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JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT

This serves as a reminder to interested candidates that the closing date for nominations for the vacant judicial positions stipulated hereunder is Friday, 27 November 2026.

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

1. **Supreme Court of Appeal**
   One vacancy

2. **Labour Court**
   One vacancy (Durban)
   One vacancy (Gqeberha)
   One vacancy (Johannesburg)

3. **Electoral Court**
   One vacancy (non-judge member)
   Candidates for this vacancy should be South African citizens who are in the legal profession.

4. **Land Court**
   One vacancy (Candidates for this position must be persons who, by reason of their training and experience, have expertise in the field of land rights matters)
   One vacancy (This position is for appointment of a sitting High Court Judge to serve concurrently as a Land Court Judge in terms of section 8(3) of the Land Court Act.)

5. Gauteng Division of the High Court

One vacancy (Deputy Judge President, Johannesburg)

One vacancy (Deputy Judge President, Pretoria)

Nominations must be accompanied by the candidate's signed 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.

Where the candidate seeks an appointment to the Supreme Court of Appeal, the candidate should submit at least one judgment that was penned by him or her alone.

The updated standard Questionnaires to be completed by all nominees are available on the South African Judiciary website: https://tinyurl.com/yckxbz9v, alternatively on the Constitutional Court website: www.concourt.org.za. **Candidates are urged to ensure that they complete and submit the updated 2027 Questionnaires. Outdated versions of the Questionnaires will NOT be accepted.**

In order to comply with the Protection of Personal Information Act, 2013 (POPI Act), candidates need not provide their residential address, identity number and cellphone number in their questionnaire and *curriculum vitae*. Candidates are, however, requested to fill in annexure "A" attached to the questionnaire for office use only.

Candidates must also submit the standardised, current "**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. **For advocates and attorneys, the certificate must be obtained from the Legal Practice Council.**

Nominations must be arranged in the following order:

1. Signed nomination letter;
2. Signed consent letter;

3. Signed updated questionnaire for **Judges** – to be completed by a candidate who has already been appointed as a permanent judge;
4. Signed updated questionnaire for **Non-Judges** – to be completed by a candidate who has not yet been appointed as a permanent judge to any court;
5. *Curriculum vitae*;
6. Certificate of good standing from the Legal Practice Council or Magistrates Commission, where applicable; and
7. At least three written judgments (and in the case of an application for appointment to the SCA, at least one penned by the candidate alone).

Candidates nominated for more than one Court must submit a separate nomination letter in respect of each court.

The Secretariat wishes to emphasise the following:

1. Interviews with short-listed candidates will be conducted in public *i.e.* members of the public and the media are welcome to attend.
2. It is incumbent on persons or bodies nominating candidates to motivate their nominations by referring the JSC to the candidate's qualifications and general fitness for appointment**. In order to comply with the POPI Act, persons or bodies need not provide their residential address, identity number and cellphone number on the nomination letters.**
3. Nominations must be addressed to and reach the Secretariat of the JSC by no later than **Friday, 27 November 2026.**

Interviews will take place in **April 2027** in Gauteng. Candidates who wish to email their nominations are encouraged to do so and need not hand-deliver hard copies. Candidates are encouraged to make a follow-up with the Secretariat of the JSC should they not receive confirmation of receipt by **30 November 2026 12:00 pm**. Candidates who wish to hand-deliver their nominations may do so either at the **Office of the Chief Justice, based at 188, 14th Road, Noordwyk, Midrand** or alternatively at the **Constitutional Court.**

Applications must be addressed to:

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