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The Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development, has under section 35(1)(a) read with section 13(5) of the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994 (Act No. 9 of 1994), in consultation with the Chief Justice and after section 13(8) of the said Act was complied with, made the regulations in the Schedule.

### 1. Definitions

In these regulations any word or expression to which a meaning has been assigned in the Act shall bear the meaning so assigned to it and, unless the context otherwise indicates—

"day" means any day of the week other than a Saturday, Sunday or public holiday;

"acting judge" does not include a judge who is temporarily appointed to act in a different capacity or as a judge of a different court;

"judge" does not include an acting judge;

"Register" means the Register of Judges' Registrable Interests, referred to in section 13(2) of the Act;

"Registrar" means the Registrar of Judges' Registrable Interests, appointed in terms of section  $\underline{13(1)}$  of the Act;

"registrable interest" means an interest contemplated in regulation 2;

"the Act" means the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994 (Act No. 9 of 1994).

### 2. Registrable interests

- (1) Subject to subregulation (2), the registrable interests of—
  - (a) judges in active service and those of their immediate family members; and
  - (b) judges who have been discharged from active service, who are required to be available to perform service in terms of section 7((1)(a)(i) of the Judges' Remuneration and Conditions of Employment Act, 2001 (Act No. 47 of 2001),

are as listed in Annexure A.

(2) (a) The interests of judges who have been discharged from active service and who are not required to be available to perform service in terms of section 7((1)(a)(i) of the Judges' Remuneration and Conditions of Employment Act, 2001, are not registrable, but if such a judge is called on to perform service as a judge, the Head of the Court where that judge performs that service may, on an application in chambers by a party to proceedings before that judge, require the judge to disclose to the Head of Court and the party in question whether the judge has any interests that may, or may be perceived to, prejudice the integrity of those proceedings. If the service in question is not related to a particular court, the application may be made to the Chief Justice.

- (b) The interests of a judge's dependent children are registrable if the judge is in active service. The interests of a judge's other immediate family members are only registrable if—
  - (i) the judge is in active service;
  - (ii) the judge wishes to disclose those interests; and
  - (ii) the immediate family members in question consent to such disclosure.

[Please note: numbering as in original.]

(3) The interests of an acting judge are not registrable, but the Head of the Court where such a judge holds an acting appointment may, on an application in chambers by a party to proceedings before that acting judge, require the acting judge to disclose to the Head of Court and the party in question whether the acting judge has any interests that may, or may be perceived to, prejudice the integrity of those proceedings.

### 3. Disclosure of registrable interests

- (1) A judge referred to in regulation <u>2(1)</u> must disclose particulars of all his or her registrable interests on a form which corresponds substantially with Form 1 of Annexure B, and must lodge that disclosure with the Registrar. A judge in active service must also disclose the registrable interests of his or her dependent children and may, in respect of other immediate family members, make such disclosures as to which they may consent.
- (2) Subject to section <u>13(4)</u> of the Act, a judge must lodge the first disclosure with the Registrar within 30 days of his or her appointment as a judge.
- (3) The Registrar must enter the particulars of a disclosure by a judge in the Register and must cause a copy of all entries relating to that judge, to be delivered to the judge. All entries relating to the registrable interests of a family member of a judge must be made in the confidential part of the Register.
- (4) A judge referred to in subregulation (1) may at any time make disclosures to the Registrar, or inform the Registrar of such amendments as may be required, but every such judge must, during March every year, inform the Registrar in writing whether the entries in the Register are an accurate reflection of that judges' registrable interests and, if applicable, make such further disclosures or amendments, as may be required.
- (5) If the Registrar becomes aware at any time of any information relating to the interests of a judge in active service, that may require material changes to the disclosures made by that judge, the Registrar must in writing inform the Head of Court of the judge of that information.
- (6) If the Registrar has reason to believe that any judge—
  - (a) has failed or is failing to comply with a provision of these regulations; or
  - (b) may have disclosed incorrect or misleading information,

the Registrar must without delay invite that judge in writing to comply with the provision in question or to correct any information so disclosed.

