MEDIA RELEASE	**PSA victorious in High Court for NPA Deputy Directors of Public Prosecution**
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The PSA has welcomed the High Court's dismissal on 25 November 2019 of the application for leave to appeal by the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA), the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services and the Director-General of the Department of Justice.

The judgment comes after the PSA declared a dispute on behalf of Prosecutors owing to the NPA's failure to implement their revised salary scales as agreed to between parties. The dispute was referred to the High Court to compel the NPA to implement the agreement. In the recent High Court case (case No 82109/17) the PSA brought an application for breach of contract and the Court handed down a judgment that will ensure specific performance from the NPA to implement to revised salaries for Prosecutors.

On 25 November 2019, the High Court of Pretoria heard the application for leave to appeal by the NPA, the Minister of Justice and Correctional Services and the Director-General of the Department of Justice against the judgment that was handed down on 15 October 2019 in favour of the PSA.

The PSA has welcomed the judgment by the High Court to dismiss the application with cost. The PSA pointed out that state departments should be held accountable for their wasteful and frivolous legal actions and should stop wasting tax payers' money on technical legal challenges without any legal basis. Such actions come at the expense of employees and society. Money wasted on such a manner could have been used much better to alleviate poverty and address job creation.

The PSA expressed the hope that the NPA will now reconsider its position and implement the October 2019 judgment to bring about the salary correction of Deputy Directors of Public Prosecutions (DDPPs) and Chief Prosecutors to address imbalances amongst ranks in the NPA.

The PSA called upon government to refrain from any further litigation process in this matter to prevent a further waste of tax payers' money on frivolous court actions and restore the morale of DDPSs.

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