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Courting Justice



Courting Justice takes viewers behind the gowns and gavels to reveal the women who make up 18 percent of South Africa's male-dominated judiciary. Hailing from diverse backgrounds and entrusted with enormous responsibilities, these pioneering women share with candor, and unexpected humor, accounts of their country's transformation since apartheid, and the evolving demands of balancing their courts, country, and families.

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