JUDGES' CHAMBERS
OFFICE OF THE HONOURABLE JUDGE PRESIDENT LEDWABA
IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
(GAUTENG DIVISION)

PRACTICE NOTE REGARDING THE INSTITUTION OF ACTIONS AND LAUNCHING OF APPLICATIONS INVOLVING THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS IN THE GAUTENG DIVISION

TO:

1. **Registrars - Gauteng Division of the High Court, Johannesburg and Pretoria**
2. **Legal Practice Council – Gauteng**
3. **Law Society of South Africa**
4. **Pretoria Society of Advocates**
5. **Johannesburg Society of Advocates**
6. **Pan African Bar Association of South Africa**
7. **Gauteng Family Law Forum**
8. **Gauteng Attorneys Association**
9. **Pretoria Attorneys Association**
10. **Johannesburg Attorneys Association**
11. **West Rand Attorneys Association**
12. **South African Black Women in Law**
13. **South African Women Lawyers Association**

14. **General Council of the Bar of South Africa**
15. **National Bar Council of South Africa**
16. **South African Bar Association**
17. **National Forum for Advocates**
18. **North Gauteng Association of Advocates**
19. **Church Square Association of Advocates**
20. **Advocates for Transformation**
21. **Black Lawyers Association**
22. **South African Medical Malpractice Lawyers Association**
23. **Personal Injury Plaintiff Lawyers Association**
24. **National Association of Democratic Lawyers**
25. **Office of the State Attorneys, Pretoria and Johannesburg**
26. **CEO – Legal Aid South Africa**
27. **CEO – Road Accident Fund**
28. **South African Medico-Legal Association**
29. **Solicitor General**

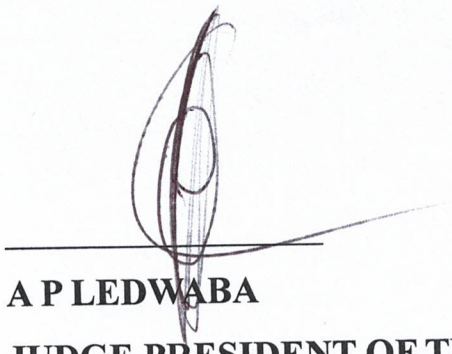
PRACTICE NOTE

Practitioners acting for plaintiffs in actions and for applicants in applications against or involving the Department of Home Affairs or the Minister thereof (collectively Home Affairs) are notified that Home Affairs has designated officials to facilitate the timeous identification, internal allocation and management of these matters. For this purpose, Home Affairs has identified dedicated email addresses.

Practitioners issuing summonses or launching applications against or involving Home Affairs are therefore requested, from date of this notice, to electronically

serve such summonses and applications at servicedocs@dha.go.za and to invite Home Affairs on both CourtOnline and Caselines at courtonline@dha.gov.za.

Please take note that the above administrative measures do not replace the provisions and requirements relating to service of summonses and applications prescribed in the Uniform Rules.



A P LEDWABA
JUDGE PRESIDENT OF THE GAUTENG DIVISION
OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
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