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MATLALA AND SHAM HEAD LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA

Black Lawyers Association president and Pretoria attorney Nano Matlala, and Stanger attorney Praveen Sham have been elected Co-Chairpersons of the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA).

Both Mr Matlala and Mr Sham are members of the LSSA Council and of its Management Committee.

Both Co-Chairpersons have indicated that they will deal extensively with the Legal Practice Bill during their term in office. Mr Matlala will focus on transformation initiatives such as the full implementation of the Legal Services Sector Charter in the attorneys' profession and the infrastructural support role that the Attorneys Development Fund (ADF) can play in assisting new attorneys starting their practices. Mr Sham also sees practice support for attorneys as an important focus area for the LSSA's Practice Development Committee and the ADF. He has added that he would like to ensure the expansion of *pro bono* (free) services by attorneys to make justice more accessible to those who cannot afford it.

Mr Matlala is senior partner at Maluleke Seriti Makume & Matlala Inc, a firm which has yielded four High Court judges from its ranks – namely Judges George Maluleke, Willie Seriti, Motsamai Makume and Ntendeya Mavundla – as well as current Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, who was a partner at the firm some 30 years ago. Mr Matlala represents the LSSA on the Securities Regulation Panel of which he has been a member for eight years and is the current Chairperson. He is a keen runner and has participated in the Business Trust Long Run.

Mr Sham, a senior partner at Sham & Meer, was President of the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society in 2007 and has served on its council since 2004. Besides sitting on some of the LSSA's specialist committees, Mr Sham is also Chairperson of the Attorneys Fidelity Fund Finance Committee. He has been associated with Child Welfare in KwaZulu-Natal for more than four decades and is currently a member of the Provincial Board of Child Welfare.

Mr Matlala and Mr Sham were elected at the annual general meeting of the LSSA Council held at Zimbali on 29 March 2011.

Photo attached. Caption: Praveen Sham (left) and Nano Matlala have been elected Co-Chairpersons of the Law Society of South Africa.

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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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