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## **Media Statement**

### **JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION**

#### **STATEMENT ON THE COMPLAINT LODGED BY GOLIATH DJP AGAINST HLOPHE JP AND SALIE-HLOPHE J**

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) has noted the complaint lodged by Goliath DJP against Hlophe JP and Salie-Hlophe J, all of the Western Cape Division of the High Court, that was regrettably leaked to the media. Subsequent to lodging the complaint with the Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC), the JSC has been inundated with requests by the media and the public to comment and issue updates on the handling of the complaint. It is as a result of these requests that the JSC is taking this unprecedented step of issuing this statement.

The JSC wishes to reiterate that the complaint will be properly dealt with by the JCC, a statutory body chaired by the Deputy Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, Justice R M M Zondo and comprising senior Judges of our Superior Courts. At this moment, the JCC is seized with the complaint and should be afforded the opportunity to deal with it in line with the processes prescribed in the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994 (as amended). As Judges, members of the JCC are duty bound to deal with complaints without fear, favour or prejudice and would do so as expeditiously as reasonably practicable. There is therefore no need for anyone to provide any unsolicited guidance on how the JCC should deal with complaints. Once the JCC has concluded its investigation into this complaint, its findings or recommendations would be communicated to the media and the public.

The media and the public at large are humbly urged to exercise patience and restraint, and allow the JCC to exercise its statutory mandate without any hindrance or undue influence.

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