

## **SUMMARY**

Contingency Fees Act, No 66 of 1997-meaning and effect of-Act intended to be exhaustive of rights of legal practitioners to conclude contingency fee agreements with their clients-impermissible for contingency fee agreements to be entered into outside the parameters of the Act or under the common law-failure to comply with statutory formalities renders fee agreement invalid-attempts to retrospectively validate contingency fee agreements into in violation of the Act impermissible.