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## CLAIMS OF JUDICIAL CORRUPTION: EWN ARTICLE, 30 SEPTEMBER 2016

On September 30, 2016, Eye Witness News published an article titled *"Judge Mlambo vows to fight corruption in the judiciary*", emanating from an address given by Judge President (JP) Dunstan Mlambo at the Africa Prosecutors Association's three-day anti-corruption conference hosted by the National Prosecuting Authority, on 30 September 2016, in Pretoria.

The article presented many inaccuracies, creating the inaccurate impression that Mlambo JP suggested during his address that Judges are either corrupt; taking bribes or kickbacks.

At the insistence of Mlambo JP a letter was written to the EWN requesting the article to be retracted, and corrected. Editor-In-Chief, Ms Katy Katopodis, responded positively to this request, with the article subsequently withdrawn from their news site, and a correction published on 12 October 2016 following an internal investigation.

The link to this article can be found here: <u>http://ewn.co.za/2016/10/12/CORRECTION-Gauteng-Judge-President-raises-concerns-around-bail-appeals-urges-collective-action</u>

Members of the media are referred to the re-published article (in the link above) for any further reporting on the matter.

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