

## **Prosecutor of the Year Award 2018 Johannesburg – Mr. Nicholas K. Mutuku**

Nicholas Mutuku is Deputy Director of Public Prosecutions in Kenya and he will be awarded with the Prosecutor of the Year Award.

Mr. Mutuku has worked in the Kenyan Public Prosecutions Service for the last 24 years and is leading 8 divisions of the Kenyan Office of the DPPP: Penal offences including murder, but also the Supreme Court and Appeals division. Also, divisions that deal with sexual and gender-based violence and children and victim support. His daily work relates from human rights and judicial reviews to counter terrorism and international crimes.

Leading other prosecutors is one, but Nicholas Mutuku also served as lead trial attorney in many important and difficult cases involving public figures, government corruption and homicide committed by the Kenyan police force, as well as organised crime and drug related cases.

The ones who nominated Mr. Mutuku experienced the pervasive harm caused by corruption as well as challenges posed because of limited resources in the public service in Africa. This all makes it the more difficult to work as a prosecutor. Together with the organisation that nominated Nicholas Mutuku, the IAP believes that Mr. Mutuku should indeed be recognised for his accomplishments in his fight against corruption and severe crime in Kenya and being put in the spotlights as an example for the younger generation of prosecutors, not only in Kenya, also far beyond its borders.

Dear colleague-prosecutors, ladies and gentlemen, the Prosecutor of the Year award seeks to express the gratitude of the Association to members of the IAP for work in the pursuit of the Objects of the Association and that is exactly what Nicholas Mutuku did.