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JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

SHORTLISTED CANDIDATES FOR JUDICIAL APPOINTMENT

This serves as a reminder to the Law Bodies and members of the public to submit comments on the suitability or otherwise of candidates nominated for judicial vacancies. The due date is set for **Friday, 11 September 2026. No comments received after **11 September 2026** will be considered.**

On 5 May 2026 the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) published notices in the media calling for nominations of interested persons to fill vacancies in the following courts – Supreme Court of Appeal, Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court, Competition Appeal Court, Electoral Court, Land Court, Western Cape Division of the High Court, Eastern Cape Division of the High Court, Gauteng Division of the High Court, KwaZulu – Natal Division of the High Court, and Northern Cape Division of the High Court. The closing date for submission of nominations was 5 June 2026.

The following candidates have been shortlisted to be interviewed:

1. Supreme Court of Appeal (3 vacancies)

Judge Gerald Hercules Bloem
Judge Mokgere Busisiwe Shareen Masipa
Judge Ingrid Opperman
Judge Mmathebe Violet Phatshoane
Judge Esther Johanna Sophia Steyn

2. Labour Court and Labour Appeal Court

1 vacancy (Deputy Judge President)

Judge Betty Maletsatsi Mahalelo
Judge Graham Nasious Moshwana

2 vacancies (Labour Appeal Court)

Judge Christina Prinsloo
Judge Benita Whitcher



1 vacancy (Labour Court, Durban) and 1 vacancy (Labour Court, Johannesburg)

Ms Lindiwe Annastacia Gura

Adv Zodwa Dorah Maluleke

Mr Bongani Mgaga

Ms Bhavna Ramji

3. Competition Appeal Court (2 vacancies)

Judge Mfuniselwa Elijah Nkosi

Judge James Dumisani Lekhuleni

4. Electoral Court (1 vacancy of non-Judge member)

No candidate (s) were shortlisted.

5. Land Court (2 vacancies)

Ms Diana Mabasa

Adv Mikateko Joyce Maluleke

Adv Sekgame Shadrack Tebeile

6. Western Cape Division of the High Court (3 vacancies)

Dr Michelle Fiona Adams

Adv Michael Walter Janisch SC

Ms Elzanne Mureen Jonker

Adv Ashley Henri Kantor SC

Adv Zuko Luvo Mapoma

Prof Fareed Moosa

Ms Sharon Mthimunye

Adv Stanley Christopher O'Brien SC

7. Eastern Cape Division of the High Court (1 vacancy of Deputy Judge President)

Judge Fathima Bibi Adam Dawood

Judge Buyiswa Majiki

Judge Vuyokazi Pamella Noncembu

Judge Bulelwa Myra Pakati



8. Gauteng Division of the High Court (4 vacancies)

Mr Jan Petrus Allen
Ms Muvhango Antoinette Lukhaimane
Judge Sandiswa Mfenyana
Adv Jacques Minnaar
Mr Matodzi Brian Nemavhidi
Adv Michelle Van Nieuwenhuizen
Adv Portia Limakatso Nobanda-Mooti SC
Dr Ettian Raubenheimer
Judge Frances Maria Magrietha Reid
Adv Sekgame Shadrack Tebeile

9. KwaZulu – Natal Division of the High Court (1 vacancy)

Ms Jennifer Mary Marion

10. Northern Cape Division of the High Court (1 vacancy)

Adv Andries Daniel Olivier
Ms Janine Adele Snyders
Adv Tandisa Tyuthuza

The shortlisted candidates will be notified of the venue, date and time of the interviews in due course.

Law bodies and any persons who wish to comment on the suitability or otherwise of a shortlisted candidate should address their comments to the Secretariat of the JSC at MSongca@judiciary.org.za; SMthombeni@judiciary.org.za; MaBoke@judiciary.org.za; SiMthethwa@judiciary.org.za and copied to: JSC@judiciary.org.za. Comments in respect of each candidate must be submitted on a separate page in both PDF and Word format and must reach the Secretariat by no later than **11 September 2026**. **Comments received after 11 September 2026 will not be considered.**

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