



**Statement of the Commissioners of the SA Law Reform Commission
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The commissioners of the South African Law Reform Commission extend our congratulations to Judge Narandran (Jody) Kollapen on his recent appointment as justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa. This is a stellar achievement and it is a tribute to him as a jurist that he has been elevated to the highest court in the land.

We are proud to have been associated with Judge Kollapen who has served for many years as chairperson of the SA Law Reform Commission. All of us who have worked with him can attest to his genuine and abiding commitment to the founding values of our Constitution which include protecting and developing the rule of law, respecting human dignity, achieving equality and advancing human rights and freedoms.

Our Constitution has the laudable aspirational goal of improving the quality of life and freeing the potential of each person in the ultimate quest of achieving a more equitable society. While we have made some progress on this journey much more needs to be done with greater earnestness of purpose. The solemn obligation of determining whether constitutional obligations and duties are being fulfilled as required on an ongoing basis now rests with the currently constituted Constitutional Court. We are confident that Judge Kollapen, as part of the collective, will remain ever faithful to the cardinal values of our Constitution and will always act in a manner that safeguards and advances our constitutional democracy.

We wish Judge Kollapen every success.