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Media Statement

The Legal Practice Council (LPC) is deeply saddened by the senseless killing of 35-year-old Ms Chinnette Gallichan, a non-practising legal practitioner, outside the CCMA offices in Johannesburg on Monday, 23 March 2026. Reports allege that the lawyer was being followed by two unidentified suspects before she was gunned down in what appears to be a targeted attack.

LPC Chairperson Advocate Pule Seleka said: “Any attack on a legal practitioner should be regarded as an attack on the rule of law. It shakes the very foundations of our constitutional democracy, and every effort must be made to ensure that those behind such heinous crimes are held accountable. The role legal practitioners play in advancing democracy can never be overstated. We urge law enforcement agencies to leave no stone unturned in pursuing the suspects behind this attack, particularly at a time when the country has identified violence against women and children as a national priority.”

Seleka SC also expressed LPC’s deepest condolences to the lawyer’s family, colleagues, and the entire legal fraternity during this difficult time.

“We urge members of the public to provide law enforcement authorities with any information that may assist in ensuring that the perpetrators of this crime are brought to book and face the full might of the law,” concludes Seleka SC.

About the Legal Practice Council

The Legal Practice Council is a national, statutory body established in terms of section 4 of the Legal Practice Act, No 28 of 2014. The Legal Practice Council and its Provincial Councils regulate the affairs of and exercise jurisdiction over all legal practitioners (attorneys and advocates) and candidate legal practitioners in the Republic of South Africa.

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