

'Cast out' rotten apples if there's proof – CJ

Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng, releasing the State of the Judiciary report last week, called on the public to oust any judges who were 'rotten'. He also covered a range of issues – from digital court processes to attacks on the Zondo Commission of Inquiry into State Capture and the woeful inadequacies that blight the Public Works Department, notes [Legalbrief](#). Mogoeng, responding to recent allegations of corruption in the judiciary, said: 'If there are rotten apples in our midst, **they must be cast out in order to save the rest**. If anybody has evidence against judges, please bring them forward.' Mogoeng also said it was the task of the police to probe the allegations of corruption against judges, reports [The Citizen](#). On the landmark Constitutional Court 'spanking' judgment, Mogoeng said it was important for those who sought clarity on the judgment to read the ruling. A better understanding of the ruling was crucial, he said. The Chief Justice also urged a campaign to be launched that would introduce a different approach on how sexual offences cases are handled by law enforcement. The cases require sensitivity, special training, and a totally different approach, he said. He suggested special training of the investigating officers to deal with gender-based violence cases. He also called for specially trained magistrates to ensure justice would be done in these cases.