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#### **MEDIA STATEMENT**

# JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION **JUDICIAL VACANCIES**

The Judicial Service Commission wishes to invite nominations to fill vacancies of Judges in the following Courts:

### 1. Constitutional Court

One vacancy of a Judge.

### 2. Supreme Court Appeal

Five vacancies of Judges of Appeal

### 3. Competition Appeal Court

- 3.1 One vacancy of Judge President
- 3.2 Three vacancies of Judges

### 4. Electoral Court

- 4.1 One vacancy of Chairperson of the Electoral Court. A candidate nominated for this position should be a Judge of Appeal of the Supreme Court of Appeal.
- 4.2 One vacancy of Judge. A candidate nominated for this position should be a Judge of the High Court.

# 5. Gauteng Division of the High Court for Secondment to the Land Claims Court)

One vacancy of a Judge. A candidate for this vacancy may either be a sitting Judge of the High Court who may seek to be seconded to the Land Claims Court, or a person who is a South African citizen and would, upon appointment as a Judge of the High Court, be seconded to the Land Claims Court. A candidate nominated for this position who is not a Judge must, for a cumulative period of at least ten years, have practised as an Advocate or Attorney or must have lectured in law at a University, or must have, 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.

## 6. Gauteng Division of the High Court

Four vacancies of Judges

## 7. KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court

- 7.1 One vacancy of Judge President
- 7.1 Two vacancies of Judges (Pietermaritzburg).

## 8. Limpopo Division of the High Court

One vacancy of Judge President

### 9. North West Division of the High Court

- 9.1 One vacancy of Deputy Judge President
- 9.2 One vacancy of a Judge

## 10. Western Cape Division of the High Court

One vacancy of a Judge

Nominations must be accompanied by the candidate's written consent to the nomination, 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 if the candidate has acted as a Judge. The standard questionnaire to be completed by all nominees is available on the South African Judiciary website: <a href="www.judiciary.org.za">www.judiciary.org.za</a> alternatively on the Constitutional Court website: <a href="www.constitutionalcourt.org.za">www.constitutionalcourt.org.za</a>.



In order to comply with the Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI), Act 4 of 2013, candidates need not fill his or her personal information (ie identity number, cell phone number and residential address) on both the questionnaire and *curriculum vitae*. Candidates are, however, requested to fill in their personal information on a separate form marked annexure "A" attached to the questionnaire. The questionnaire must be accompanied by the standardized latest "clearance certificate" which the candidate is required to obtain from his/her professional body regarding his or her 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 candidate.

In respect of a candidate who is nominated for positions in more than one Superior Court, a separate nomination letter in respect of each court is required. 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 **Friday**, **17 June 2022**.



Interviews will take place during the week of **03 – 12 October 2022** in Gauteng. Candidates who wish to email their nominations are encouraged to do so and need not hand deliver hard copies. Candidates who wish to hand deliver their nominations may do so either at **188**, **14**<sup>th</sup> **Road**, **Noordwyk**, **Midrand alternatively at the Constitutional Court**, **General Office**, **1 Hospital St**, **Braamfontein**, **2017**.

Applications must be addressed to:

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