



## MEDIA STATEMENT OF THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR OF SOUTH AFRICA ON APPOINTMENT OF JUSTICE RAYMOND ZONDO AS THE DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE OF SOUTH AFRICA

The General Council of the Bar of South Africa welcomes the appointment of Justice Raymond Zondo as the Deputy Chief Justice of South Africa and congratulates Justice Zondo on his appointment. Justice Zondo's appointment follows upon the retirement of former Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke in 2016.

Justice Zondo, a man of humble beginnings in rural KwaZulu-Natal, has had a long and distinguished judicial career, having been appointed as a judge of the Labour Court in 1997, a High Court judge in 1999, Judge President of the Labour Court in 2000 and as Judge of the Constitutional Court in 2012.

Having obtained his undergraduate degree at the University of Zululand and his LLB at the University of Natal, Justice Zondo has shown commendable dedication to his own devel-

opment as a lawyer and jurist after his appointment as a judge, in the course of which he has obtained several Masters degrees in law.

In the course of his judicial career, Justice Zondo has displayed remarkable industry and has proven to be an independent jurist not afraid to differ with other members of the bench, with whom he has sat in Courts of Appeal. Justice Zondo has written several landmark judgements, which stand as important precedents in our law.

The GCB wishes Justice Zondo well in his new and challenging role.

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(See the Q&A with Justice Zondo on page 57 of this issue.)

