

THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL REPUBLIC OF SOUTH AFRICA

MEDIA SUMMARY – JUDGMENT DELIVERED IN THE SUPREME COURT OF APPEAL

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D Feldman N.O. v EMI Music SA (Pty) Ltd / EMI Music Publishing SA (Pty) Ltd (268 & 269/2008)[2009] ZASCA 75 (1 June 2009)

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The SCA today dismissed an appeal by the executor of the estate of the late Brenda Fassie against a decision by the Johannesburg High Court in which an exception to a claim for damages for infringement of musical and literary works of which Ms Fassie was a joint author was upheld. The SCA held that the claims were correctly found to be lacking in an essential averment as to their proportions in which Ms Fassie and her co-authors were entitled to share in the relevant copyrights.