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SOCIAL MEDIA COMMENTS MADE BY JUDGE MABEL JANSEN

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) notes with concern the public outcry, as well as print and social media coverage of the social media posts attributed to Judge Mabel Jansen, a Judge of the Gauteng Division of the High Court, Pretoria.

All Judges are subject to the Code of Judicial Conduct, which serves as the prevailing standard for judicial conduct which Judges must adhere to.

A complaint of alleged misconduct against a Judge can be lodged with the Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC) by way of an affidavit or an affirmed statement specifying the nature of the complaint and the facts on which the complaint is based. Such a complaint will then be dealt with by the JCC in terms of the JSC Act.

The Secretariat of the JSC has confirmed that a complaint has now been lodged by Adv Vuyani Ngalwana SC in his capacity as the Chairperson of the Advocates for Transformation (Johannesburg) and also in his personal capacity with the JCC regarding the social media posts attributed to Judge Jansen. The JSC urges the public to allow that process to run its course and remain confident that the JCC shall deal with the matter in a just and proper manner.

It is important, however, to inform South Africa that after consultation with Judge Jansen, a proposal for her to go on special leave has been forwarded to the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services for consideration.

Ends.

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