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**LAW SOCIETY SADDENED AT UNTIMELY DEATH OF  
JUDGE PRESIDENT HERBERT MSIMANG**

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) is saddened at the untimely and unexpected death of KwaZulu-Natal Judge President Herbert Msimang. 'The judiciary, attorneys and advocates are mourning the loss of this intelligent, humble, unassuming and respected legal mind,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Nano Matlala and Praveen Sham.

Judge Msimang came from the attorneys' profession, having practised as an attorney in Mpumalanga and KwaZulu-Natal. During that time he served on a *pro bono* basis as a commissioner of the Small Claims Court, an early indication of his commitment to promoting and ensuring that claimants and members of the community have access to justice. As an attorney he practised successfully for a number of years in Pietermaritzburg focusing mainly on criminal and civil litigation. His professional assistant, whom he mentored, has also now become a judge, Judge Jerome Mnguni.

'Judge President Msimang's death leaves a void in the judiciary and in the legal profession, which have both been deprived of the experience and transformational role that he could have played as a head of court over the next decade,' say Mr Matlala and Mr Sham.

The Law Society of South Africa extends the condolences of the attorneys' profession to Judge Msimang's family and friends.

***ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH  
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**Editor's note:**

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the Northern Provinces, the Black Lawyers Association and the National Association of Democratic Lawyers – in representing South Africa's 20 000 attorneys and 5 000 candidate attorneys.