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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **THE PASSING OF JUDGE LOUW**

The Judge President of the Gauteng Division of the High Court, Judge President Mlambo, wishes to pass his condolences to the family and friends of Judge André Louw who passed away on 20 April 2017. Judge Louw was a Judge in the Gauteng Division of the High Court.

Judge Louw obtained his LLB at the University of Pretoria in 1982 and his LLM in 1991. He was employed as a judge's clerk during 1980 and, after doing his articles, was admitted as an attorney in 1982.

He practised for a while at White River, where he was also an assistant deputy-sheriff, before joining Rooth & Wessels as an attorney from 1983 until 1987. He joined the Pretoria Bar in 1987 and was awarded senior status in 2004.

Judge André Louw has always been a champion of human rights, as is evidenced, inter alia, by his membership of Lawyers for Human Rights until the dissolution of the Pretoria branch in 1997, his acting as counsel for the LHR in several applications for a stay of execution in death penalty cases, his attending an LLM course in human rights, his attending an advanced international programme on human rights in Sweden, and his acting as substitute lawyer in human rights at the University of Pretoria and as collaborator with the Centre for Human Rights at the University of Pretoria on a United Nations study of the UN Human Rights Treaty System.

Judge Louw was elected to the Pretoria Bar Council on several occasions, and has acted as a Judge in this division on a regular basis before his permanent appointment. He was also a GCB delegate at several workshops and was actively involved in pupil training at the Bar and was a lecturer in ethics.

"We are deeply saddened by Judge Louw's passing. May his family and loved ones find strength and comfort during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace," says Judge President Mlambo.

The funeral will be held on Friday, 28 April 2017.

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