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TRIBUTE TO JUDGE STEENKAMP

On behalf of the South African Judiciary, the Judge President of the Labour and Labour Appeal Court, Judge President Waglay, has passed his condolences to the family and friends of the late Judge Anton Steenkamp, who passed away on 20 May 2019.

The Judges and staff of the Labour Courts were shocked to learn yesterday of the tragic death of Judge Steenkamp while touring Africa during his long leave.

Judge Steenkamp was appointed to the Labour Court in 2010. Prior to that, he had been a journalist engaged in the fight for democracy on the anti-apartheid newspaper *Vrye Weekblad*. He left journalism for a career in law and practised for several years at Cheadle Thompson and Haysom and later at Bowman Gilfillan and ENS Attorneys.

Judge Steenkamp was a graduate of the University of Stellenbosch, where he obtained his BA (LLB) degrees. He obtained an LL.M degree at the University of Pretoria and also at the University of Notre Dame in the USA, where he was awarded his LL.M *summa cum laude*.

Judge Steenkamp contributed to a number of legal publications, including *Labour Relations Law: A Comprehensive Guide*, *Labour Law through the Cases*, *South African Labour Law* and *Strikes and the Law*. He was a former national president of the South African Society for Labour Law and was appointed a life member of the Society.



Judge Steenkamp had a deep love of his country and a zest for life. He will be remembered for his independence, his integrity and his significant contribution to labour law jurisprudence in South Africa as a practitioner, scholar and judge.

Judge Steenkamp's loss will be deeply felt by his colleagues and the staff in the Labour Courts. We extend our heartfelt condolences to Judge Steenkamp's wife Catherine and his two children Stewart and Marion.

May his soul rest in peace.

Details of his funeral will be released in due course.

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