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### JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

# MEDIA ANNOUNCEMENT JUDICIAL VACANCIES

This serves as a reminder to interested candidates that the closing date for nominations for the vacant judicial positions stipulated hereunder is Friday, 13 December 2019.

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) invites nominations to fill vacancies as Judges in the following Courts:

### 1. Constitutional Court

One vacancy

### 2. Electoral Court (Two vacancies)

One vacancy of a Judge. Candidates nominated for this position should be Judges of the Division of the High Court.

One vacancy for a non-Judge member. Candidates for this vacancy should be South African citizens who are in the legal profession.

# 3. Gauteng Division of the High Court For Secondment to the Land Claims Court (Two vacancies)

Candidates for these vacancies may either be sitting Judges of any of the Divisions of the High Court who may seek to be seconded to the Land Claims Court, or persons who are South African citizens and would, upon appointment as Judges of the High Court be seconded to the Land Claims Court. Candidates nominated for these positions who are not Judges must, for a cumulative period of at least ten years, have practised as Advocates, Attorneys, lectured in law at a University, or by reason of their training and experience, have expertise in the fields of law and land matters relevant to the application of the Restitution of Land Rights Act, 1994.



#### 4. KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court (Three vacancies)

One vacancy in KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court, Pietermaritzburg
One vacancy in KwaZulu-Natal Local Division of the High Court, Durban
One vacancy in KwaZulu-Natal Division of the High Court for Secondment to the Land
Claims Court

Candidates for the third vacancy may either be sitting Judges of any of the Divisions of the High Court who may seek to be seconded to the Land Claims Court, or persons who are South African citizens and would, upon appointment as Judges of the High Court be seconded to the Land Claims Court. Candidates nominated for this position who are not Judges must, for a cumulative period of at least ten years, have practised as Advocates, Attorneys, lectured in law at a University, or by reason of their training and experience, have expertise in the fields of law and land matters relevant to the application of the Restitution of Land Rights Act, 1994.

### 5. Mpumalanga Division of the High Court (Four vacancies)

One vacancy (Deputy Judge President) in the Mpumalanga Local Division of the High Court, Middelburg

Two vacancies in the Mpumalanga Local Division of the High Court, Middelburg One vacancy in Mpumalanga Division of the High Court, Mbombela

#### 6. North West Division of the High Court

Two vacancies

Nominations must be accompanied by the candidate's written consent, detailed *curriculum vitae* disclosing the candidate's formal qualifications for appointment, the standard questionnaire completed and signed by the candidate, as well as copies of at least **three written judgments** by the candidate. The standard questionnaire to be completed by all nominees is available on the South African Judiciary website: <a href="www.judiciary.org.za">www.judiciary.org.za</a> alternatively on the Constitutional Court website: <a href="www.constitutionalcourt.org.za">www.constitutionalcourt.org.za</a>. The questionnaire must be accompanied by the standardized "**clearance certificate**" which the candidate is required to obtain from his/her professional body regarding the candidate's professional status within that body, his or her suitability for appointment to the Bench and the nature of any disciplinary proceedings completed or pending in respect of the relevant candidate.



Candidates nominated for more than one Superior Court must submit a separate nomination as

well as the documentation mentioned above in respect of court.

The JSC reserves the right to recommend a candidate for the filling of any vacancy which may

exist at the time of the interviews. This is to avoid the situation which has arisen in the past when.

despite the availability of suitable candidates, no appointments could be made to fill vacancies

which had occurred subsequent to the notice calling for nominations. Consequently, in making

nominations, regard should be had to the possibility that more judicial vacancies may occur than

have been advertised.

The Secretariat wishes to emphasize the following points:

1. Interviews with short-listed candidates will be conducted in public, i.e. members of the public

and the media (both electronic and print) will be entitled to be present.

2. It is open to persons or bodies nominating candidates to motivate their nominations by referring

the JSC to the candidate's qualifications and general fitness for appointment.

3. Nominations must be addressed to and reach the Secretariat of the JSC by no later than

Friday, 13 December 2019.

Interviews will take place during the week of 20 – 24 April 2020 at the Office of the Chief Justice

in Noordwyk, Midrand.

Applications must be addressed to:

The Secretariat of the JSC

Office of the Chief Justice

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Candidates who wish to hand deliver their nominations could do so either at 188, 14<sup>th</sup> Road, Noordwyk, Midrand alternatively at the Constitutional Court.

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