



DIRECTIVE ON CHANGE OF NAME OF THE EAST LONDON CIRCUIT LOCAL DIVISION: EASTERN CAPE DIVISION

WHEREAS, section 7(1) of the Supreme Court Act 59 of 1959 conferred on the Judge President of a provincial division the power to divide, by notice in the *Gazette*, the area under the jurisdiction of that division into circuit courts;

WHEREAS, by Government Gazette 11096 published under Government Notice 48 of 15 February 1988, the then Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division of the then Supreme Court of South Africa gave notice of circuit districts, including the East London Circuit District consisting of the district of East London, into which the Eastern Cape Division was divided, with effect from 09 November 1987;

WHEREAS, in terms of section 7(3) of the Supreme Court Act any circuit district court was to be known as the circuit local division of the district in question and was, for all purposes, deemed to be a local division;

WHEREAS, in the course of time, the East London Circuit District Court acquired the appellation and was referred to as the “*East London Circuit Local Division*”;

WHEREAS, the Superior Courts Act 10 of 2013 which came into operation on 23 August 2013 repealed the Supreme Court Act;

WHEREAS, section 7 of the Superior Courts Act makes provision for the establishment of circuit districts of a Division and a court of each circuit district of a Division is referred to as a “*circuit court*” of the Division;

WHEREAS, in terms of section 50(3) of the Superior Courts Act, any circuit court established under any law repealed by the Superior Courts Act, shall be deemed to have been duly established in terms of the Superior Courts Act as a Circuit Court of the Division concerned;

WHEREAS, the “*East London Circuit Local Division*” is a circuit court of the Eastern Cape Division; and

WHEREAS, in terms of the Directive on Change of Names of Court Seats: Eastern Cape Division of the High Court of South Africa dated 7 September 2022 reference to “*local*” in the names of the seats concerned was done away with.

NOW, THEREFORE:

1. What has hitherto been referred to as the “*East London Circuit Local Division*” shall be identified and referred to as follows:

“IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

(EASTERN CAPE DIVISION, EAST LONDON CIRCUIT COURT)”

2. All relevant court processes and documents shall be headed in accordance with the court name referred to in paragraph 1.
3. This directive shall operate with immediate effect.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S M MBENENGE', is written over a large, hand-drawn circle. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

S M MBENENGE
JUDGE PRESIDENT: EASTERN CAPE
17 OCTOBER 2022