

Mpumalanga Bar

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Back row left to right Tshwarelo Makutu; Khuli Kheswa; Ntiyiso Makamu; Zwelakhe Hadebe; Tinyiko Mashabane; Nosipho Shabangu; Dorcas Mathebula; Michael Speelman. **Front row left to right** Keabetwe Mokotedi SC; Ama Mahafha; Connie Mokhare; Deputy Judge President Takalani Ratshibvumo; Judge President SS Mphahlele; Zodwa Gumede; Mpho Makgato; Deputy Chairperson of the Mpumalanga Bar Twain Ngwenya.



Left to right Judge President SS Mphahlele; Tshwarelo Makutu; Deputy Judge President Takalani Ratshibvumo.

MPUMALANGA BAR LAUNCHES FIRST LITIGATION TRAINING COURSE FOR JUNIOR ADVOCATES

For the first time ever, the Mpumalanga Bar hosted a comprehensive litigation training course tailored for its junior advocates. The initiative, expertly co-ordinated by Zodwa Gumede, was held on 22 and 23 September 2025 at the Ngwenya Estate in White River, where participants enjoyed excellent hospitality.

This event marked a milestone in the development of advocacy skills within the Mpumalanga province.

Supported by the GCB's northern region's convenor, Keabetwe Mokotedi SC, accompanied by Connie Mokhare, Mpho Makgato and Ama Mahafha, the faculty brought an extraordinary level of expertise and mentorship to Mpumalanga.

Participants were privileged to learn from some of the province's most

esteemed judicial minds, Judge President SS Mphahlele and Deputy Judge President Takalani Ratshibvumo of the Mpumalanga High Court.

The two-day programme offered junior advocates hands-on experience across a range of critical advocacy skills, including legal writing, motion court proceedings and trial advocacy.

Attendees not only honed their technical skills but also had the invaluable opportunity



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to receive personal guidance and mentorship directly from senior judges and experienced counsel.

The Mpumalanga Bar extends its heartfelt gratitude to all faculty members who contributed to the success of this first-ever course. Their contributions have set a new standard for advocacy training in the province, and the event has laid a strong foundation for future professional development initiatives.

This training course was not only a learning opportunity but also a celebration of the collaborative spirit that strengthens the legal profession across South Africa. **A**



Left to right Ntiyiso Makamu; Dorcas Mathebula; Deputy Judge President Takalani Ratshibvumo; Tinyiko Mashabane; Nosipho Shabangu.

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