



Press Release

Judge For Yourself **Sunday 26 February at 6.30pm**

Judge Dennis Davis makes a welcome return to television in **Judge For Yourself** – a sophisticated and highly regarded current affairs series, which starts its third season this Sunday 26 February at 6.30pm. Judge Davis is one of South Africa's most respected citizens. Over the years his distinguished career in law and insightful books on legal issues and politics have made him a household name. As a well-known television personality, viewers are already familiar with his keen sense of humour and razor-sharp wit.

The first show kicks off with SERVICE DELIVERY – Government aims to eradicate the bucket system by 2007, provide running water for all by 2010, and electricity by 2012. Eleven years into democracy and people are slowly giving up on ANC promises. Will government deliver this time?

Judge For Yourself is a series of challenging programmes that takes a critical look at various aspects of South African life. Upcoming episodes include issues such as service delivery, immigrants and xenophobia, gun control, gay marriage and many others. This weekly series is not only for influential decision makers, politicians or the legal fraternity, it's for anyone interested in knowing their rights and examining the big constitutional issues that sharply divide popular opinion, as well as the passions that drive our country after just over a decade of democracy.

Key players in South African society will join Judge Davis in the studio to debate these issues and each programme will include inserts that give the context and history behind the topic. To add further depth to the show, e.tv has formed a partnership with Research Surveys, a leading market research company. Research Surveys will conduct polls throughout the country – across all race, age, metro and rural groups – for a credible study of people's opinions on these issues. The poll results will be made available to the public after each show.

The show's executive producer is Melanie Rice, who joined e.tv when it launched seven years ago, after graduating with a Masters degree in Journalism from Northwestern University in the USA. She is an anchor, has worked as a senior reporter in the newsroom and has produced various documentaries for the channel. Anne-Marie Hanna, who is the producer of the show, is a graduate of the New York Film Academy.

Judge Dennis Davis has a BCom LLB (cum laude) from University of Cape Town and an MPhil from the University of Cambridge. He is currently a Judge of the High Court of South Africa and Judge President of the Competition Appeal Court. Before his appointment to the Bench, Judge Davis held professorial appointments at the law schools of both the Universities of Cape Town and Witwatersrand, where, between 1991 and 1997, he was also the director of the Centre for Applied Legal Studies.

During the negotiations for the new constitution, he acted as a technical legal advisor on electoral law at CODESA and on federalism at the Constitutional Assembly. He has published over one hundred articles in academic journals on a number of legal subjects including constitutional law, jurisprudence, tax, insurance law and criminology. He has co-written eight books.

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