THE JOHANNESBURG ATTORNEYS' ASSOCIATION

Dear Members

NOTICE TO JAA MEMBERS

Dear Members,
The Office of the Deputy Judge President of the High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Johannesburg has requested assistance to address the current backlog in the Unopposed Motion Court through a special initiative called "Big Bang Week."

REQUEST FOR PRO BONO ASSISTANCE

The Deputy Judge President is calling for volunteers to serve as pro bono acting judges to help reduce the significant backlog in unopposed motion matters. The idea is to organise a big bang week in which acting judges, pro bono, each hear a volume of matters per day. It is contemplated to appoint acting judges to sit on two days in the week. This initiative aims to improve access to justice and reduce waiting times for litigants.

How to apply:

- Send an email with the subject "BIG BANG UNOPPOSED COURT" to secretarydjp@judiciary.org.za
- Include your name, address, cell number, and email address
- Indicate your willingness to serve in this role pro bono
- Deadline for applications: Friday, 28 March 2025

CRITERIA FOR ASPIRANT ACTING JUDGES

For members interested in acting judge appointments in general, please see the letter dated 22 January 2024 from the Judge President, which outlines the selection criteria for acting judge appointments in the Gauteng Division of the High Courts. While the criterion applies, the application process is as outlined above (and not per the JP's letter), as this is a special initiative.

The JAA encourages eligible members to consider this opportunity to serve the administration of justice.

Yours faithfully,
Johannesburg Attorneys Association

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