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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 Friday, 03 February 2017. Additionally, the JSC has also included a vacancy of Judge President in the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court which will occur in August 2017.

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) invites nominations to fill vacancies as Judges in the following Courts:

### 1. Constitutional Court

One vacancy

This is a re-advertisement of the vacant position that occurred following the discharge from active service of Justice Johan Van der Westhuizen.

# 2. Eastern Cape Division of the High Court

One vacancy (Judge President)
One vacancy in Mthata

#### 3. Electoral Court

One vacancy

Candidates for this vacancy should be South African citizens who are in the legal profession.

#### 4. Labour Court

Two vacancies

# 5. Mpumalanga Division of the High Court

One vacancy (Judge President)

## 6. North West Division of the High Court

One vacancy (Deputy Judge President)
One vacancy

# 7. Northern Cape Division of the High Court

One vacancy (Judge President)
One vacancy (Deputy 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: <a href="www.judiciary.org.za">www.judiciary.org.za</a> alternatively on the Constitutional Court website: <a href="www.constitutionalcourt.org.za">www.judiciary.org.za</a>

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. The questionnaire must be accompanied by the standardized "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.

4. Nominations must be addressed to and reach the Secretariat of the JSC by no later than

Friday, 03 February 2017. Interviews will take place during the week of 03 – 07 April 2017 at

the Office of the Chief Justice in Noordwyk, Midrand.

Applications must be addressed to:

The Secretariat of the JSC

Office of the Chief Justice

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Johannesburg, 2017

Tel: (010) 493 2687 alternatively (010) 493 2575

Email: Chiloane@concourt.org.za alternatively TPhaahlamohlaka@judiciary.org.za

Candidates who wish to hand deliver their nominations could do so either at 188, 14th

Road, Noordwyk, Midrand alternatively at the Constitutional Court.

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