

## Timeline of Judge Hlophe's Removal



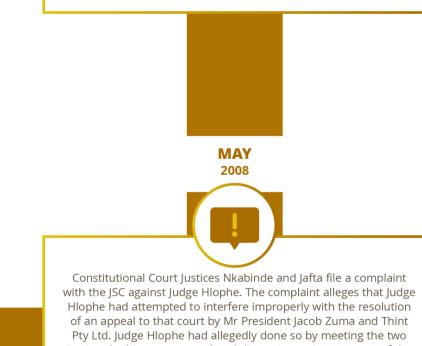
President Ramaphosa removes Judge Hlophe from office formally.







The ISC resolves that no formal hearing would be held regarding the Oasis Crescent complaint because the available evidence did not amount to prima facie proof of gross miscondu The JSC declined to conduct an inquiry resulting in a public outcry and deep unease in the legal community.



that the complaint was politically motivated and aimed at remo him from office at all costs.

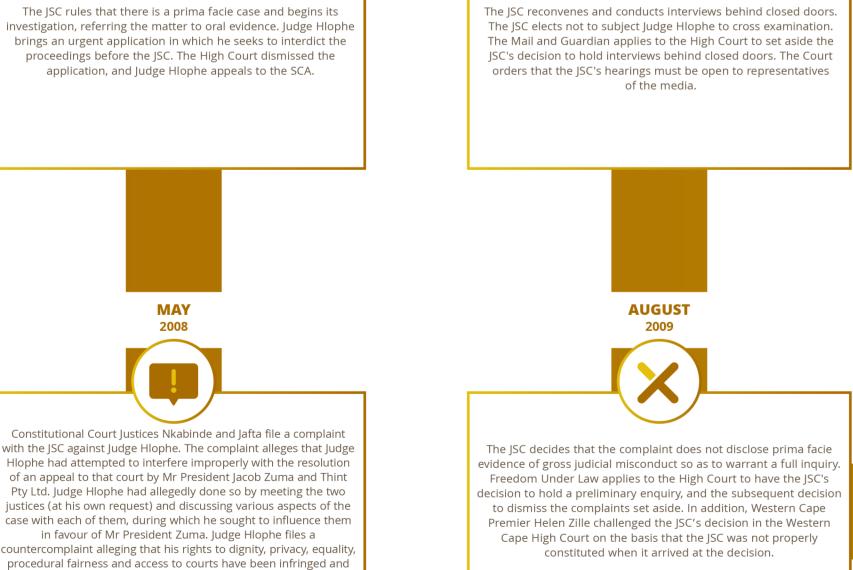
JSC hearings postponed multiple times to allow Judge Hlophe to

recuperate from ill health, and to afford his newly appointed

counsel time to prepare. On 29 March 2009, the SCA dismisses

Judge Hlophe's appeal.





The JSC refuses Judge Hlophe's request for a further

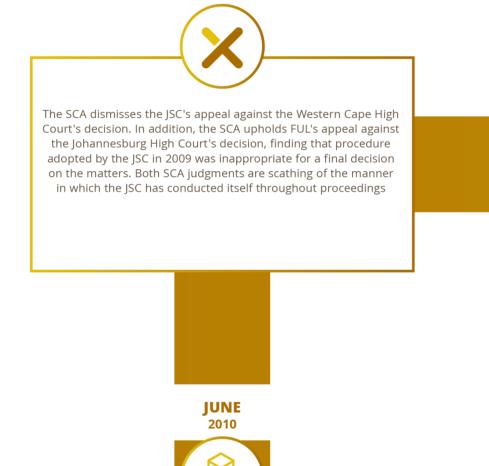
roceedings are adjourned to allow the parties to make written

postponement and commences proceedings in his absence

presentations. Judge Hlophe launches proceedings in the H

that proceedings begin de novo.

