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## PRESS STATEMENT

## INDUCTION WORKSHOP EQUIPS NEWLY APPOINTED JUDGES WITH ENHANCED LEGAL EXPERTISE AND JUDICIAL SKILLS

Lusaka, 17th May - The Judiciary, under the auspices of the Advisory Committee on Training and Continuing Education to His Lordship the Hon. Chief Justice, successfully conducted a two (2) weeks) comprehensive induction workshop for the newly appointed Hon. Judges of the Superior Courts.

The workshop which was held from 8th May – 17th May 2023 aimed at enhancing the legal expertise and judicial skills of the Judges necessary to excel in their judicial roles, and uphold the highest standards of justice in the country further strengthening the administration of justice in Zambia.

The participants, with diverse backgrounds and legal expertise, and experienced adjudicators from various levels of the Judiciary were provided a platform for intensive interactive learning, knowledge sharing, and professional development.

In his key-note address delivered on May 8th marking the official opening of the workshop, Chief Justice Mumba Malila, SC stated that it was imperative that following the judges' appointments they were brought to speed regarding the nature of the judicial function and be familiarized with the expectations of the people within and outside the Judiciary regarding the judges' performance in their newly assumed role. The Chief Justice emphasized that the workshop would reinforce several critical



values and virtues such as impartiality and integrity incorporating aspects of judicial independence, ethics, judging skill, bias, and even handedness.

The training was conducted by locally drawn facilitators who were themselves trained by a team of trainers from the renowned Judicial College of England and Wales. The Judiciary of Zambia thanks the team from the Judicial College of England and Wales, who not only provided the Judiciary of Zambia with their invaluable expertise but also furnished the institution with comprehensive training materials which was adapted to suit the Judiciary's vision and objectives.

The training workshop also facilitated the exchange of experiences among the judges, fostering collaboration and strengthening professional relationships within the judiciary. The participants appreciated the opportunity to learn from their peers, exchange ideas, and discuss common challenges faced in their daily work.

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