



EMBRACING TECHNOLOGY: High court chief master advocate Lester Basson and the South African law reform commission's Tienie Cronje at the Fisa meeting.

Access to high court files made easy

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AS of 1 September, fiduciary practitioners and the public will be able to track trust and estate administration matters on-line.

This was announced at the Johannesburg Country Club in Auckland Park at the Fiduciary Institute of South Africa (Fisa) meeting attended by high court chief master advocate Lester Basson and the South African law reform commission's Tienie Cronje.

"Masters' offices spend too much time drawing files and answering questions by members of the public relating to the contents of files," said Basson.

"Steps have been taken to ease these problems by giving members of the public access to a public portal with information on the master's office integrated case management system.

Information on the portal will be

updated daily."

Residents will now know exactly in which master's office a deceased estate is being administered and have direct access to the reference number.

Basson said that the portal is still a work in progress.

"More information will soon be available including details of the executor and accounts lodged and examined by the master," he said.

The module for deceased estates has been developed further than the modules for insolvencies, liquidations, guardianships and trusts.

"This system will not only improve efficiency, but will also assist executors and help save time by preventing family members from having to attend unnecessary meetings while mourning a loved one," said Fisa chairman John Gibson.

Details: icmsweb.justice.gov.za/mastersinformation