rt to declare the proceedings unlawful. The High Court orc



The High Court holds that Freedom Under Law has standing to

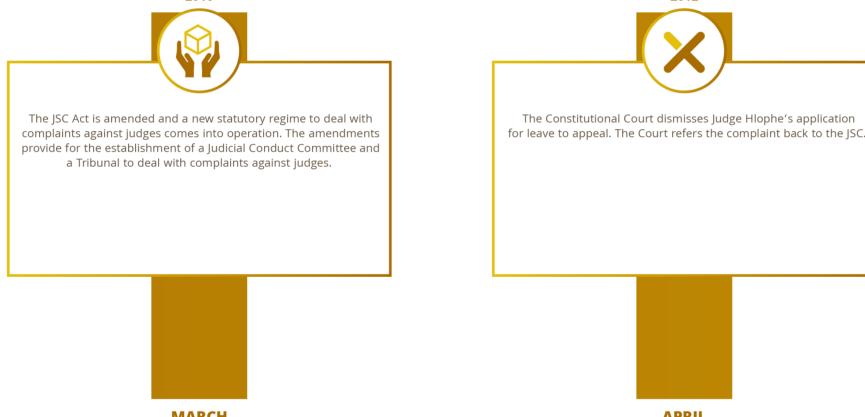
ring the application, but that it is not entitled to the relief it seek

to the SCA.

FUL appeals the decision to the SCA. In addition, the Western Cap

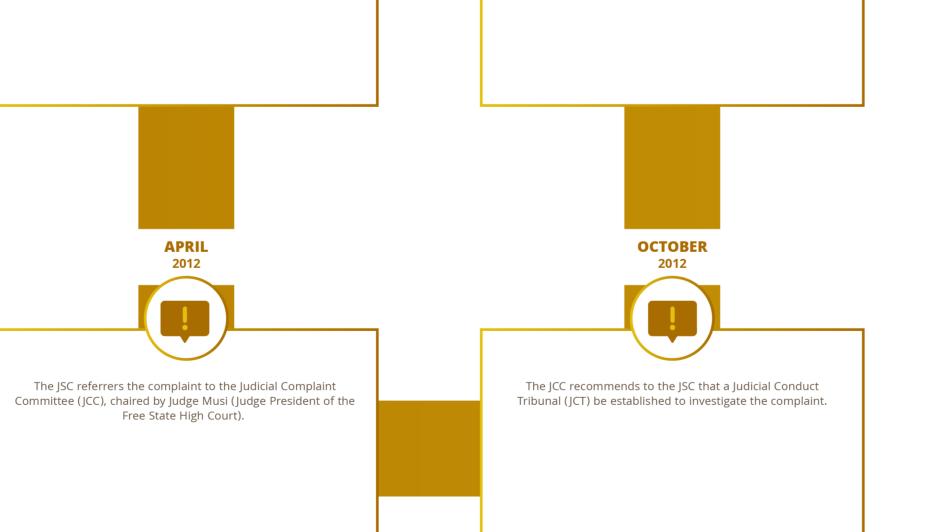
High Court upholds Premier Zille's application and sets the JSC's

August 2009 decision aside. The JSC takes the decision on appeal



Judge Hlophe applies for leave to appeal against

both decisions to the Constitutional Court.



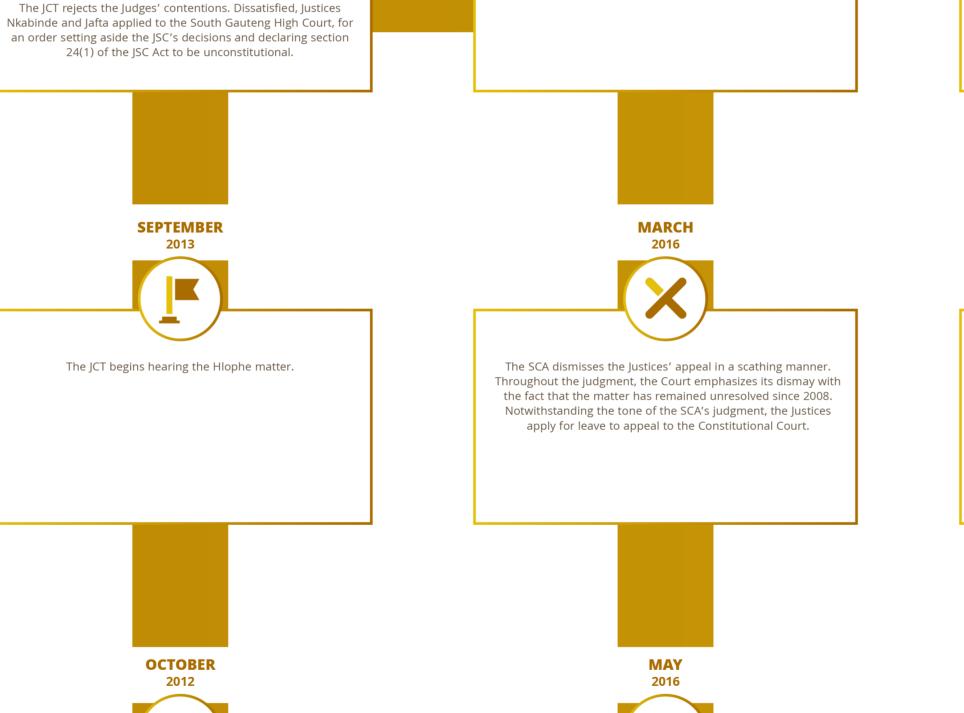
On 1 October 2013, Justices Jafta and Nkabinde challenge the

