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MEMORANDUM

TO:

1. Judges of the Gauteng Division, Johannesburg
2. Chief Registrar, Gauteng Division, Johannesburg
3. Secretariat – Judicial Case Flow Management, Office of the Chief Justice
4. Registrars – Gauteng Division of the High Court, Johannesburg
5. Legal Practice Council – Gauteng
6. Law Society of South Africa
7. Gauteng Family Law Forum
8. Gauteng Attorneys Association
9. Pretoria Attorneys Association
10. Johannesburg Attorneys Association
11. West Rand Attorneys Association
12. South African Black Women in Law
13. National Association of Democratic Lawyers
14. Black Lawyers Association
15. South African Women Lawyers Association
16. South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association
17. Personal Injury Plaintiff Lawyers Association
18. South African Medico-Legal Association
19. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria and Johannesburg
20. Office of the State Attorneys, Pretoria and Johannesburg
21. Solicitor General
22. Office of the Family Advocate, Pretoria and Johannesburg
23. Legal Aid South Africa
24. Johannesburg Society of Advocates
25. Pretoria Society of Advocates

26. **Gauteng Society of Advocates**
27. **Tshwane Society of Advocates**
28. **Pan African Bar Association of South Africa**
29. **General Council of the Bar of South Africa**
30. **National Bar Council of South Africa**
31. **South African Bar Association**
32. **National Forum of Advocates**
33. **North Gauteng Association of Advocates**
34. **Church Square Association of Advocates**
35. **Advocates for Transformation**
36. **Legal Division of the Department of Health: Gauteng**
37. **Legal Division of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation**
38. **Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development**
39. **Legal Services - Gauteng Provincial Department of Education**
40. **South African Board of Sheriffs**
41. **South African Sheriff Society**
42. **Road Accident Fund**

DATE : 03 March 2026

RE : **SPECIAL MEMORIAL SITTING IN HONOUR OF THE LATE MR JUSTICE LEWIS GOLDBLATT – THURSDAY, 12 MARCH 2026**

Dear Colleagues

1. It is with profound sorrow that we inform the legal community of the passing of the Honourable Mr Justice Lewis Goldblat, who passed away on Thursday, 26 February 2026. He was laid to rest on Friday, 27 February 2026, in accordance with Jewish customs and traditions.
2. Justice Goldblatt served with distinction on the Bench of the Gauteng Division of the High Court, Johannesburg, for many years. He was a jurist of exceptional intellect, unwavering integrity, and deep humanity. His contributions to the development of our jurisprudence, his commitment to the rule of law, and his kindness and collegiality towards all who appeared before him and worked alongside him have left an indelible mark on this Division and on the broader legal profession.
3. In honour of his life and legacy, a Special Memorial Sitting of the Johannesburg High Court will be held as follows:

Date: Thursday, 12 March 2026

Time: 13h00 (promptly)

Venue: Court GC, Johannesburg High Court

Dress: Formal judicial attire/Robes/Formal business attire

4. The sitting will provide an opportunity for the Judiciary, the Bar, the Attorneys' profession, and all who knew and respected Justice Goldblatt to pay tribute to his memory and to celebrate his distinguished career and exemplary service to the administration of justice.
5. Colleagues and members of the legal profession who wish to attend the Special Memorial Sitting are kindly requested to confirm their attendance with my Secretary, Ms Liana Tulleken, via her official email address at SecretaryDJP@judiciary.org.za by no later than Tuesday, 10 March 2026, to facilitate seating and logistical arrangements.
6. All colleagues are strongly encouraged to attend and to join in paying tribute to a remarkable judge and a true gentleman of the law.
7. May his soul rest in peace.

Yours faithfully

*Dictated by the Acting Deputy Judge President
Electronically transmitted, therefore no signature*

T P MUDAU
ACTING DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT