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**LAW SOCIETY ADDS ITS VOICE TO CONDEMN SCOURGE OF VIOLENCE
AGAINST WOMEN**

As Women's Month draws to a close, the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) adds its voice to the outcry condemning all forms of violence against women, which appears to have escalated to unacceptable levels in our country.

The media and social media channels have been replete with reports of rape, assaults, sexual harassment and murder of women, often by intimate partners, in the home or in the workplace. As others have done, we call on law enforcement and prosecution agencies to act swiftly and decisively to bring perpetrators to book so that justice is not only done but is also seen to be done.

'From the side of the LSSA, we will call on the statutory regulatory bodies, the four provincial law societies, to undertake a review of the rules of professional conduct as well as the procedures related to these, to ensure that all practitioners, but particularly women attorneys and candidate attorneys, find a sensitive and supportive environment when reporting any form of abuse to the law societies,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons, Walid Brown and David Bekker.

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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 25 200 attorneys and 5 700 candidate attorneys.