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## PRESS RELEASE

**ISSUED BY THE PRESIDENT  
OF THE KWAZULU-NATAL LAW SOCIETY  
MR UMESH JIVAN**

**ON**

**THE APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND ZONDO AS  
DEPUTY CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT**

The Council and members of the KZN Law Society welcomes the appointment of Justice Raymond Zondo as Deputy Chief Justice to succeed the office held by his illustrious predecessor, Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke.

Notwithstanding his humble beginnings Justice Zondo's illustrious career in the law was rooted in a passion for justice and through his sheer commitment, brilliance and application he will now serve as Deputy Chief Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, the apex Court of South Africa.

Advocacy and judicial office demands a discharge not only of the noble ends of the law but additionally demands eloquence of articulation, elegance in craftsmanship, leadership and general excellence which ultimately brings legitimacy and respect for the law itself and graces the civilisation which it seeks to mediate; those requirements he discharges with distinction and in abundance.

In his practise as an attorney and subsequently as a Judge he manifests the qualities of integrity, impeccable honesty, a keen intellect, a strong work ethic and decorum which underpins the esteem, status and dignity of our Courts; the modesty and humility of his person and his abiding courtesy are his renowned attributes. He has practised his craft at a level to which his colleagues aspired to.

In addition the attributes of fairness, independence and objectivity are particularly compelling in Justice Zondo as is evidenced in the high profile cases which he dealt with as a Judge especially in respect of the Constitutional prescriptions of socio economic rights and accountability in governance.

Justice Zondo gives the law and, more broadly, the constitution a purposive interpretation to enable the constitution to play a creative and dynamic role in the expression and the achievement of the ideals and aspirations of our nation and in the articulation of its values, particularly in the area of labour law; he has served as President of the Labour Court as well as President of the Appeal Court, with distinction.

He has been at the forefront of the development of a fair and progressive labour law and human rights regime as evidenced in his juris prudence; in addition he is deeply committed to the prescriptions of transformation as evidenced by the composition of the Labour Court.

We are confident that he will continue to serve the Court and South Africa with the same distinction as the many other offices held by him.

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