

## SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL OF SOUTH AFRICA

### Practice Directive 2/2024

**The President of the Supreme Court of Appeal hereby issues the following practice direction in respect of the identification of parties in the heads of argument filed in terms of Rule 10 of the Rules Regulating the Conduct of the Proceedings of the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa<sup>1</sup> (the Rules of the Supreme Court of Appeal):**

In order to avoid confusion in the identification of parties, counsel should, when drawing their heads of argument, introduce the appellant(s) and respondent(s) as the parties to the appeal and reference them by using their proper names, and thereafter make use of these proper names (or appropriate abbreviations) in the heads of argument and for the purposes of oral argument before the court. For example, 'the appellant is Amos Sithole (Mr Sithole) and the respondent is the Minister of Justice (the Minister)'.

This Practice Directive does not seek to override the Rules of the Supreme Court of Appeal, which have the force of law and may be amended from time to time when circumstances so dictate. No interpretation of this Practice Directive should have the effect of denying access to justice to any litigant. This Practice Directive will be enforced with immediate effect and shall apply until set aside by another one, or until Rule 10(3) of the Rules of the Supreme Court of Appeal has been amended so as to give effect to it.



M B Molemela

President

Supreme Court of Appeal

17 December 2024

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<sup>1</sup> GoN R1523, G. 19507 (c.i.o 28 December 1998), GoN R979, G. 33689 (c.i.o 24 December 2010), GoN R191, G. 34073 (c.i.o 15 April 2011), GoN R113, G. 36157 (c.i.o 22 March 2013), GoN R1055, G. 41142 (c.i.o 1 November 2017), GoN R1318, G. 42064 (c.i.o 10 January 2019), GoN R842, G. 42497 (c.i.o 1 July 2019), GoN R858, G. 43592 (c.i.o 11 September 2020), GoN R1158, G. 43856 (c.i.o 1 December 2020), GoN R1602, G. 45645 (c.i.o 1 February 2022), GoN R2135, G. 46475 (c.i.o 8 July 2022), GoN R3059, G. 48067 (c.i.o. 24 March 2023), GoN R3398, G. 48571 (Updated to 19 June 2023).