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ABBREVIATIONS

(ADRM) Alternative Dispute Resolution Mechanism  
(ANC) African National Congress  
(Assault GBH) Assault with Intent to Cause Grievous Bodily Harm  
(CBD) Central Business District  
(CPP) Chief Public Prosecutor  
(CC) Constitutional Court  
(DA) Democratic Alliance  
(DDPP) Deputy Director of Public Prosecution  
(DOJCD) Department of Justice and Constitutional Development  
(DPP) Director of Public Prosecution  
(EFF) Economic Freedom Fighters  
(NDPP) National Director of Public Prosecution  
(NPA) National Prosecuting Authority  
(PFMA) Public Finance Management Act  
(SPP) Senior Public Prosecutor  
(SAPS) South African Police Service  
(SALC) South African Law Commission
LEGISLATION – STATUTES

– Criminal Procedure Act, 1977 (Act 51 of 1997)
– Group Areas Act, 1950 (Act 41 of 1950)
– Immorality Amendment Act, 1950 (Act 21 of 1950)
– Population Registration Act, 1950 (Act 30 of 1950)
– Public Finance Management Act, 1999 (Act 1 of 1999)