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Vernanda Ziyambi

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Vernanda Ziyambi is a retired Zimbabwean judge and a former justice of the [Supreme Court of Zimbabwe](#). She retired from the Supreme Court on November 30, 2016 at the age of 70. However, in 2017 she was given a one year contract by then Chief Justice [Godfrey Chidyausiku](#), to act as a judge of the court.^[1]

Justice

Vernanda Ziyambi



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Personal details

Born

West Indies

Spouse(s)

[Frank Tarisai Ziyambi](#)

History

Ziyambi was born and educated in the West Indies. She moved to Zimbabwe upon marriage to the late nationalist [Frank Tarisai Ziyambi](#) who served as a Cabinet Minister. After independence in 1980, she worked at the Attorney-General's Office and in private practice.^[2]

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She was appointed as a High Court judge in November 1993. In August 2001, Ziyambi made history when she became the first woman to be appointed a Supreme Court justice. When she retired in November 2016, She was the third most senior Supreme Court justice after [Chief Justice Godfrey Chidyausiku](#) and [Deputy Chief Justice Luke Malaba](#).^[3]

Justice Ziyambi together with Justice Paddington Garwe also served on the Namibian Supreme Court as acting judges of appeal from 1 January to 31 December 2014.^[4]

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