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4. Law Society of South Africa
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6. Gauteng Attorneys Association
7. Pretoria Attorneys Association
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11. National Association of Democratic Lawyers
12. Black Lawyers Association
13. South African Women Lawyers Association
14. South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association
15. Personal Injury Plaintiff Lawyers Association
16. South African Medico-Legal Association
17. Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria and Johannesburg
18. Office of the State Attorneys, Pretoria and Johannesburg
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21. Legal Aid South Africa
22. Johannesburg Society of Advocates
23. Pretoria Society of Advocates
24. Gauteng Society of Advocates
25. Pan African Bar Association of South Africa
26. General Council of the Bar of South Africa
27. National Bar Council of South Africa
28. South African Bar Association
29. National Forum of Advocates

30. North Gauteng Association of Advocates
31. Church Square Association of Advocates
32. Advocates for Transformation
33. Legal Division of the Department of Health: Gauteng
34. Legal Division of the Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation
35. Gauteng Department of Agriculture and Rural Development
36. Legal Services - Gauteng Provincial Department of Education
37. Gauteng Society of Advocates

DATE : 08 August 2022

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RE : **THE HIGH COURT PRECINCT: REPORT BACK FROM STAKEHOLDER MEETING 4 AUGUST 2022**

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1. At a recent meeting of the several stakeholders in the High Court Precinct a number of issues were addressed which are encouraging for the users of the High Court.
2. The Neighbourhood Community Police Forum (CPF), the neighbouring City Improvement District (CID) are active participating agents in the precinct, along with the Johannesburg Bar and the High Court Administration.
3. The level of cleanliness that has been achieved in the precinct is commendable. This contributes to more effective policing no less than enhancing the appearance of the precinct.
4. Both the SAPS and the JMPD have officers permanently deployed in the precinct. The meeting dealt with the degree of visibility that has been achieved throughout the whole of the working day. Some lapses were identified as a result of which a more systematic coverage of the area will in future take place. In particular, the pedestrian routes to parking garages and the coffee shop will be especially monitored. Regular reporting takes place of officers' interventions to either inhibit crime or arrest perpetrators.
5. The car guards who ply their trade, and with whom the JMPD and SAPS are acquainted, are to be organised and shall be identifiable by branded apparel which will enhance security by distinguishing them from strangers in the zone.

6. The Security company contacted to perform internal security in the Court Building is to be drawn into the broader collaboration with other agents in the precinct.
7. The Main entrance to the Court Building is soon to have a dedicated practitioners' access set up to diminish the prospect of long queues in the morning.
8. Practitioners are requested to provide feedback via their representative organisations to the office of the DJP on their experience in the precinct.

Yours faithfully

*Dictated by the Deputy Judge President  
Electronically transmitted, therefore no signature*

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**ROLAND SUTHERLAND  
DEPUTY JUDGE PRESIDENT**