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JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

JUDICIAL VACANCIES

This serves as a reminder to interested candidates that the closing date for nominations for the vacant judicial positions stipulated hereunder is Monday, 06 December 2021.

On Friday, 05 November 2021 the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) published notices in the media calling for nominations of interested persons to fill 18 vacancies in the various superior courts. The closing date for submission of nominations is set for **06 December 2021**.

1. Constitutional Court

(Two vacancies)

This is a re-advertisement of the two vacancies that occurred following the discharge from active service of Justices SV Khampepe and CN Jafta. The interviews for these vacancies were supposed to take place during the October 2021 sitting of the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) but the JSC postponed them and has now decided to re-advertise the vacancies to allow more candidates to be nominated. Candidates who were already placed on the shortlist to be interviewed in October 2021 need not to be nominated afresh.

2. Competition Appeal Court

One vacancy of Judge President

Three vacancies of Judges

3. Eastern Cape Division of the High Court (Port Elizabeth)

Two vacancies



4. Electoral Court

One vacancy of a Judge. Candidates nominated for this position should be Judges of the Divisions of the High Court.

5. Free State Division of the High Court

One vacancy

6. Gauteng Division of the High Court For Secondment to the Land Claims Court (One vacancy)

Candidates for this vacancy may either be sitting Judges of any of the Divisions of the High Court who may seek to be seconded to the Land Claims Court, or persons who are South African citizens and would, upon appointment as Judges of the High Court, be seconded to the Land Claims Court. Candidates nominated for this position who are not Judges must, for a cumulative period of at least ten years, have practised as Advocates, Attorneys, lectured in law at a University, or by reason of their training and experience, have expertise in the fields of law and land matters relevant to the application of the Restitution of Land Rights Act, 1994.

7. KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court (Pietermaritzburg)

One vacancy of Judge President

Three vacancies

8. Limpopo Division of the High Court

Two vacancies

9. North West Division of the High Court

Judge President

Nominations must be accompanied by the candidate's written consent, detailed *curriculum vitae* disclosing the candidate's formal qualifications for appointment, the standard questionnaire completed and signed by the candidate, as well as copies of at least **three written judgments** by the candidate. The standard questionnaire to be completed by all nominees is available on the South African Judiciary website: www.judiciary.org.za alternatively on the Constitutional Court website: www.constitutionalcourt.org.za. The questionnaire must be accompanied by the



standardized latest “**clearance certificate**” which the candidate is required to obtain from his/her professional body regarding the candidate’s professional status within that body, his or her suitability for appointment to the Bench and the nature of any disciplinary proceedings completed or pending in respect of the relevant candidate.

Candidates nominated for more than one Superior Court must submit a separate nomination letter in respect of each court. The JSC reserves the right to recommend a candidate for the filling of any vacancy which may exist at the time of the interviews. This is to avoid the situation which has arisen in the past when, despite the availability of suitable candidates, no appointments could be made to fill vacancies which had occurred subsequent to the notice calling for nominations. Consequently, in making nominations, regard should be had to the possibility that more judicial vacancies may occur than have been advertised.

The Secretariat wishes to emphasize the following points:

1. Interviews with short-listed candidates will be conducted in public, i.e. members of the public and the media (both electronic and print) will be entitled to be present.
2. It is open to persons or bodies nominating candidates to motivate their nominations by referring the JSC to the candidate’s qualifications and general fitness for appointment.
3. Nominations must be addressed to and reach the Secretariat of the JSC by no later than **Monday, 6 December 2021.**

Interviews will take place during the week of **04 – 08 April 2022** in Gauteng. Candidates who wish to email their nominations are encouraged to do so and need not to hand deliver hard copies. Candidates who wish to hand deliver their nominations could do so either at **188, 14th Road, Noordwyk, Midrand alternatively at the Constitutional Court.**

Applications must be addressed to:

The Secretariat of the JSC

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