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**MEDIA STATEMENT ON AMLA// JSC**

The Black Lawyers Association welcomes the dismissal of the review application brought by Amalgamated Lawyers Association against the Judicial Services Commission.

The dismissal brings to an end a long period of uncertainty in the leadership of the judiciary in Limpopo. In this regard, the BLA urges the president to act with speed and appoint Justice Phatudi MG to assume his leadership role in line with the recommendations of the Judicial services commission.

We would also like to take this opportunity to express our disappointment on the conduct of the legal representatives of ALA during the court proceedings. It is the height of judicial discourtesy to walk out of court without being excused. It is intrepid and disingenuous on the part of a legal practitioner to demand respect from the court whilst using crude and uncouth language.

We once again remind each other as legal practitioners that the code of conduct requires of us to at all material times show courtesy and respect towards the court and its officials including presiding judges.

Lest we forget, lawyers are called members of the Honourable profession and should at all material times act with honour and integrity both inside and outside of the court.

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