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## **MEDIA STATEMENT**

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### **PASSING OF JUDGE BOSIELO**

The South African Judiciary learned with sadness today of the passing of Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) Justice, Judge Lebotsang Orphan (Ronnie) Bosielo at the age of 60. He had served at the SCA since 2009.

Acting President of the SCA, Judge Jeremiah Shongwe, says the Judiciary has lost an experienced jurist. “Judge Bosielo was a knowledgeable Judge who had spent nearly two decades of his life serving the South African Judiciary in different capacities. His vast experience, having served in the High Court, SCA and in the Constitutional Court as an acting Judge, will be sorely missed,” said Judge Shongwe.

Judge Bosielo matriculated at the Lerothodi High School, Bethanie, after which he enrolled at the University of Limpopo where he graduated with a Baccalaureus Juris (B Juris) in 1981 and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) in 1983. He also obtained a Master of Laws (LLM) in 1992 and a Diploma in Advanced Corporate Law in 1996, both from the University of Johannesburg.

His legal career started when he was appointed in 1984 as a Candidate Attorney at Enver Surty Attorneys in Ziniaville. He would be admitted as an Attorney in 1986 and in the following year become Partner at Bosielo, Motlanthe & Lekabe. He was admitted as an Advocate in 1998 leading up to his appointment as a Judge of the High Court (Gauteng Division) in 2001. He has also been appointed Acting Judge in the High Court of Namibia.



Between 2007 and 2008 he was Acting Judge President of the Northern Cape Division of the High Court, followed by an appointment as an Acting Judge of Appeal the SCA in 2009 until his confirmation in the same year as a permanent Judge of Appeal at the SCA. He has also served in the Constitutional Court as an Acting Justice in May 2012 and May 2016.

“On behalf of the South African Judiciary, we pass our sincere condolences to Judge Bosielo’s family and wish them strength and comfort during this difficult time. May his soul rest in peace,” concluded Judge Shongwe.

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