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DATE:	18 June 2009	FILE NR:	
TO:	Masters of the High Court	FROM:	Mr Lawrence Bassett
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SUBJECT:	REQUESTS OR SUGGESTIONS FOR BRIBES
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PURPOSE.

The purpose of this Chief Masters Directive is to remind staff that any requests for bribes, or even subtle suggestions for bribes, will not be tolerated.

BACKGROUND / DISCUSSION

During a recent stakeholder meeting, it emerged that in some offices, staff are in the habit of requesting or even suggesting very subtle bribes from clients.

Stakeholders have been informed that this practice will not be tolerated and that they should under no circumstances accede to such requests or suggestions.

Staff are hereby reminded that where they make themselves guilty of requesting or even suggesting subtle bribes, such practice, will not be tolerated and those staff members will make themselves the subject of disciplinary action.

Heads of Offices are requested to provide a copy of this directive to all the members of staff in their offices, who must acknowledge receipt, which acknowledgement shall be filed on their personal files.

You are requested to confirm compliance with this instruction in writing to Mr A Slingers in the office of the Chief Master on or before 30 June 2009. Such confirmation must be communicated electronically or by fax to 086 644 5407

Mr Lawrence Bassett
Acting Chief Master
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