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### **Media Statement: In Memoriam Mr Justice Shyam Gyanda**

In a moment of profound sorrow, the Judges in KwaZulu-Natal learnt of the death of Judge Shyam Gyanda on 17 June 2024, a few months before what would have been his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on 1 September 2024.

Judge Gyanda graduated from the then University of Durban-Westville in 1978 after reading for the BA and LLB degrees. He joined the Durban Bar, served pupillage under Peter Gastrow, and was one of the founding members of Advocates Group 7 in Salmon Grove Chambers. He had a wide and thriving practice as an advocate, and served also as a member of the Heath Investigative Unit. After a few stints as an acting judge both in the Eastern Cape and in KwaZulu-Natal he was appointed permanently to the KwaZulu-Natal Bench during 2001. He discharged his duty with courage and diligence.

He was a valued member of the bench, a trusted colleague and a friend to all. Both at the Bar, and on the bench, in addition to sound advice, he always had a kind word and a smile for all who sought his counsel and guidance, and if the occasion permitted it, a joke, sometimes naughty and sometimes wicked, would be added in.

Sadly, failing health persuaded Judge Gyanda to seek release a little earlier than he would have liked, and he retired on 31 May 2020.

We remember our brother with fondness.

The Judges of the KwaZulu-Natal Division send their heartfelt condolences to his widow, Shireen, his children Kajal, Sahil and Alka and to the wider family.

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