jurisdiction of the JCT to hear the matter, essentially on the

grounds that the complaint, lodged in 2008, should have been

adjudicated in terms of the Rules existing at that time (rather th

in terms of the Rules as they had been amended in the interim



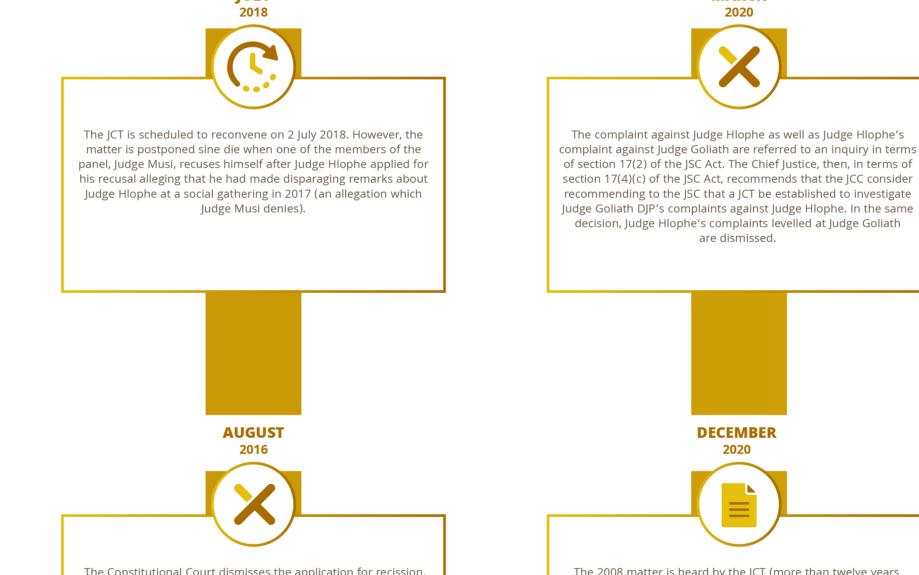
ne South Gauteng High Court dismisses the Justices' application.

The Court refuses the Justices leave to appeal its decision. Leave

appeal is, however, granted by the SCA for reasons of finality and

the importance of the case for the administration of justice





without further delay.

Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng appoints a new member to the

