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## LAW SOCIETY CONGRATULATES JUSTICE NGCOBO ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS CHIEF JUSTICE

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) – representing the country's 18 800 attorneys and 4 900 candidate attorneys – congratulates Justice Sandile Ngcobo on his elevation as Chief Justice.

'We are confident that our judiciary and our courts are in good hands and that Justice Ngcobo will continue to protect and promote the Constitution, the Bill of Rights and the rule of law throughout his tenure as Chief Justice as he has done in the past and with the same fervour and dignity displayed by outgoing Chief Justice Pius Langa,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Thoba Poyo-Dlwati and Henri van Rooyen.

They add: 'As the attorneys' profession, we assure the new Chief Justice of our continuing support, particularly as regards upholding and safeguarding the independence, impartiality and dignity of the judiciary, the courts and the legal profession.'

Justice Ngcobo brings to the leadership of the legal profession a vast and invaluable breadth of experience; from working in the magistrate's court, to serving articles as a candidate attorney and later working as an attorney in private practice and at a public interest firm, as a law clerk, legal researcher, lecturer, advocate and judge.

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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 18 800 attorneys and 4 900 candidate attorneys.

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