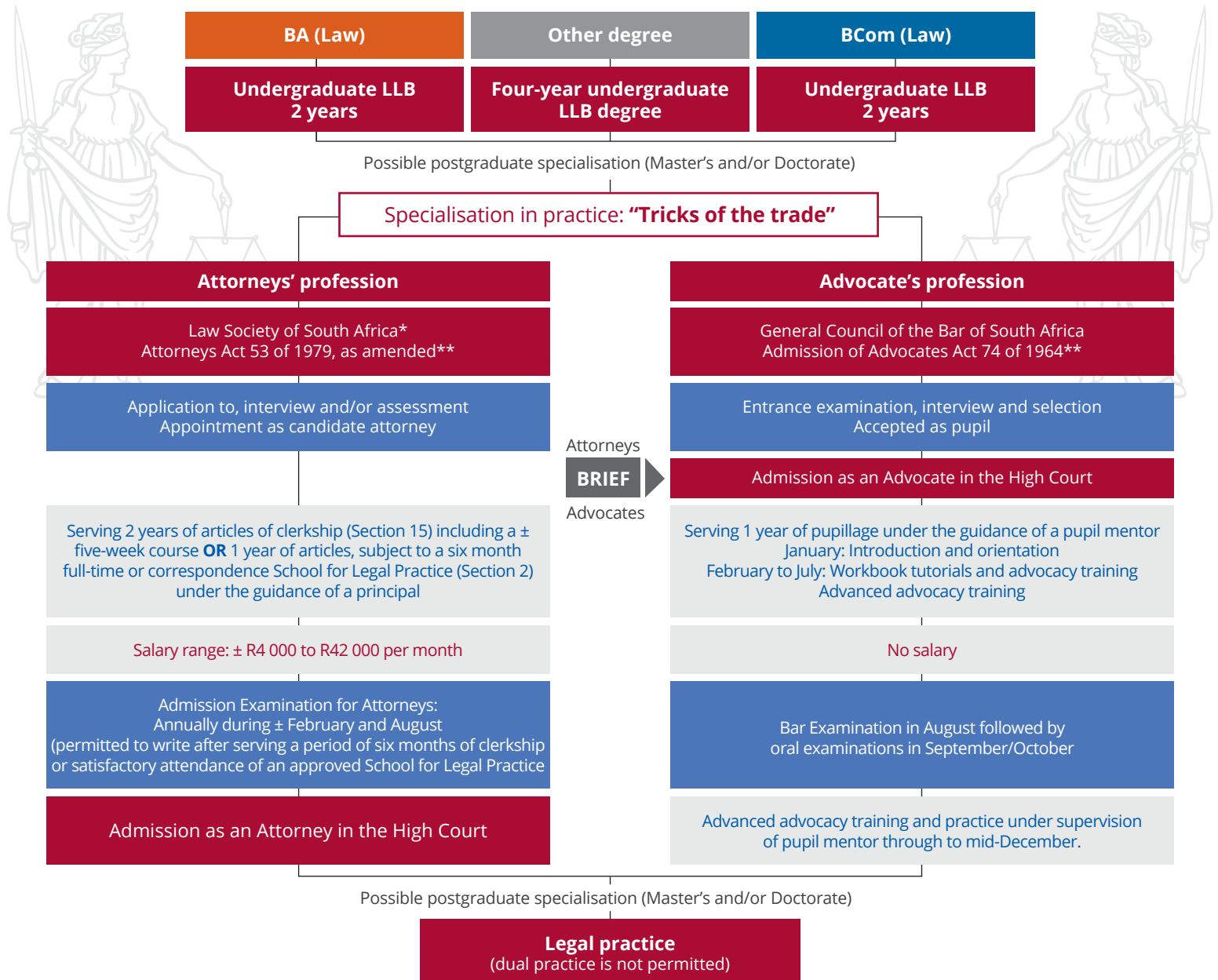


A broad outline of the **Attorneys' profession** versus the **Advocates' profession**



* The Law Society of South Africa brings together its six constituent members – the Cape Law Society, the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society, the Law Society of the Free State, the Law Society of the Northern Provinces, the Black Lawyers Association and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers.

** This document reflects the current situation [June 2017] and excludes the possible implications of the Legal Practice Act, 28 of 2014).

Career opportunities in the **LEGAL profession** with at least an **LLB degree**:

Admission as an attorney or advocate is highly recommended before pursuing careers outside the organised profession!

Officers of the Court	Court Administration	Justice and Constitutional Development	Judiciary	Law Reform Commission	Legal Academics	Legal Aid and Advice
Attorneys	Court Manager	Office of the Chief State Law Adviser	Magistrate: Adjudicates criminal and civil cases in court. They have power to acquit, convict and sentence the accused if found guilty of committing an offence or pass judgments in civil matters. Judge: Presides over criminal, civil and constitutional matters in the High Courts, Supreme Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court.		Law lecturers at the various universities or colleges:	Legal Aid Board
Advocates	Clerks of the Court	State Attorneys		NGOs	Lecturer	Legal Resources Centre/ Justice Centres
Court Orderly	Registrar	Legal Administration Officer		Legal Advisers	Senior Lecturer	Lawyers for Human Rights
National Prosecuting Authority	Maintenance Officer	Master of the High Court		South African Police Service	Associate Professor	Clinics and Para-legals operating in Community Advice Centres
Public Prosecutors	Maintenance Investigator	Office of the Family Advocate		Military	Professor	University Law Clinics
State Advocates	Maintenance Clerk			Correctional Services	Head of a Department or Law School	Para-legal Advice Offices
	Interpreter				Deputy Dean	
	Stenographer				Dean	
	Judge's Clerk					