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THE PASSING OF THE FORMER CHIEF JUSTICE OF THE REPUBLIC OF BOTSWANA MR. JULIAN MUKWESU NGANUNU

It is with deep sadness and sorrow that the Administration of Justice informs the public of the passing of the former Chief Justice Mr. Julian Mukwesu Nganunu who passed away on the 3rd of August 2014.

He was appointed Chief Justice of the Republic of Botswana on the 23rd of July 1997 and retired on the 1st of February 2010.

Prior to joining the Administration of Justice as a Judge on the 24th January 1992, the former Chief Justice had an expansive and successful legal career which started at the Attorney General's Chambers in September 1969 where he rose through the ranks from Assistant State Counsel and left as Deputy Attorney General in 1976.

From February 1977 to December 1978 he was appointed Permanent Secretary in the Ministry of Mineral Resources and Water Affairs. During his time at the Ministry he served as chairman of Botswana Power Corporation, Water Utilities Corporation, Botswana Diamond Valuing Company (Pty) Ltd and a member of the board of Botswana Development Corporation, Bank of Botswana and Botswana Vaccine Institute amongst others. He also served as a Director in various boards.

He later joined the law firm Richard Lyons Attorneys as a Partner from December 1979 to March 1981 when he established his own law firm practising under the name and style of J.M. Nganunu and Company.

During his tenure as Chief Justice, Mr. Julian Mukwesu Nganunu introduced futuristic institutional and judicial reforms which are now the envy of our neighbouring countries. He was a visionary leader and his impact while steering the Judiciary continues to resonate throughout the Administration of Justice.

MAY HIS SOUL REST IN PEACE

M. Motlhabi (Mr)

Registrar & Master of The High Court