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TO: Legal Practice Council
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National Association of Democratic Lawyers
Mbombela Attorneys Association
Middelburg Practitioners Association
Director of Public Prosecutions
Legal-Aid South Africa
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Dear Legal Professionals and Stakeholders,

RE: THE REVISED PRACTICE DIRECTIVES OF MPUMALANGA DIVISION

Attached please find the Mpumalanga Practice Directives dated 30 October 2024, which comes into effect on 04 November 2024. I wish to express my gratitude to all of you whom I consulted before issuing the initial Draft. The consultation was even expanded after the comments received by my office. I am grateful for all your contributions, large and small. They resulted in the Directives in their current format.

As previously discussed and agreed, these Directives come into effect on 04 November 2024 and they phase out the virtual hearings as default in this Division, replacing it with “in person” court appearance (which some of you have constantly referred to as physical or open court appearance). To allow smooth transition, virtual court appearance will still be accommodated for the 5th week of term, viz 04-08 November 2024, and thereafter, starting from week 6 there would be strict adherence to the new default position which is in person court appearance, except where virtual appearance is asked for and allowed by the court.

Yours faithfully



SS Mphahlele
Judge President of the High Court
Mpumalanga Division