REGULAR MEETINGS ATTENDED BY JAA

1. **PROVINCIAL EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE** [PEEC]

The Gauteng PEEC was launched in November 2013 and is chaired by Judge President Mlambo. The JAA was invited to join the PEEC in early 2014 and has participated in its deliberations ever since. The Westrand Attorneys Association (WAA) have also recently (in 2018) joined the PEEC. Its meetings are held on a quarterly basis and are attended by all stakeholders of all the courts in Gauteng including, *inter alia*, the members of the Bar, the State Attorney, the NPA, the Family Advocate's office, the Office of the Chief Justice, the Regional and District Magistracy, SAPS, Legal Aid, and the judiciary heads of the High Courts, Regional Courts and District Courts. The issues discussed at these meetings are more of a provincial nature and include:

1.1. Performance analysis reports by stakeholders;

1.2. Struck off cases;

1.3. Backlog cases;

1.4. Reserved judgments;

1.5. Awaiting trial detainees;

1.6. Audio visual remands; and

1.7. Progress report on fraudulent activities in the Court.

2. **GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION EFFICIENCY ENHANCEMENT COMMITTEE** [GLD EEC]

The predecessor to this Committee [the Case Flow Management committee] was launched over 10 years ago. It is chaired by Deputy Judge President Mojapelo and the JAA has been its secretariat since its inception. Its meetings are held quarterly (usually a few weeks before the PEEC meeting) and its stakeholders are the users of the Johannesburg High Court. This deals with very similar issues as the PEEC meetings but the discussions are largely centred on the functioning of our local High Court. Issues that cannot be resolved at this level are referred to the PEEC meeting.

3. **GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION IT COMMITTEE**

This committee is chaired by Judge Spilg and is supposed to meet at least every two months to discuss IT issues at the High Court. Regrettably, these meetings have not been held as regularly as they should especially as that the IT problems at the Court are becoming an issue.

4. **LIAISON MEETING BETWEEN THE OCJ, THE CHIEF REGISTRAR, THE COURT MANAGER, THE FAMILY ADVOCATE, THE STATE ATTORNEY, LEGAL AID, RAF ATTORNEYS, THE BAR, WESTRAND ATTORNEYS ASSOCIATION**

These meetings are run by the JAA and held on a quarterly basis at the High Court office. They are intended to be a precursor to the GLD EEC meetings so that only unresolved issues are raised at the latter meetings.

5. **LIAISON MEETINGS AT THE JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG MAGISTRATES COURT**

On the civil section side, we attend the regular monthly/two monthly meetings which are held with the Magistracy and administration staff of these courts to discuss issues relevant to those courts. The meetings are also attended by the Sheriffs local to those courts as well as Legal Aid and the State Attorney. Similar meetings are held in the criminal section where the stakeholders relevant to those courts are present.

6. **ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETINGS OF THE JOHANNESBURG AND RANDBURG SMALL CLAIMS COURTS**

We are part and parcel of these committees which regulate and recommend legal practitioners to sit as commissioners in the small claims courts in those areas. These meetings are also held on a quarterly basis.

AD HOC MEETINGS & EVENTS ATTENDED/ ORGANISED BY THE JAA IN THE 2018/9 PERIOD

7. **STRATEGIC PLANNING MEETING ORGANISED BY THE GAUTENG REGIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

The JAA was invited to participate and give their input on ways to improve service delivery in the courts in the region.

8. **MEETING ON THE RATIONALISATION OF REGIONAL COURTS IN THE COUNTRY ORGANISED BY THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

The JAA was invited to give their input on how to best utilise the existing Regional Court infrastructures given the limited resources and current budget cuts.

9. **OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE BOOYSENS MAGISTRATES COURT BY THE STATE PRESIDENT**

The JAA was invited to the official opening of the Booysens Magistrates Court by the State President

10. **COURT PRECINCT SECURITY IN AND OUT OF THE HIGH COURT**

The JAA is supportive of JP Mlambo's initiatives to improve the security in and out of the High Court and is an active participant in the committees organised for this purpose.

11. **DEPUTY MINISTER JEFFERY + JP MLAMBO & DJP MOJAPELO**

Both JP Mlambo and DJP Mojapelo have an open door policy and the JAA have regular meetings with them and other Johannesburg Judges to discuss urgent issues that require resolution. Deputy Minister Jeffery has a similar open door policy with the JAA and we

have had a number of meetings with him regarding issues of national importance to legal practitioners.

12. **JP MLAMBO'S ARCHIVE FILING PROJECT**

The JAA, together with the BLA Student's Chapter, was instrumental in organising volunteers for this project on a day's notice. There were over 300 volunteers, mostly comprised of university students from Johannesburg and Pretoria.

13. **JAA WORKSHOP ON THE NEW PRACTICE DIRECTIVE ON TRIAL CERTIFICATION**

With the advent of the new practice directive on trial certification, the JAA took the initiative and organised a workshop on this issue. This proved immensely popular to the extent that a second workshop at a bigger venue had to be organised.