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Law Society horrified at murder of attorney, Gerrit Stander

The Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) is horrified at the reports of the murder of Mbombela attorney, Gerrit Stander. Mr Stander, 38, was shot and killed during a house robbery at his home in the early hours of Monday morning (19 October 2020).

Mr Stander was born in Mbombela. He did his schooling in Mbombela and went to study and consequently work in Cape Town. He then returned to Mbombela a few years ago. At the time of his death he was an attorney at Swanepoel & Partners Inc. He joined the company as Professional Assistant in March 2018.

'We call on the investigators to ensure that every possible avenue is investigated. Authorities must leave no stone unturned. They should not rest until these criminals are arrested and brought to book', says LSSA President, Mvuzo Notyesi.

Dave Bennett, a Director at Swanepoel & Partners Inc and LSSA House of Constituent Member, described Mr Stander as a real gentleman and a very able and competent lawyer, whose opinion and advice was widely respected and valued. Mr Bennett adds that Mr Stander always conducted himself with dignity and was a pleasure to work with. 'He was an excellent colleague, always willing to assist and contribute of his time and advice. He will certainly be missed by all in our firm', he says.

Mr Notyesi adds: 'As legal professionals we must unite to eliminate any criminal threat made against our profession. An injury to one, is an injury to all.'

The LSSA expresses its deepest condolences to his family, friends, and colleagues. May his soul rest in peace.

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