- (7) If, after a period of 30 days has lapsed after a judge received a written invitation in terms of subregulation (6), the Registrar still has reason to believe that the judge—
  - (a) has failed or is failing to comply with a provision of these regulations; or
  - (b) may have disclosed incorrect or misleading information,

the Registrar must without delay lodge a complaint against that judge in the manner contemplated in section  $\frac{14(3)}{3}$  of the Act.

### 4. Application for consent

- (1) An application for the written consent of the Minister as contemplated in—
  - (a) section 11(1) of the Act, must be in writing and must correspond substantially with Part I of Form 2 of Annexure B; and
  - (b) section 11(2) of the Act, must be in writing and must correspond substantially with Part II of Form 2 of Annexure B.
- (2) An application contemplated in subregulation (1), together with certified copies of supporting documentation must be lodged in duplicate with the Chief Justice, who must—
  - (a) consider the application;
  - (b) make a written recommendation to the Minister; and
  - (c) submit his or her written recommendation, together with a copy of the application and supporting documentation, to the Minister for consideration.
- (3) The Minister must cause the Chief Justice and the judge who made an application to be informed of his or her decision regarding the application within a reasonable time.

### 5. Register

- (1) The Register must correspond substantially with the format set out in Annexure C.
- (2) The public part of the Register may be inspected by any person at the office of the Registrar or at any other venue agreed to by the Registrar, during office hours and under the supervision of a person designated by the Registrar.
- (3) The Registrar must keep the Register in a safe place.
- (4) Only the Heads of Court, the Registrar, an official designated in writing by the Registrar and, when it is relevant to a complaint referred to in section <u>14</u> of the Act, the person conducting the inquiry into that complaint, have access to the Confidential Part of the Register.
- (5) The Registrar must, for the purposes of indicating the degree of compliance with the Register in the annual report of the Commission, as contemplated in section 6(2)(c) of the Act, also furnish the Commission with the names of those judges in active service who have disclosed interests of their family members.

### 6. Short title

These regulations shall be called the Regulations relating to the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994.

### Annexure A

### Regulations relating to the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994

### Registrable interests (Regulation 2)

### Part 1 – Interests to be disclosed by Judges in active service

1. Immovable property, including immovable property outside South Africa. (The physical address and value of the property are to be disclosed in the confidential part of the Register.)

- 2. Shares and other financial interests in companies and other corporate entities. (Public part of the Register).
- 3. Directorships, business or financial interests in any business enterprise or any legal entity. (Public part of the Register.)
- 4. Any royalties derived from the application of section 11 of the Act.
- 5. Gifts, other than a gift received from an immediate family member, with a value of more than R 1500 or gifts received from a single source with a cumulative value of more than R 1500 in a calendar year, and including hospitality intended as such. (Public part of the Register.)
- 6. Any other financial income not derived from the holding of judicial office. (Public part of the Register.)

# Part 2 – Interests to be disclosed by judges discharged from active service who are required to be available to perform service in terms of section 7((1)(a)(i) of the Judges' Remuneration and Conditions of Employment Act, 2001 (Act No. 47 of 2001)

- 1. Shares and other financial interests in companies and other corporate entities. (Public part of the Register.)
- 2. Directorships, business or financial interests in any business enterprise or any legal entity. (Public part of the Register.)
- 3. Any royalties, income or other benefits derived from the application of section 11 of the Act. (Public part of the Register.)
- 4. Any other financial income not derived from the holding of judicial office. (Public part of the Register.)

### Part 3 – Interests of immediate family members to be declared by judges in active service if applicable

- A. In respect of the dependent children of the judge, the following interests, in the confidential part of the Register:
  - 1. Immovable property, including immovable property outside South Africa.
  - 2. Shares and other financial interests in companies and other corporate entities.
  - 3. Directorships, business or financial interests in any business enterprise or any legal entity. (Public part of the Register.)
  - 4. Sponsorships, including financial assistance, from any source other than an immediate family member.
  - 5. Gifts, other than a gift received from an immediate family member, with a value of more than R1500 or gifts received from a single source with a cumulative value of more than R1500 in a calendar year, and including hospitality intended as such, unless the judge concerned has been discharged from active service.
- B. In respect of immediate family members, other than dependent children of the judge, any one or more of the interests listed in A above, that the judge may, with the consent of the family member, wish to declare in the confidential part of the Register.

