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## **Media Statement**

### **FAKE DIRECTIVE ATTRIBUTED TO THE WESTERN CAPE HIGH COURT**

It has been brought to the attention of the Office of the Chief Justice (OCJ) that a directive purporting to be from the office of the Judge President of the Western Cape Division of the High Court has been circulated on social media.

The spurious directive states that it is being issued as an addendum to the official directives issued by the Judge President on 6 September 2021, and appears to introduce measures to improve the legibility of handwritten court notes.

The directive was not issued by Judge President Hlophe. The intention of the authors of this fraudulent directive remains unclear, but the public is once again reminded that the use of another's signature is a serious offence.

Members of the public and media are requested to contact the OCJ to verify the authenticity of any directive, article, communication, or social media post that purports to be that of a Judge before attributing statements made on any platform to a Judge. Official communication, including Directives issued by the Judiciary, can be found on the Judiciary website at [www.judiciary.org.za](http://www.judiciary.org.za)

**Ends.**

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