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**LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA CONDEMNS ATTORNEY'S UNACCEPTABLE  
BEHAVIOUR TOWARDS JOURNALIST**

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) condemns the reported behaviour of former [Eskom](#) evidence leader, Pretoria attorney Sebetja Matsaung, towards *Financial Mail* deputy editor, Sikonathi Mantshantsha on Friday.

'It is unacceptable for an attorney to treat a member of the media – and indeed anyone – in the manner alleged in this incident. An attorney is an officer of the court and a member of the attorneys' profession. As such he must, first and foremost, maintain the highest standards of integrity, and refrain from doing anything which could or might bring the attorneys' profession into disrepute. A practitioner who fails to do so could be found guilty of unprofessional and/or dishonourable and/or unworthy conduct,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Walid Brown and David Bekker.

Mr Mantshantsha can lodge a complaint with the Law Society of the Northern Provinces, the statutory regulatory body for Gauteng attorneys.

**ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH  
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Editor's note:

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