### Annexure B

### Form 1 - Regulations relating to the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994

### Disclosure of registrable interests (Regulation 3)

File number	
Please note:	

- 1. This form must be completed in block letters.
- 2. Failure to comply with any provision in Regulation  $\underline{3}$ , or the disclosure of false or misleading information, may result in the lodging of a complaint contemplated in section 14 of the Act.
- 3. Proof of Minister's consent, granted in terms of section 11 of the Act, must be attached, where applicable.

A.	PERSONAL PARTICULARS OF JUDGE  (To be completed by every judge referred to in regulation 2(1))				
Surname:					
Full names:					
Identity number					
Court where serv case of judge in a acting]):					
Postal address:					
Telephoned (h):				Telephone (b):	
Cellular phone ni	r:				
Facsimile nr:					
E-mail address:					
Please indicate se	ervice status:	Active service		Discharged: years of age	
В.		PARTICULARS OF IMMEDIATE FAMILY MEMBER(S)  ompleted by judges in active service if disclosure is to be made. Please arate page if more than two family members have registrable interests.			
1. Surname:					
Full names:					
Identity number:					
Relationship to ju	ıdge:				
2. Surname:					

Full names:						
Identity number	:					
Relationship to j						
С.		PARTICULA	ARS OF INTERESTS	S DISCLOSED		
1.	(То	be disclosed by j	OWNERSHIP OF IN udges in active serv a respect of immed	vice. Please indica	ate if	
	DESCRIPTION		LOCATION	VALUE	REMARKS	
2.	2. SHARES  (To be disclosed by all judges required to make disclosures in terms of regulation 2(1). Please indicate if disclosure is made in respect of immediate family members.)					
	NATURE NOMINAL COMPANY/ REMARK VALUE ENTITY					
3.	3. DIRECTORSHIPS, BUSINESS OR FINANCIAL INTERESTS IN ANY BUSINESS ENTERPRISE OR ANY LEGAL ENTITY  (To be disclosed by all judges required to make disclosures in terms of regulation 2(1). Please indicate if disclosure is made in respect of immediate family members.)					
NAME OF ENTITY  TYPE OF INCOME/ BUSINESS BENEFIT DERIVED					REMARKS	
4.			E OR OTHER BENE DN OF SECTION 11			
	(To be disclosed by all judges required to make disclosures in terms of regulation 2(1).)					

NATURE OF BENEFIT		VALUE	PARTICULARS OF MINISTERIAL CONSENT	REMARKS	
5.		SPONSORSHIPS et of immediate fa e, by judges in act			
SOURCE OF SPO	NSORSHIP	NATURE OF SPONSORSHIP	NOMINAL VALUE	REMARKS	
6.	GIFTS AND HOSPITALITY  (To be disclosed by judges required to made disclosure in terms of regulation 2(1). Please indicate if respect of immediate family members.)				
SOURCE OF GIFT/HOSPITALITY  DESCRIPTION OF GIFT/ HOSPITALITY  NOMINAL REMAR				REMARKS	
7.	ANY OTHER FINANCIAL INCOME NOT DERIVED FROM HOLDING JUDICIAL OFFICE  (To be disclosed by all judges required to make disclosures in terms of regulation 2(1).)				
				REMARKS	
best of my knowled	(name of judge) hereby certify tl lge. s day of 20	hat the above inform	nation is complete	and correct to the	

### Form 2 - Regulations relating to the Judicial Service Commission Act, 1994

### Application for consent in terms of section 11(1) and (2) of the Judicial Service Commission, 1994 (Regulation 4(1))

### [Please note:]

- This form must be—

   (a) completed in block letters; and
   (b) submitted in duplicate to the Chief Justice.
- 2. Certified copies of supporting documentation must be attached to application.
- 3. If space provided is not enough, please continue on a separate page.
- 4. Part I of the form must be completed by a judge performing active service.
- 5. Part II of the form must be completed by a judge who has been discharged from active service.

