

**REPUBLIC OF ZAMBIA** 

## THE SUPREME COURT OF ZAMBIA



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17<sup>TH</sup> APRIL, 2019

## CHIEF JUSTICE'S CIRCULAR NO. 1 OF 2019

## **TO: ALL LEGAL PRACTITIONERS**

All along it has been the practice, by some Law Firms, to maintain names of serving Judges in the names of such Law Firms. It has been realised that the continued use of names of serving Judges by Law Firms is causing, or has the potential to cause, a perception that the concerned Judges have an interest in, or derive a benefit from, those Law Firms. It has further been realised that the continued use of names of Judges in names of Law Firms has the potential to give rise to perceptions of bias.

In view of the foregoing, it has been decided that a Law Firm should not use a name(s) of a sitting Judge in the name of the Law Firm. It has further been decided that any name of a Law Firm that currently contains a name(s) of a Judge must be changed by <u>31st July, 2019.</u>

## I. C. MAMBILIMA CHIEF JUSTICE