



Gender-Sensitive Legal Reforms and Domestic Violence Cases in Cape Town Magistrate Courts: A One-Year Assessment

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Abstract

Domestic violence remains a significant issue in Cape Town's magistrate courts, with gender-sensitive legal reforms aimed at addressing this challenge. The assessment is based on a qualitative review of court records and interviews with judges, attorneys, and victims to gauge reform effectiveness. The study concludes that gender-sensitive legal reforms are effective in enhancing reporting rates for domestic violence cases, particularly in terms of order compliance. Further training for judicial staff is recommended to ensure consistent application of new laws and enhance victim support services.

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