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THE PASSING OF RETIRED JUDGE VAN COLLER

The Judge President of the Free State Division of the High Court, Judge President Molemela, has learnt of the passing of retired Justice Dries van Coller. He passed away after a short illness at the age of 84.

Justice van Coller obtained the degrees B.A and LL.B at the University of the Free State and practiced as an advocate before being first appointed as a Judge in the old Transkei in Umtata in 1980. He was transferred to the Free State Division in 1983.

He acted as a Justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal on several occasions and retired from active service in 2003. By all accounts, Justice van Coller was humble, kind and a conscientious person. He was an asset to the legal profession and made a significant contribution to the rule of law in South Africa.

The Free State Division of the High Court is deeply saddened by his passing. The Judges and support staff of the Division convey their deepest condolences to the late Justice van Coller's family.

He will be buried in Bloemfontein on Friday, 17 November 2017. He is survived by his wife, 4 children and 7 grandchildren.

May his soul rest in peace.

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