

Suspended Chief Justice agrees to exit package

The Lesotho Government and suspended Chief Justice Nthomeng Majara have agreed on a \$632 000 exit package which will see her leave office without undergoing a potentially damaging impeachment process. [Legalbrief](#) reports that Majara was appointed Chief Justice in September 2014 when she replaced Justice Tšeliso Monaphathi. She was suspended from office on 11 September 2018 and a three-member tribunal was established to try her over a litany of misconduct charges including her alleged failure to ensure the timeous delivery of justice. She was also accused of renting a house for an amount significantly higher than her housing allowance. The [Lesotho Times](#) reports that government secretary Moahloli Mphaka confirmed the deal, saying it just needs Prime Minister Thomas Thabane and his coalition partners to endorse the exit package. **The settlement amount is way below the \$1.2m that Majara had requested in previous negotiations with the government.** The report notes that Majara had unsuccessfully urged the government to actively support her bid to secure a post at the International Criminal Court in 2017.