

SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

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Date: 25 March 2022

Provincial Director

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Our ref: Pro Bono Litigation

(Please quote reference number in all correspondence)

By email: directorec@lpc.org.za

Dear Mr Alfred Hona

RE: CALL FOR LEGAL PRACTICE IN THE EASTERN CAPE TO FORM PART OF THE PRO BONO PANEL OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN HUMAN RIGHTS COMMISSION

1. The above matter refers.
2. The South African Human Rights Commission ("the Commission") is a state institution established under chapter 9 of the Constitution. It is mandated, in terms of section 184(1) of the Constitution, to promote respect for human rights and a culture of human rights; to promote the protection, development and attainment of human rights; and to monitor and assess the observance of human rights in the Republic.
3. In terms of section 184(2) of the Constitution, the Commission is empowered to investigate and to report on the observance of human rights and to take steps to secure appropriate redress where human rights have been violated.
4. Due to an increase in complaints received relating to equality and socio economic rights within the Eastern Cape Province, a need for redress as well as the development of jurisprudence, the Commission has resolved to establish a panel of the Eastern Cape Law Firms to whom matters, where the Commission wishes to proceed with litigation, may be referred to, on a Pro Bono basis.

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5. The Commission therefore extends a call to legal practices within the Province to register their interest to serve on this Panel, and be considered for referral work on Pro Bono basis by the Commission. Accordingly, we request that the details of the interested legal practitioners, as well as their experience in possible public interest matters and human rights law, be submitted to Mr Loyiso Mpondo at Impondo@sahrc.org.za by the 05 April 2022. The Commission may then consider practitioners for assistance should an appropriate matter arise, and will work closely with them to address said matter/matters, and register their Pro Bono hours against its data base.
6. The Commission is excited to establish a vibrant knowledge capacity on human rights law within the province, and work closely with colleagues to address inequality and human rights abuses within the Eastern Cape Province.
7. Should you require any further information in this regard please do not hesitate to contact Mr. Loyiso Mpondo on 043 – 722 7828.

Your assistance in this regard will be highly appreciated.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be "E Carter", is written over a horizontal line.

Dr. E Carter

Provincial Manager

Eastern Cape Provincial Office