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## MEDIA RELEASE

### LEGAL AID SA URGES THE PUBLIC TO DRAFT A WILL DURING NATIONAL WILLS WEEK

National Wills Week 2019 will take place from 16-20 September. Legal Aid South Africa (Legal Aid SA) has partnered with the Law Society of South Africa and the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (DoJ&CD) and will be drafting basic wills for free throughout the week, as well as providing legal advice on wills, at no cost.

One of the greatest risks of not having a legitimate will in place is the often nasty family in-fighting over the inheritance of assets, particularly family homes. Legal Aid SA urges all South African citizens and non-citizens to utilise their over 150 participating attorneys during this week to draft wills at no cost and ensure that their assets are distributed according to their wishes.

Legal Aid SA Legal Practitioners will be setting up information stalls and service desks at various courts, Master's Offices and other community venues in all nine Provinces to assist with the drafting and completing of basic wills during National Wills Week (from 16-20 September 2019 only). Furthermore, Legal Aid SA Legal Practitioners will also address community members on the administration of deceased estates and why it is important to have a will.

According to DoJ&CD statistics, the 2018 National Wills Week campaign saw free wills drafted and estate advice given to 4,555 people across the country. This was supported by a strong social media awareness campaign which reached 340,754 users nationwide with important information to consider when thinking of estate planning.

Below is the schedule of all the locations where National Wills Week activities will be conducted:

Province	Date	Time	Venue
<b>Gauteng</b>	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Tsakani Magistrate's Court
	17 Sep 2019	10h00 – 12h30	Department of Minerals, Pretoria
	17 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Newlands Magistrate's Court
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Atteridgeville Magistrate's Court
	18 Sep 2019	10h00 – 12h30	DoJ&CD, Pretoria
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Westonaria Magistrate's Court
<b>North West</b>	15 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Mahikeng Methodist Church
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Zeerust Master's Office
	17 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Mogwase Master's Office
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Rustenburg Master's Office
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Klerksdorp Magistrate's Court
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Potchefstroom Taxi Rank
	20 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Mafikeng Master's Office
	20 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Ganyesa Community Hall

<b>Mpumalanga</b>	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Nelspruit Master's Office
	17 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Thulamahashe Magistrate's Court
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Graskop Magistrate's Court
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Lydenburg Magistrate's Court
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Bushbuckridge Magistrate's Court
<b>Limpopo</b>	20 Sep 2019	10h00 – 13h00	Middelburg Magistrate's Court
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Polokwane, Seshego Police Station
	17 Sep 2019	10h00 – 13h00	Mahlwelereng Shopping Mall
	18 Sep 2019	10h00 – 13h00	Burgersfort Taxi Rank
	19 Sep 2019	10h00 – 13h00	Bochum Taxi Rank
<b>Free State</b>	20 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Thohoyandou, Tswinga Community Hall
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Warden Magistrate's Court
	17 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Reitz Magistrate's Court
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Fouriesburg Magistrate's Court
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Hoopstad Magistrate's Court
<b>KwaZulu-Natal</b>	20 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h30	Odendalsrus Magistrate's Court
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Pietermaritzburg Master's Office
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Durban High Court
<b>Eastern Cape</b>	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Amajuba District Municipality
	16 Sep 2019	08h30 – 13h00	Grahamstown Magistrate's Court
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Tsolo Magistrate's Court
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 13h00	Mthatha Taxi Rank
	17 Sep 2019	10h00 – 14h30	Aliwal North Taxi Rank
	17 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Comfimvaba Magistrate's Court
	17 Sep 2019	08h30 – 13h00	Port Elizabeth, George Botha Hall
	18 Sep 2019	08h30 – 13h00	Bethelsdorp, Weiss Memorial Church
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Aliwal North Magistrate's Court
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Dutywa Magistrate's Court
<b>Northern Cape</b>	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Mount Frere Magistrate's Court
	20 Sep 2019	09h00 – 14h30	Mthatha Magistrate's Court
	16 Sep 2019	10h00 – 15h00	Kimberley Magistrate's Court
	17 Sep 2019	10h00 – 15h00	Diamond Pavilion Mall
	18 Sep 2019	10h00 – 15h00	Galeshewe Magistrate's Court
	19 Sep 2019	10h00 – 15h00	North Cape Mall
<b>Western Cape</b>	20 Sep 2019	10h00 – 12h30	Statistics South Africa Office, Kimberley
	20 Sep 2019	10h00 – 13h00	Floors, Aldersgate Methodist Church
	16 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Blue downs Magistrate's Court
	17 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Somerset West Magistrate's Court
	18 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Malmesbury Magistrate's Court
	19 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Athlone Magistrate's Court
	20 Sep 2019	09h00 – 15h00	Cape Town Magistrate's Court

Legal Aid SA urges members of the public to visit them at these sites during National Wills Week 2019 to gain empowering legal information and education on their rights and responsibilities.

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