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HON. MR. JUSTICE ALBERT MARK WOOD RETIRES FROM THE SUPREME COURT OF ZAMBIA

Lusaka, 25th April, 2025 – The Judiciary of the Republic of Zambia announces the retirement of Hon. Mr. Justice Albert Mark Wood Hon. Judge of the Supreme Court. Justice Wood concludes his remarkable tenure on the Bench with a legacy defined by integrity, dedication, and an unwavering commitment to justice. His distinguished career has contributed to shaping the legal landscape of Zambia and has left an indelible mark on the nation's highest court.

Hon. Mr. Justice Wood was appointed to the Supreme Court on 16th January 2014, following a distinguished legal and judicial career spanning over four decades. A proud alumnus of the University of Zambia, Justice Wood was admitted to the Bar in 1984 and quickly rose to prominence in the legal profession, earning a reputation for excellence in civil litigation and commercial transactions. His legal journey included pivotal roles with D. H. Kemp and Company, the Bank of Zambia, and A. M. Wood and Company, where he practiced for twenty-four years.

Justice Wood's exemplary service extended beyond the courtroom. He held key leadership positions as Board Chairperson of the Zambia State Insurance Corporation Limited and the Revenue Appeals Tribunal. He was also Vice Chairman of the Law Association of Zambia from 1996 to 1997, and is a renowned and skilled Arbitrator.

In paying tribute to Justice Wood, the Hon. Chief Justice, Dr. Mumba Malila, SC, remarked: "Justice Albert Wood leaves behind a legacy defined by profound intellect, judicial temperament, quiet wisdom, and a deep sense of fairness. His stewardship, both on the Bench and in his many leadership roles, has enriched the Zambian Judiciary and inspired confidence in the rule of law. On behalf of the Judiciary and the people of Zambia, I extend my heartfelt gratitude to Justice Wood for his distinguished service to the nation. His unwavering dedication to the cause of justice stands as a beacon to all who follow in his footsteps."

As Justice Wood retires, the Judiciary of Zambia warmly thanks him for his outstanding contributions and wishes him continued success in all his future endeavours. His exemplary service and leadership will continue to inspire both his colleagues and future generations within the judiciary.

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