PART I		APPLICATION FOR CONSENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(1) OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACT, 2008				
		(To be comp	oleted by a judge	e performing active service)		
Surname:						
Full names:						
Identity numb	er					
Business addre	ess:					
Telephone (h):	:			Telephoned):		
Cellular phone	enr:					
Facsimile nr:						
E-mail address	3:					
Consent reque	ested:	Legal books written		Legal books edited		
Give full descr royalties:	iption of					
SIGNED:						
		Name of Place Date Judge			Date	
PART II	(To be	APPLICATION FOR CONSENT IN TERMS OF SECTION 11(2) OF THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION ACT, 2008 (To be completed by a judge who has been discharged from active service)				
Surname:						
Full names:						
Identity numb	er:					

Residential Address:				
Business address:				
Postal address:				
Telephoned (h):		Telephone (b):		
Cellular phone nr:				
Facsimile nr:				
E-mail address:				
Consent requested for:	Holding/ performing other office of profit	Fees/emoluments/ other remuneration/ allowance apart from salary		
Give full description of office/fees/emoluments/ other remuneration/ allowance /other amount:				
From whom would office/ fees/emoluments/other remuneration/allowance / other amount be received				
SIGNED:				
	Name of Judge	Place	Date	

### **Annexure C**

### Format of register of judges' registrable interests (Regulation 5)

### Register of judges' registrable interests

### Part 1 – Public part

### Chapter 1 Judges in active service

Name of Superior Court, e.g. Supreme Court of Appeal					
	Justice (Nan	ne of Judge):			
	Immovable	e property:			
Description			Date of entry		
	Sha	res:			
Nature	Nominal value	Company/Entity	Date of entry		
Directorships, busi	ness or financial interests	in any business enterprise	or any legal entity:		
Name of entity	Type of business	Income/benefit derived	Date of entry		
Bene	fit derived from applicatio	n of section 11 of Act 9 of 1	<u>1994</u> :		
Nature of benefit	Value	Particulars of written consent	Date of entry		
	Gifts and l	nospitality			
Source	Nature	Nominal value	Date of entry		
Other financial income not related to judicial office					
Source	Source Value Date of entry				

### Chapter 2 Judges discharged from active service

Justice (Name of Judge):		Date discharged:	Age:			
Shares:						
Nature	Nominal value	Company/Entity	Date of entry			
Directorships, business or financial interests in any business enterprise or any legal entity:						
Name of entity	Type of business	Income/benefit derived	Date of entry			
Ber	efit derived from application	on of section 11 of <u>Act 9 of</u>	<u>1994</u> :			
Nature of benefit	Value	Particulars of written consent	Date of entry			
Other financial income not related to judicial office						
Source		Value	Date of entry			

### Part 2 - Confidential part

### Chapter 1 Judges in active service

Name of Superior Court, e.g. Supreme Court of Appeal					
Justice (nan	Justice (name of Judge): Personal registrable interests:				
	Immovable	e property:			
Description	Location	Value	Date of entry		
Name, age and gender of in	mmediate family member of	Judge:			
Registrable assets of (name	e of above family member):				
	Immovable	e property:			
Description	Location	Value	Date of entry		
	Sha	res:			
Nature	Nominal value	Company/Entity	Date of entry		
	Directorships/partnersh	ips/business enterprises:			
Name of entity	Type of business	Income/benefit derived	Date of entry		
Sponsorships					
Source	Nature	Nominal value	Date of entry		
Gifts and hospitality					
Source	Nature	Nominal value	Date of entry		

### Chapter 2 Judges discharged from active service

Justice (name of Judge):				
Immovable property:				
Description	Location	Value	Date of entry	