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MEDIA ADVISORY

FINAL ANNUAL PERFORMANCE PRESENTATION OF OUTGOING LEGAL AID SA CEO

Legal Aid South Africa (abbreviated as Legal Aid SA) has during the 2018/19 financial year provided legal assistance to close to 725 000 people, including assistance to 16 173 children in legal matters. Led by its Chairperson Judge Motsamai Makume and CEO Vidhu Vedalankar, the Legal Aid SA executive team will be addressing the Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services on its 2018/19 achievements and future plans.

This will be the final Portfolio Committee presentation led by Ms Vedalankar, who is leaving the organisation after a successful 17-year tenure as its CEO. During this time, over six million people were provided with legal aid services in South Africa.

Members of the media are invited and welcome to attend the presentation, where they will have an opportunity to engage with the Legal Aid SA CEO on the organisation's on-going interventions to keep pace with the massively increasing demand for legal services, as well as to discuss the CEO's legacy of making the constitutional right of access to justice a reality in her 17-year tenure.

The Portfolio Committee briefing will take place as follows:

Date: Thursday, 10 October 2019
Venue: Room M514, 5th Floor, Marks Building
Time: 14:00

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