

**THE JUDICIARY CIRCULAR NO.2 OF 2020**

The Registrar of  
The High Court

27 MAR 2020

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**27<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**To: THE HONOURABLE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
THE PRINCIPAL SECRETARY-JUSTICE  
THE DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS  
THE DIRECTOR GENERAL-DCEO  
COMMISSIONER OF POLICE  
COMMISSIONER OF CORRECTIONAL SERVICE  
THE CHIEF MAGISTRATES  
CHIEF LEGAL AID COUNSEL  
SENIOR JUDICIAL COMMISSIONER  
DEAN OF FACULTY OF LAW  
PRESIDENT OF LAW SOCIETY  
ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS  
ALL PROSECUTORS  
ALL MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

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**ESSENTIAL SERVICES TO BE OFFERED BY THE JUDICIARY DURING  
COUNTRYWIDE LOCKDOWN**

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Pursuant to the official statement issued by The Right Honourable The Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Lesotho, Dr. Motsoahae Thomas Thabane, on the covid-19 pandemic in which he ordered countrywide lock down from the **29<sup>th</sup> March 2020 to the 21<sup>st</sup> April 2020**, the general public, court users and all stakeholders in the administration and delivery of justice are kindly advised that

the Judiciary Circular No.1 of 2020 released on the 19<sup>th</sup> March 2020 shall no longer be applicable.

**The Judiciary shall operate as follows:**

**THE HIGH COURT**

1. Bail applications shall only be heard on Mondays from 10:00 am.
2. Subject to one (1) above a Judge on call shall stay at home ready to avail himself to entertain extremely urgent matters throughout this period.
3. Whenever there is an urgent application to be moved, the office of the Registrar shall be contacted on the following numbers:
  - 57527071
  - 58954218
  - 59441301
  - 58788711

In respect of the **Court of Appeal April 2020 Session**, the statement by the Honourable President of the Court of Appeal shall follow in due course.

**The Master of the High Court:**

1. Only services related to accessing monies from the Guardians' Funds shall be availed in respect of emergency on Wednesdays from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm.
2. The office of the Master shall be accessible on the following telephone numbers during the period:
  - 58071503
  - 50522639

**The Subordinate Courts:**

1. Remands of both suspects remanded in custody and those who are out on bail shall not be held.

2. There shall be no business at all by the Central and Local Courts during this period.
3. Chief Magistrates shall be contacted on their telephone numbers for any urgent matters including bail applications and remanding of suspects who are brought to court for first appearance.

**The management of the Magistrate shall be contacted on the following numbers:**

- 58884073
- 63056205
- 58034768



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**M.P. SEKOAI  
REGISTRAR OF HIGH COURT  
AND COURT OF APPEAL**

