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URGENT

NOMINATION OF ATTORNEYS TO ACT AS JUDGES IN THE 3RD AND 4TH TERM OF 2023 DEADLINE TUESDAY 20 JUNE 2023

TO : Our members
FROM : PAA – High Court and RAF Committees

Dear members,

INTRODUCTION

1. You would have read in our feedback memo on the EEC meeting held on 7 June 2023 that the JP and DJP have asked for a list of names of Attorneys who meet the requirements to act as Pro Bono judges for a week during the 3rd and 4th term of this year.
2. Firm were also requested to make their CAs available to assist as registrars to acting judges.
3. This is the only way in which the very clogged trial roll (trial dates currently being allocated for October 2025) can be cleared to, in turn, enable the trials registrar to move dates forward from 2025 to 2024 and allocate more trial dates for 2025, before beginning to allocate dates for 2026.

Executive Committee: Tiaan Joubert (Chairperson); Dawie Bekker (Deputy Chairperson); Vijayta Rana (Secretary); Millie Shantall-Lurie (Treasurer); Manisha Maganbhai-Mooloo (Candidate Attorneys & Bursaries); Thekiso Maodi (Transformation & New Membership); Dawie de Villiers (Lower Courts); Conrad van der Vyver (Road Accident Fund); Francois Bower (Estates & Trusts); Inge Treurnich (Events); André du Plessis (CIPC & Intellectual Property); Nicolette de Witt (High Court); Gareth Shepperson (Liaison & Marketing); Donald Mokgehle (Property Law)

4. The DJP is in the process of finalizing the duty roster for the 3rd term. As such, we wish to provide him with a list of names of attorneys who are willing and able to serve as *pro bono* acting judges and of firms who are willing to assist by volunteering candidate attorneys to act as judges' registrars by no later than coming Thursday 22 June 2023.

REQUIREMENTS TO SERVE AS PRO-BONO ACTING JUDGE

1. It is very important that nominees should be able to effectively deal with matters (RAF trials, default judgments, settlement orders, special Interlocutory applications, and unopposed motions), thereby clearing these rolls. Matters allocated to acting judges for adjudication should, preferably, be finalised by the end of their week on the bench. Reserved judgments should be avoided.
2. Names put forward should be names of attorneys who meet the following minimum requirements:
 - 2.1. More than 10 years post admission as attorney with right of appearance in the High Court;
 - 2.2. Specific experience in litigating in the High Court, preferably dealing with RAF matters;
 - 2.3. Must be in good standing in the profession in general, and with the LPC;
 - 2.4. Must be diligent, hardworking, have integrity, confidence, authority, experience, skill and (very importantly) the ability to prepare well written judgments, where required.

NOMINATION PROCESS: PRO BONO ACTING JUDGES

3. Before nominating a person you need to ensure that they are willing to act, and meet the requirements to be nominated. The following information is required from the person you wish to nominate:
 - Exact date of admission as attorney with right of appearance in the High Court.
 - Confirmation of which weeks, during the 3rd and 4th term, on which the person you wish to nominate is available to act with reference to the table below:

Term 3

- ☐ Week 1: 2023/07/17 - 2023/07/21
- ☐ Week 2: 2023/07/24 - 2023/07/28
- ☐ Week 3: 2023/07/31 - 2023/08/04
- ☐ Week 4: 2023/08/07 - 2023/08/11
- ☐ Week 5: 2023/08/14 - 2023/08/18
- ☐ Week 6: 2023/08/21 - 2023/08/25
- ☐ Week 7: 2023/08/28 - 2023/09/01
- ☐ Week 8: 2023/09/04 - 2023/09/08
- ☐ Week 9: 2023/09/11 - 2023/09/15

Term 4

- ☐ Week 1: 2023/10/02 - 2023/10/06
- ☐ Week 2: 2023/10/09 - 2023/10/13
- ☐ Week 3: 2023/10/16 - 2023/10/20
- ☐ Week 4: 2023/10/23 - 2023/10/27
- ☐ Week 5: 2023/10/30 - 2023/11/03
- ☐ Week 6: 2023/11/13 - 2023/11/17
- ☐ Week 7: 2023/11/20 - 2023/11/24
- ☐ Week 8: 2023/11/27 - 2023/12/01

** Please choose as many as possible week slots to make it easy for the DJP to slot you in for a week.**

4. Click on the link below to access the electronic nomination form, complete the form for every person you wish to nominate.

[Click here: Nomination form PRO BONO ACTING JUDGES 3rd and 4th term 2023](#)

5. Nominations will be accepted from all members of the legal profession (admitted advocates and attorneys) and is not restricted to PAA members only.
6. Nominations will be accepted **until 24:00 on Tuesday 20 June 2023.**
7. Forms received will be collated on Wednesday 21 June 2023 and submitted to the JP and DJP's offices on Thursday 22 June 2023.

VOLUNTEERING OF CANDIDATE ATTORNEYS

8. If your firm can assist with candidate attorney(s) please send an email to the PAA's office ppv@ppv.co.za by **no later than close of business on Tuesday 20 June 2023** noting the following:
 - 8.1. The name of your firm;
 - 8.2. Number of CAs your firm can make available during the 3rd and 4th term to assist as registrars to acting judges;
 - 8.3. Name, email address and mobile number of the person at your firm to be called by the court to make further practical arrangements.
 - 8.4. Emails will be collated into a list to be provided to the JP and DJP's offices on Thursday 22 June 2023.

IN CLOSURE

9. We wish to encourage our members to make use of this opportunity to be of assistance to the court and the profession at large by actively participating in the nomination process, and for qualifying colleagues to accept a nomination to act as *pro bono* judge when asked to do so.

Kind regards

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