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Dear Legal Practitioners,

The Honourable Judge President T. Poyo Dlwati is inviting applications from legal practitioners who have an interest in serving as Acting Judges.

The following criteria will be consistently applied in the selection process but is not exhaustive:

1. The candidate must be appropriately qualified and a fit and proper person (s174(1) of the constitution.
2. The candidate must have a minimum period of 12 years' experience as an attorney advocate, judicial officer or legal academic.
3. Attorneys and Advocates must apart from being in practice have court experience preferably in the High Court.
4. It will be an added advantage if academics have published widely in accredited journals.
5. A certificate of good standing from statutory bodies and recognised Bar Associations must be furnished. Magistrates must submit letters of good standing from the relevant Magistrates Commission as well as a recommendation from their Head of Court on judicial performance. Law academics must furnish a certificate from the Dean of the Law Faculty.
6. The relevant disciplinary record from the professional bodies must be submitted by the candidate.
7. Magistrates must have both criminal and civil court experience, preferably at a Regional Court level.
8. A candidate who has judgements outstanding for a long period will not be eligible for an acting appointment until all such outstanding judgements have been delivered.
9. A candidate must demonstrate a commitment to the transformation of the legal profession.

Executive Committee: Ms. Janine Myburgh – Chairperson, Adv. Kennedy Tsatswane SC - Deputy Chairperson, Ms. Kathleen Matolo-Dlepu, Mr Miles Carter, Mr Priyesh Daya, Adv. Brenton Joseph SC, Mr Pritzman Busani Mabunda, Executive Officer: Ms. Charity Nzuza

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Even if a candidate meets the criteria, it does not automatically qualify such a candidate for consideration of an acting appointment.

Prospective candidates are not permitted to submit their CVs directly to the Head of Court or the convenor of the Acting Judges Committee. Candidates who meet the aforementioned criteria must be referred to the convenor of the Acting Judges Committee by the Chair or / President of the professional body i.e., LPC or Bar Council he or she is a member of. In the case of Magistrates / Regional Magistrates, it will be the Head of their respective courts.

The Head of Court may solicit comments from Judges in the division regarding the suitability of the candidate for appointment.

Please note that all applications must reach the office of the KZN Provincial Office of the Legal Practice Council by close of business on 15 February 2023.

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