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**LAW SOCIETY OF THE NORTHERN PROVINCES V TSHEGOFATSO
CHRISTOFER MOGAMI AND OTHERS.**

The Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) today held that the failure to account properly by attorneys in terms of Attorneys Act 53 of 1979 was unprofessional conduct which, following suspension, called for a serious reprimand and order requiring them to account properly and to report on this accounting to the Law Society of the Northern Provinces. The court further held that the Law Society of Bophuthatswana must comply with the amendments to the Attorneys Act and must respect the statutory jurisdiction of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces.

The Court further warned that the strategy of wrongdoers to launch into unbridled attacks on the accuser, make untruthful denials and ignore laws and court judgements will not be countenanced. This was tantamount to unprofessional conduct. The Court voiced its disapproval of the unprofessional acts of the Bophuthatswana Law Society of ignoring the law and court judgements and presenting spurious evidence.

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