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THE PASSING OF FORMER JUDGE PRESIDENT MALHERBE

The Judge President of the Free State Division of the High Court, Judge President Molemela, today learnt of the passing of former Judge President of the Free State Division of the High Court, Judge Jacobus Petrus Malherbe. He passed away on 1 March 2017.

The late Judge Malherbe was born in 1938 and completed his schooling in Bloemfontein in 1955. He subsequently obtained an LLB from the then University of the Orange Free State and was admitted to the Bar in February 1961.

He served in various capacities in the public service as Public Prosecutor and State Advocate before taking up Private Practice at the Free State Bar in 1965. After various stints as Acting Judge between 1981 and 1984 he was permanently appointed on 1 August 1984 as a Judge in the Northern Cape Division of the High Court, and later the Free State Division of the High Court on 1 February 1985.

In April 2001 he was appointed as Judge President of the Free State Division of the High Court, a position he held until he was discharged from service at the age of 70 in January 2008. He served the on the bench for an effective 25 years, 9 months and 10 days.

The funeral will be held at 11h00 on 6 March 2017 at NG Kerk, Heuwelkruin in Bloemfontein.

“The late Judge Malherbe contributed immensely to the development of our jurisprudence and we are deeply saddened by his passing. We wish his family and loved ones strength and comfort during this difficult period,” says Judge President Mahube Molemela. May his soul rest in peace.

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