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LAW SOCIETY CONDEMNS THE CONDUCT OF THE BOBROFFS AND URGES THEM TO RESPECT THE ADMINISTRATION OF JUSTICE

As the national representative body of the attorneys' profession in South Africa, we would like to place on record that we do not condone the actions of attorneys who act unethically. The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) is concerned that Messrs Bobroff, who chose to leave the country rather than take accountability for their actions, are not heeding the call by their regulatory body, the Law Society of the Northern Provinces (LSNP) – under whose jurisdiction they fall -- to return and face justice. This conduct is highly deplorable and unbecoming of members of the attorneys' profession.

'Such conduct brings our noble and honourable profession into disrepute. As attorneys and officers of the court, there is a higher duty on us to uphold the administration of justice,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons, Busani Mabunda and Richard Scott.

We echo the call by the LSNP for Messrs Bobroff, if they purport to be the honourable members of our esteemed profession that they claim to be, not to be fugitives of justice, but do the honourable thing and answer to the allegations against them relating to their professional conduct, including the pending criminal charges.

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Editor's note:

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