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TRIBUTE TO FORMER JUDGE LOMBARD

The Judge President of the Free State Division of the High Court, Judge President Molemela, has paid tribute to the late Judge David Josephus Lombard, who passed away on 5 May 2018 at the age of 83.

David Josephus Lombard was born on 8 April 1935 on a farm in the district of Calvinia. He matriculated at the Outeniqua High School, George where he was also the head boy, whereafter he obtained his LLB degree in 1958, at the University of Stellenbosch, after he had obtained a BA degree from the same institution.

He was admitted as an attorney during January 1961 in Windhoek. In January 1972 he was admitted as an advocate in Windhoek where he practiced until April 1972. He then relocated to Bloemfontein and joined the Free State Bar.

Former Judge Lombard displayed his commitment to service early in his career on the bench by accepting deployment to where he was needed. Shortly after obtaining the status of senior counsel he served as Acting Judge in Venda as well as Windhoek in 1983. In the following year he served as an Acting Judge of the Free State and Transkei Divisions of the High Court before being permanently appointed to the latter Court in 1985. At the end of 1988 he returned to Bloemfontein, where he served as a Judge until his discharge from active service in 2005. He also served as an Acting Judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal.



He was respected by his colleagues and legal practitioners alike. He was buried on 9 May 2018.

May his soul rest in peace.

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