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The Legal Practice Council cautions against unwarranted attack of the judiciary

The Legal Practice Council (LPC), has noted the unfortunate increase in unwarranted criticism targeted the judiciary. The Council believes that everyone has the right to freedom of expression, including the right of the citizens to criticise judicial decisions where justified. Citizens are urged to make use of existing legal mechanisms within the South African legal system should they be unsatisfied with a court's decisions at any level.

"South Africa is a constitutional democracy that is safe guarded by the judiciary. Any unfortunate remarks about the judiciary's decisions without evidence undermines the autonomy of the courts. As the regulatory body of the legal profession in South Africa, we believe that our judicial system is one of the most robust in the world. Its dignity and independence need to be valued. We therefore caution against criticizing the judiciary without any substantive evidence and we appeal to everyone in a position of influence to give our judiciary the respect it deserves and the opportunity to act independently" said Ms. Kathleen Matolo -Dlepu, Chairperson of the Legal Practice Council

The council is open to engaging openly with all stakeholders on all matters pertaining to the South African legal profession.

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