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Subject: YOUR COMPLAINT LODGED AGAINST LEGAL AID SOUTH AFRICA: GP/1516/0395
Date: Monday, November 09, 2015 7:38:17 AM

Dear Advocate Brink

I confirm the following:

1. The South African Human Rights Commission (the Commission) engaged with Legal Aid South Africa (LASA) regarding your complaint lodged with the Gauteng Provincial office of the Commission under reference number GP/1516/0395. Such engagement was aimed at establishing whether LASA would be willing to engage in an alternative dispute resolution (ADR) process facilitated by the Commission with a view to possibly resolving the complaint;
2. LASA responded to the Commission by providing a brief background of your engagements with LASA and confirming their willingness to engage in ADR, noting however the need for caution in respect thereof;
3. After due and proper consideration of the detailed historical background of the matters between yourself and LASA (as provided by yourself and LASA to the Commission on various occasions over the years), the on-going litigious proceedings between the same two parties and the close relationship and interrelatedness of the issues forming the basis of those matters and the present one, the Commission has elected not to proceed with ADR in the present matter. The basis for this decision also lies with the potential prejudice to one and / or both parties, specifically as mentioned above, with respect to the various litigation matters currently before the courts and their close relationship with the complaint registered under reference GP/1516/0395;
4. The abovementioned decision is as per Section 83(a)(c) which reads as follows:

(3) The Human Rights Commission may ... (c) if reasonably possible, on request, assist any person wishing to exercise a right contemplated in this Act". The Commission has exercised its discretion in this regard.

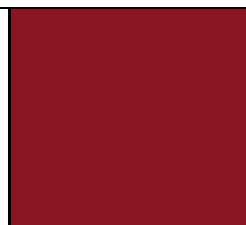
5. Formal correspondence confirming the above and the closure of your file will be forwarded to you in the near future.
6. We trust that your matter will be equitably resolved in due course.

Regards,

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