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**LAW SOCIETY WELCOMES APPOINTMENT OF ADV SHAMILA BATOHI AS NDPP**

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) welcomes the appointment of Adv Shamila Batohi as National Director of Public Prosecutions. 'We are confident that Ms Batohi has the skill, conscientiousness, integrity and independence necessary to tackle the challenge of leading our prosecutorial services, and to ensure a stable directorate that serves the public of South Africa professionally, effectively and fairly, and provides a proud mirror of our criminal justice system to the outside world. We offer the support of the attorneys' profession to Ms Batohi,' say LSSA Co-Chairpersons Etienne Barnard and Mvuzo Notyesi.

We wish again to commend President Cyril Ramaphosa for the transparent and inclusive process which he set out for the applications, nominations and interviews. The profession, and the public in general, were able to follow the rigorous and robust interviews, and form opinions on the strengths and weaknesses of each candidate.

We also wish to thank Minister Jeff Radebe, who chaired the advisory panel, and all the panel members for their service, especially Richard Scott who represented the LSSA on the panel.

**ISSUED ON BEHALF OF THE CO-CHAIRPERSONS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF SOUTH AFRICA, ETTIENNE BARNARD AND MVUZO NOTYESI**

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Editor's note:

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