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PRETORIA

Dear Mr Daya

**PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO UNIFORM RULE 43, FORM 17 AND THE REPEAL OF FORM 17A**

We refer to your request for comment dated 5 June 2017.

Various Specialist Committees considered the proposal and support the proposed changes, subject to the following:

Rule 43 (3)(b):

The respondent's attorney should only in exceptional circumstances be allowed to sign the sworn reply.

Yours faithfully

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lizette Burger".

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