

# HIV JUSTICE WORLDWIDE

August 27th, 2019

Dear Edwin:

We write, as admirers, friends and comrades, on the bittersweet occasion of your retirement from the Constitutional Court.

We write to thank you for all that you have done, including as a gay man living openly with HIV, as a lawyer, jurist and judge, and as an intellectual, writer, orator and advocate, to advance human rights and dignity across the globe.

Thank you in particular for your pioneering voice and ceaseless advocacy against the criminalisation of people living with HIV, and all the attendant harms that follow.

We are delighted to know that you will be joining the Global Advisory Panel of the HIV Justice Network and that we will, therefore, continue to be joined in this struggle.

Congratulations on your many achievements, thank you for your many contributions.

In solidarity and with much admiration, respect and love,

*the Steering Committee of HIV JUSTICE WORLDWIDE:*

Ferenc Bagyinszky, on behalf of AIDS Action Europe

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