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MEDIA STATEMENT BY JUDGES OF THE WESTERN CAPE DIVISION OF THE HIGH COURT

Allegations and certain counter-allegations arising from the complaint made by Goliath DJP against Hlophe JP are in the public domain. For as long as the allegations remain unresolved, the confidence which the public is entitled to place in the integrity of the Western Cape Bench will be impaired.

We welcome the statement issued by the Judicial Service Commission (JSC) on 29 January 2020 in which it has assured the public that the JSC's Judicial Conduct Committee (JCC), will deal with the complaint without fear, favour or prejudice and as expeditiously as reasonably practicable.

It has been suggested in the press that the judges of this Division have remained silent through cowardice or complicity. That is emphatically not so. Given the procedure for investigating complaints against judges, the proper place for judges with relevant knowledge to speak is before the JCC and any Judicial Conduct Tribunal that may be established.

We can assure the public that we have always adjudicated, and will always adjudicate, cases allocated to us fearlessly and with absolute impartiality.

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