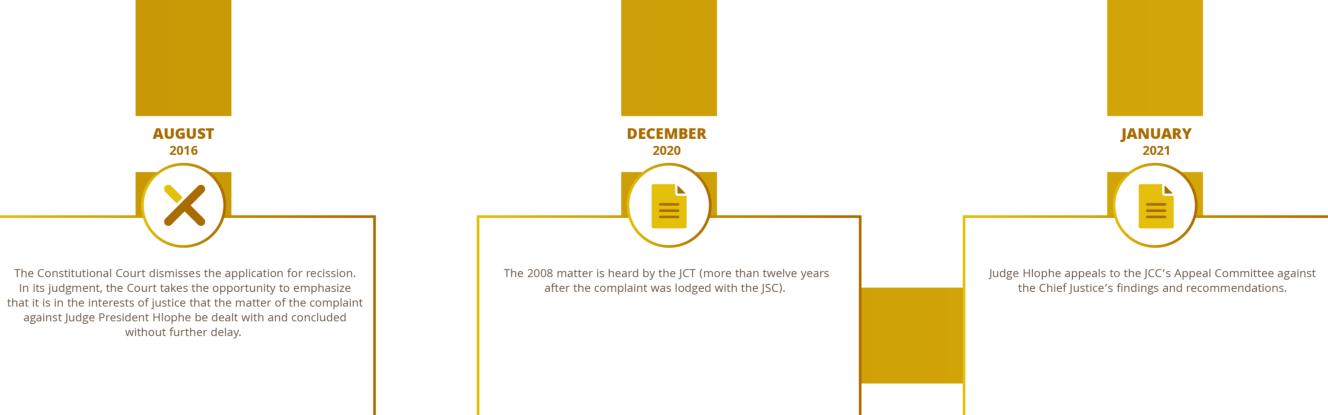
panel to replace Judge Musi. However, further delays occasione

by a dispute between Judge Hlophe and the State Attorney in

respect of responsibility for settling his legal fees, and the

unavailability of Judge Hlophe's lead counsel, Griffiths QC, me

that the matter does not proceed for some time.



Judge Goliath, Deputy Judge President of the WCHC, files a

omplaint against Judge Hlophe and his wife, Judge Salie-Hlophe.

n it, Judge Goliath alleges that Judge Hlophe had assaulted the

WCHC's Judge Parker; that he had used abusive language in h

to divert duties away from her as Deputy Judge President. Judge

gross incompetence; acts of racism; and leaking her complaint to

the media. The matter is referred by the Deputy Chief Justice to

three-person panel of the JCC.

The complaint against Judge Hlophe as well as Judge Hlophe's

decision, Judge Hlophe's complaints levelled at Judge Goliath are dismissed.

lophe, in response, filed a complaint against Judge Goliath allegin

disclosure of confidential information relating to active matters;

interactions with her; and that he had unlawfully used his power



The JSC announces that, by a majority of eight to four, it has

parliament for the National Assembly to commence impeachme

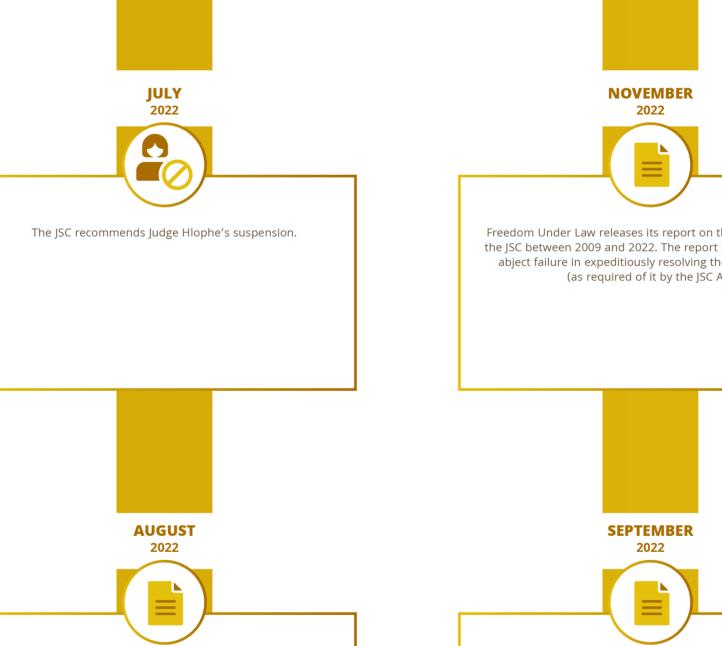
proceedings. Judge Hlophe institutes proceedings in the High Co

to set aside the JSC's decision. His counsel is vocal about the

"sloppy handling" of the matter throughout the lengthy

disciplinary process.

endorsed the findings of the JCT and has referred the matter to



The High Court dismisses Judge Hlophe's application.

Judge Hlophe applies to the South Gauteng High Court to set

aside the JSC's decision to recommend his suspension. Freedom

Under Law is cited as the 11th Respondent in the application.

Leave to appeal to the SCA is nevertheless granted.



