

Hawks arrest advocate Kajee

The Hawks arrested advocate Hassan Ebrahim Kajee over the weekend.



Source: @RSASIU Twitter. Advocate Hassan Ebrahim Kajee.

This follows an SIU investigation into allegations that he has defrauded the Office of the State Attorney.

Kajee was a lawyer for the Office of the State Attorney and was appointed to represent the state in various matters.

“The arrest of Advocate Kajee follows an SIU investigation, which revealed that Advocate Kajee inflated invoices, invoiced for services not actually rendered and over charged for alleged services rendered. Furthermore, Advocate Kajee would bill that he worked more hours daily than actual hours in the day and invoiced for work on different matters simultaneously.

“In line with the Special Investigating Units and Special Tribunals Act 74 of 1996, the SIU referred evidence pointing to criminal conduct to the National Prosecuting Authority (NPA) for further action which led to the arrest of advocate Kajee,” the SIU said.

The matter is expected back in court next month.

The corruption busting unit has also hauled Kajee before the special tribunal in a civil case related to a R27m damages case.

SIU seeks to recover R27m

“[The] SIU is pursuing a civil case...against advocate Kajee to recover approximately R27m for damages the state suffered, because of the alleged corrupt and collusive relationship between the former head of the office of the state attorney [in] Johannesburg, Gustav Lekabe and Kajee.

“Lekabe is alleged to have briefed advocate Kajee as counsel for the state in a plethora of matters in which the applicant charged for legal fees not actually rendered, doubled-charged for similar work done in a specific matter and double invoiced the office of the state attorney.

“The SIU is empowered to institute civil action in the High Court or a Special Tribunal in its name, to correct any wrongdoing uncovered during both investigations caused by acts of corruption, fraud, or maladministration,” the SIU said.

Kajee has been released on bail of R20,000.

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