

## **New judge for the Constitutional Court**

In April President Jacob Zuma appointed advocate Mbuyiseli Madlanga as a judge of the Constitutional Court, with effect from 1 August 2013.

'I congratulate advocate Madlanga SC on this appointment and wish him all the best in this new role of promoting constitutional justice in our country,' President Zuma said in a press release announcing the appointment.

Regarding the position, Mr Madlanga, 51, told *De Rebus*: 'Sitting on the Bench of the highest court in the country is not only a daunting task but a challenge. Challenges always appeal to me.'

He added: 'I have one goal, and that is to administer justice as best I can in accordance with the Constitution.'

Regarding foreseeable challenges, Mr Madlanga said: 'Although the court has been in existence for just under 19 years now, its jurisprudence is still developing. Further development of the jurisprudence is itself a challenge.'

Mr Madlanga was a judge of the High Court from 1996 to 2001. He was appointed deputy chairperson of the Competition Tribunal in 2009 and as a member of the Judicial Service Commission in 2010, a position he held until resigning when he accepted the nomination for the Constitutional Court Bench.

Mr Madlanga has previously served on the Constitutional Court as an acting judge between August 2000 and May 2001. He has also been an acting judge of the Supreme Court of Appeal between 1998 and 1999, and was acting Judge President of the then Transkei High Court between 1999 and 2000.

Mr Madlanga is currently the chief evidence leader of the Commission of Inquiry into the Marikana tragedy.

- See also 2013 (Mar) *DR* 6.

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