

**Application Form**

Southern Africa Digital Rights & Online Freedom of Expression Litigation Surgery

26-30 August 2019, Johannesburg, South Africa

This is the application form for the Media Legal Defence Initiative (MLDI) Southern Africa Digital Rights & Online Freedom of Expression Litigation Surgery. It comprises three sections all of which need to be completed. The boxes can be expanded to fit your responses.

Please e-mail your completed application form by **Midnight on Sunday 16 June 2019** to:

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Telephone/Skype interviews with shortlisted candidates will take place on **25 and 26 June 2019**.

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| **SECTION 1: APPLICANT DETAILS** | |
| **Given name(s):** | **Surname:** |
| **Gender:** | **Age:** |
| **Organisation:** | |
| **Address:** | |
| **Country of residence:** | |
| **Mobile / WhatsApp number:** | **Office / other contact number:** |
| **Skype address:** | |
| **Email address:** | |

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| **SECTION 2: EXPERIENCE**  In this section, respond to the following questions with relevant experience, giving examples where possible. |
| 1. What is your legal background and experience? (E.g. relevant qualifications, area of practice, and general litigation experience.) |
| 1. What experience best describes your interest in and/or knowledge of digital rights and the right to online freedom of expression? (Feel free to provide more than one experience.) |
| 1. What experience best demonstrates your knowledge of international or regional human rights law? (Feel free to provide more than one experience.) |
| **SECTION 3: CASE DESCRIPTION**  During the surgery, participants will work on case studies that they will bring with them. This can be a case that you are currently involved in or a case that you are considering litigating and involves a violation of the right to online freedom of expression.  It will suffice for participants who do not have a case that meets these criteria to identify a relevant law, practice or policy that they would like to challenge in court. However, such participants must demonstrate their ability and willingness to pursue the case after the surgery.  Provide a brief case summary with details of the following: |
| 1. What is the case name (including case/application reference numbers)? |
| 1. What are the facts and/or circumstances of the case, and who is the client? |
| 1. What is the nature of the legal problem (i.e. what rights or interests are being violated, what law or policy is being relied on to violate these rights, what are the relevant themes being addressed in the case)? |
| 1. Is the case before national or international courts? |
| 1. At what stage is the case (please place an “x” next to the most appropriate)?  |  |  | | --- | --- | |  | Violations identified and litigation considered / planned | |  | Proceedings instituted | |  | Awaiting judgment | |  | On appeal | |  | Domestic remedies exhausted | |  | Seizure / admissibility | |  | Other (please provide details) | |
| 1. Any other relevant information? |