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Minister Lamola appoints Acting Solicitor General

Minister of Justice and Correctional Services, Ronald Lamola has appointed Mr Fhedzisani Pandelani to act as a Solicitor General for a period of 24 months

The appointment is effective immediately. Pandelani is a seasoned attorney having been practicing for a period of 20 years. He holds various qualifications from the University of Witwatersrand including B.Proc; LLB and H. Diploma in Company Law.

The appointment of Pandelani follows President Cyril Ramaphosa's proclamation published in Government Gazette No. 42989 where the State Attorney Amendment Act of 2014 has been effected as of 7 February 2020.

The amendment act establishes a statutory officer in the form of a Solicitor General. The solicitor general in turn co-ordinates all state attorney offices.

The office of the solicitor general is responsible for the coordination and management of all litigation in which the State is involved.

The office is also responsible for the creation and implementation of policies which attend to;

- the briefing of advocates;
- the outsourcing of legal work, including the instruction of correspondent attorneys;
- initiating, defending and opposing of matters; and
- implementation of alternative dispute resolution mechanisms of litigation against the State, which must be observed by all persons appointed in the offices of State Attorney.

In essence, the amendment act creates a framework for government to transform its litigation strategy.

Minister Lamola thanks all the several hundred legal practitioners who responded to the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development's call for practitioners to express an interest for an acting appointment.

"Tackling the ever increasing state liability bill is an urgent priority, in addition the State Attorney needs to ensure that it geared towards collecting recoveries on behalf the state from third parties."

" With over 20 years experience, I believe that Mr. Pandelani can provide the requisite leadership and expertise to help state attorney become more efficient and effective, said Lamola.

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