

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
GAUTENG LOCAL DIVISION, JOHANNESBURG**

CASE NO: 2017/48021

In the matter between:

RATABANE, MMAKOMA SHERON

Applicant

And

THE DEPARTMENT OF HOME AFFAIRS

First Respondent

MATIBIDI, MARGARETE MMAMOTI

Second Respondent

SUMMARY

SPILG, J:

REGISTRATION OF CUSTOMARY MARRIAGE

Condonation for late Registration sought after death of groom.

Cases of this nature are concerned both with the rights to dignity of a widow to be acknowledged and also with the devolution of the estate of the deceased.

The application therefore may concern the rights of others. Applicant's papers should indicate whether, to her knowledge, the deceased had consummated any previous civil law or any other traditional marriage and whether he had any children. Her own knowledge may not suffice and the applicant should also disclose if she has knowledge of the deceased's parents, of all his siblings, and any other wives or any children and if any of them are deceased. Depending on the facts they should also be served .