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The President - JOASA

Dear Mr. Dosio

REPORT ON ACTIVITIES OF THE LEGAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE.

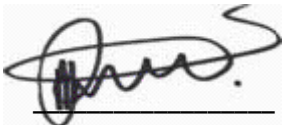
It was a busy year for the Legal Affairs Committee. This committee comprised of the following members: Mr. A Petersen, Mr. B King, Mr. D Ngondo, Mr. M Botha and Ms. Mbilase, and I served as its chairperson. The Legal Affairs Committee was asked to provide legal opinions on the following issues:

1. An opinion on whether a complaint by magistrate Saptoe had any merit and how we as an organisation, could best help him when a case he dealt with was referred to the Magistrates Commission for investigations by a Southern Gauteng High Court judge.

2. An opinion on whether the Magistrates' Commission was entitled to exclude the representation of magistrates in a disciplinary inquiry by fellow judicial officers.
3. Submissions to the State Law Advisors on the Amendment of Maintenance Act Regulations.
4. An opinion on whether a decision reached by the AGC in 2008 on keeping the past presidents of the organisation was reached within the ambits of the Constitution of the organisatio.
5. An opinion on how the Acting Magistrates could be best assisted by JOASA.

On behalf of the Committee, I am thankful to the support received from the leadership of the organisation and the faith you had on us.

Yours faithfully

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Mr. V Ratshibvumo

Vice President – JOASA