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## **SASBO & COSATU WIN LANDMARK CASE AGAINST BUSINESS UNITY SOUTH AFRICA (BUSA)**

73 000 strong finance union, Sasbo, has won a landmark case against Business Unity South Africa (BUSA) in the Labour Appeal Court, where the court ordered in favour of Sasbo and its Federation Cosatu, with costs.

This outcome from the esteemed Labour Appeal Court overturns the previous order made by the Labour Court, where BUSA was granted an urgent interdict against Sasbo and its Federation Cosatu to restrain and prevent Sasbo and Cosatu from proceeding with its planned socio-economic protest action in 2019.

“Sasbo and Cosatu had, at that time, given notice to, amongst others, BUSA, indicating that the Trade Union and the Federation intended to proceed with socio-economic protest action in terms of section 77 of the Labour Relations Act. Showing solidarity against the escalating job losses and retrenchments in the Finance Sector and in our country, Labour, we are principally and fundamentally against anybody losing their jobs.” said Modime Joe Kokela, Sasbo General Secretary.

“In 2019, when BUSA won the case in the Labour Court, Sasbo and Cosatu were disappointed and frustrated that we could not go ahead with our actions as planned and immediately took the case on appeal in the Labour Appeal Court.”

“The recent judgement of the LAC recognised and further entrenches the fundamental rights of workers to engage in protest action, the right to fair labour practices and the right of each worker to participate in the activities and programs of a trade union as indicated in the Constitution.”

“This order of the Labour Appeal Court dismissing BUSA’s interdict application with costs is a massive victory as it vindicates Sasbo and confirms our views from the onset that we indeed complied with the relevant provisions of S77 of the Act. Furthermore, this is a major victory for Labour in that the LAC judgement is a landmark case that sets precedent for future S77 applications” says, Kokela.

“The court has endorsed that we can go ahead with our planned nationwide socio-economic protest action and this should serve as a warning to Employers who are contemplating or engaging in retrenchments”

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