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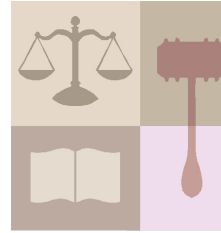
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To whom it may concern

The following matter is to be heard in the Western Cape High Court early in 2016:

ReLPAG and Justice Alliance of South Africa vs Sodi, HPCSA, Minister of Health, Board of Healthcare Funders of SA Case No 12420/13

The primary issue to be decided by the Court is whether Education and Industrial psychologists are entitled to practice as psychologists in all areas of practice which are within the boundaries of their competence based on their formal education, training, supervised experience and/or appropriate professional experience, notwithstanding the Regulations Defining the Scope of the Profession of Psychology (as amended).

Pending the Court's judgment in this case, the Justice Alliance of SA is of the view that any refusal by Medical Aid societies to pay proper fees incurred by Education and Industrial psychologists may amount to improper interference with the course of justice designed to prejudice the outcome of the litigation.

Furthermore, allegations of fraud made against such psychologists will undoubtedly amount to defamation actionable in the courts and likely to attract very substantial damages. Such allegations should be withdrawn forthwith and failure to do so will be brought to the attention of the court which assesses the damages for defamation by way of aggravation.

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