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Media Statement: Adv Siphokazi Cubungu

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At the instance of the Acting Judge President of the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court, Judge Z Nhlangulela, the OCJ wishes to correct inaccuracies in various media reports related to the arrest of Adv Siphokazi Cubungu.

In these reports, Adv Cubungu has been incorrectly referred to as an acting judge of the Eastern Cape Division of the High Court. While Adv Cubungu has in the past been engaged by the Division in this capacity, she has not sat as an acting judge since early 2024 when the leadership of the Division became aware of investigations against her.

Members of the media who have published the inaccurate statement that Adv Siphokazi Cubungu was an acting judge during the time of her arrest are urged to retract and correct their reporting.

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