CALL FOR PERSONS TO MAKE KNOWN THEIR INTEREST IN BEING CONSIDERED FOR APPOINTMENT AS ACTING SOLICITOR-GENERAL

The Minister of Justice and Correctional Services hereby invites persons who are interested in being considered for appointment as acting Solicitor-General, for a maximum period of 24 months, to make known their interest to serve in this position.

The State Attorney Act, (Act 56 of 1957), regulates litigation involving government. The State Attorney Act, 1957, as amended by the State Attorney Amendment Act, 2014 (Act 13 of 2014)(the Amendment Act), which comes into operation on 7 February 2020 makes provision for the appointment by the Minister of a Solicitor-General or a person to act as Solicitor-General. The legislation determines that the Solicitor-General is the executive officer of all offices of State Attorney and must exercise control, direction and supervision over all these offices. The Solicitor-General will, with due regard to the ethical norms and standards in the attorneys’ profession, be subject to the direction and supervision of the Minister.

The candidate sought to act as the Solicitor-General must have a minimum of 10 years’ legal experience and a minimum of 8 years relevant managerial experience, must be a fit and proper person, with due regard to his or her conscientiousness and integrity, to be entrusted with the responsibilities of the office concerned.

The Solicitor-General –
(a) must be admitted as an attorney in any division of the High Court of South Africa; or
(b) must –
   (i) be admitted as an advocate in any division of the High Court of South Africa;
   (ii) previously have been admitted as an attorney in any division of the High Court of South Africa and practised as such;
   (iii) not have been struck off the Roll of attorneys or Roll of advocates, as the case may be; and
   (iv) be eligible to be re-admitted as an attorney.

Persons who meet the above requirements and who are interested must submit their curricula vitae, containing detailed information about their experience and qualifications, with the necessary certified supporting documents. Female candidates are encouraged to express an interest in this position.

The information may be sent to Mr Donald Mpholo: Acting DDG: Corporate Services; DOJCD, in one of the following ways:
(a) By email to: DMpholo@justice.gov.za
(b) By hand at 329 Momentum Building, Pretorius Street, 0001

Closing date: 14 February 2020
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