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LAW SOCIETY PAYS TRIBUTE TO PROF KADER ASMAL

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA), on behalf of the attorneys' profession, conveys its profound condolences to the family and friends of Prof Kader Asmal. 'We pay tribute to Prof Asmal as a lawyer who was particularly passionate about the values of the Constitution – which he had a hand in negotiating – and about human rights for all,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Nano Matlala and Praveen Sham.

Addressing the LSSA at its annual meeting last year, Prof Asmal urged lawyers to create a strong, united legal profession that would be the custodian of the Constitution. He called for the even distribution of legal services, particularly in rural areas; he asked attorneys to make the law and its language accessible to all; and to own the Bill of Rights and the Constitution which were at the heart of the legal profession.

'As lawyers – and like Prof Asmal – we must strive to make the values of the Constitution real. Like him we must be fearless, resolute and forthright in protecting and promoting our constitutional democracy,' say Mr Matlala and Mr Sham.

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Editor's note:

The Law Society of South Africa brings together its six constituent members – the Cape Law Society, the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society, the Law Society of the Free State, the Law Society of 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.

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