OFFICE OF THE CHIEF JUSTICE
REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEDIA STATEMENT

JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION'S DECISION ON A COMPLAINT LODGED BY MR HANS DU PLESSIS AGAINST JUDGE NORMAN DAVIS OF THE GAUTENG DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT

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[1] The Judicial Service Commission (Commission), excluding the members designated by the National Assembly and the National Council of Provinces, met on 9 October 2026 to consider the report of the Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC) in relation to the complaint that was lodged by Mr Du Plessis against Judge Norman Davis of the Gauteng Division of the High Court.

[2] The Commission did not reach a majority vote on the recommendation of the JCC that the complaint lodged by Mr Du Plessis against Judge Davis be investigated by a Judicial Conduct Tribunal in terms of section 19(1)*(a)* of the Judicial Service Commission Act[1] (JSC Act). As a result, the Commission will not request the Chief Justice to appoint a Tribunal in terms of section 21 of the JSC Act.

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[1] 9 of 1994.