

2025 Global Scholars Academy

From 30 June to 4 July, the Faculty collaborated with Harvard Law School's IGLP to convene the Global Scholars Academy in Stellenbosch. The Faculty is grateful for the participation and support of scholars, post doctoral fellows and students from

all continents for making this third GSA hosted by the IGLP, Harvard Law School and SU Law a fantastic success. (Read more: <https://www.su.ac.za/en/node/20153> and <https://iglp.law.harvard.edu/events/2025gsa/>.)

ICON-S 2025 Annual Conference

From 28 to 30 July, Professor Geo Quinot participated in the **ICON-S 2025 Annual Conference** in Brasilia, Brazil, the annual conference of the largest international scholarly association in public law – the International Society of Public Law. The conference involved over 340 sessions over the 3 days with participants from all corners of the globe. Professor Quinot participated in a session focusing on public auditing in contemporary governance in which he reflected on the role of the South African Auditor-General as both an enforcer and subject of administrative justice.



Southern African Law Teachers Conference

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria hosted the 2025 edition of the Southern African Law Teachers Conference (SALTC) from 13 to 18 July under the theme: "Reflections on constitutional supremacy in Southern Africa: Reviewing the impact on law teaching, learning, and practice." The Faculty was represented by Professor Juanita Pienaar, Professor Bradley Slade, Professor Bernard Wessels, Professor Delano van der Linde, Ms Ebrezia John-

son, Ms Coline Bruintjes, Dr Ntando Sindane, Ms Zinhle Novazi, and Mr Thala Msutu.

Ms Zinhle Novazi was the third runner-up for the "first-time presenter award" for her paper was based on Technologically Facilitated GBV. During the conference, Professor Slade was re-elected as the vice-president of the Southern African Law Teachers Society.



Virtual Public Lecture

Professor Delano van der Linde was invited to present a virtual public lecture at the Wits School of Law on 5 August. The lecture focused on Image-Based Sexual Abuse, which includes the non-consensual distribution of intimate images, sexual extortion (or "sextortion"). Professor van der Linde focused on the legislative landscape dealing with these crime forms and whether South Africa is equipped to deal with

these phenomena. He also focused on the modi operandi of those who commit these crimes as well as the psychological impact on victims. Professor van der Linde has published a number of articles on the topic in the past few years (see Van der Linde, DC "Some notes on non-consensual or 'revenge porn' under the Film and Publications Amendment Act (2021) *Tydskrif vir Hedendaagse Romeins-Hollandse Reg*; DC van der Linde "An analysis of the offences relating to malicious communications and associated court orders under the Cyber-crimes Act 19 of 2020" (2024) 37(3) *South African Journal of Criminal Justice* 363-394; DC van der Linde "Recent Cases: General principles and specific offences" (2025) 38(1) *South African Journal of Criminal Justice* 134-147)



Professor Alain-Laurent Verbeke: Inaugural Lecture

The Faculty was honoured to host Professor Alain-Laurent Verbeke's (*TPR Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht Leerstoel*) inaugural lecture on 14 August. Professor Verbeke delivered an inspiring address titled "Study for a dialogue on foundations of inheritance law and taxation". With nearly four decades of experience bridging legal scholarship and

practice, Professor Verbeke's insights into the intersection of law, psychology, and human relationships provided our academic community with invaluable perspectives on contemporary legal challenges. Thank you to all colleagues and guests who attended this exceptional evening of legal scholarship.





Shaping the Future of Democratic Systems – South Africa's Land Standing 'Land and Crime' Problem

At the end of August, colleagues from the Department of Public Law hosted a workshop entitled "Shaping the Future of Democratic Systems – South Africa's Land Standing 'Land and Crime' Problem". A rich discussion took place on the dual crises of the

land problem and the endemic gang violence, how it shapes the ordinary lives of people in South Africa, and how the law and the various state institutions and civil society can respond to these challenges.

2025 SAILAS Insolvency Law & Business Rescue conference

Professor Geo Quinot participated in the 2025 SAILAS Insolvency Law & Business Rescue conference, hosted by Nelson Mandela University between 28 and 29 August in Gqeberha. His paper explored the reviewability of decisions managing

financial distress noting the incoherence of South African law in relation to reviewability of decisions in different contexts of financial distress ranging from insolvency to business rescue to municipal distress.

IALS 2025 Annual Meeting

Professors Nicola Smit and Juanita Pienaar were part of the South African contingent attending the International Association of Law Schools (IALS) 2025 Annual Meeting, hosted by Chulalongkorn University, Faculty of Law on 8 and 9 September 2025 in Bangkok, Thailand.

This year's theme, "Perspectives on the 21st Century: One Quarter In", invites law school leaders, fac-

ulty, students, judges, and lawyers from around the globe to reflect on how technology, globalization, and shifting societal values are reshaping legal education and the profession.

Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Law will host the general meeting in Stellenbosch next year, from 3 to 4 September 2026.



International Conference on Children's Rights 2025

From 9 to 11 September 2025, the Faculty of Law proudly hosted the Second International Conference on Children's Rights, and welcoming participants from across the globe. This year's theme, "The Global Digital Future We Seek: Artificial Intelligence, Online Safety and Children's Rights in the Digital Environment," brought together diverse voices to reflect on the urgent questions shaping children's rights in a rapidly evolving digital world.

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We were honoured to have the leadership of the University and the Faculty of Law in attendance. Among them were the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Deresh Ramjugernath; Deputy Vice-Chancellor for Learning and Teaching, Professor Richard Stevens; and the Vice-Deans, Professor Theo Broodryk and Professor Bradley Slade. Their presence signal strong institutional recognition that children's rights, particularly in digital environments, demand attention and commitment at the highest levels of leadership.

The International Conference provided a dynamic platform for students, researchers, judges, lawyers, policymakers, and child rights practitioners to exchange ideas, share experiences, and reflect on

how best to promote and protect children's rights in the digital sphere.

Through critical dialogue and knowledge sharing, the conference reaffirmed that the right of every child to be safe, respected, and empowered in digital environments is a shared responsibility and one that requires collective commitment to shape a digital future that truly serves children. Many thanks to Professor Sonia Human and Dr Admark Moyo for their leadership in making the Conference such a success. Thank you to members of the organising team, including the Faculty's Postdoctoral Research Fellows, Dr Bridget Joyce Machaka and Dr Bryony Fox, whose dedication and hard work ensured that everything ran seamlessly.



Heritage Day

In celebration of Heritage Day, the Faculty hosted a seminar, titled "Legal pluralism and the courts: A shift in the original direction?", on 23 September. Professor Christa Rautenbach from the North-West University gave an enlightening presentation, to which Dr Ntando Sindane and Ms Ebrezia Johnson (SU Faculty of Law) were invited to respond.

The well-attended event concluded with an informal performance by the SU Zulu Student Society in front of the Old Main Building.

Thank you to the Office of the Dean, the Faculty's Transformation Committee and the JVS for an event that set the scene for a thoughtful celebration of Heritage Day 2025.

USuku lwaMafa eMveli

Ekubhiyozeleni uSuku lwaMafa eMveli, le Fakhalthi iye yabamba isemina, esihloko sithi "Imijelo ngemijelo yezomthetho neenkundla: Kukucebuka kwinkalo ebekujoliswe kuyo kuqala?, semina leyo ibibanjwe ngomhla wama23 kweyoMsintsi. UNjing Christa Rautenbach weYunivesithi yaseMntla-Ntshona wenze intetha evul' amehlo, apho kwamenywa khona uGqr Ntando Sindane noNksz Ebrezia Johnson (beFakhalthi yoMthetho eSU) ukuba baze kuphendula.

Loo msitho owawuzinyaswe ngabantu abaninzi wasongwa ngomdlalo ongaqingqwanga ngumbutho iZulu Student Society phambi kwasakhiwo iOld Main Building.

Ndiyabulela kwiOfisi yeNtloko yeFakhalthi, iKomiti yeeNguqu yeFakhalthi kune neJVS ngomsitho owandlalela umbhiyozo ochuliweyo woSuku lwaMafa eMveli lwangowama2025.



6th Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public Procurement

Professor Geo Quinot participated in the 6th Interdisciplinary Symposium on Public Procurement, held on 18 to 19 September in Lisbon, Portugal. The Symposium, organized by the University of Rome Tor Vergata since 2011 aims to bring together economists, engineers, lawyers, management scholars and professionals in the field of public procurement through dialogue and discussion. The objective is to reduce the terminology barrier between different

disciplines in studying public procurement, bridging the cross-cultural divide and reaching a wider understanding of practical issues in public procurement. Professor Quinot's paper focused on public procurement integrity at the digital frontier, analysing the impact of increased digitalisation on existing regulatory and policy measures in pursuit of integrity in public procurement.



20th Annual European Policy for Intellectual Property

In September 2025, Christine Strauss attended the 20th Annual European Policy for Intellectual Property (EPIP) Conference, hosted by the University of Antwerp, Belgium. This year's theme, "Turning IP Ambitions into Action: Creating Connections, Collaborations, and Communities," encouraged participants to move beyond theoretical debates about intellectual property (IP) and explore how IP can be practically leveraged to address global challenges. The conference brought together a diverse community of academics, policymakers, and practitioners from the fields of IP law, economics, and innovation studies. Discussions covered a wide range of topics, including new technologies and IP, IP in times of crisis, IP and governance, access, equity and inclusion, sustainable IP innovation, and institutional and community building. Christine presented her research on "Copyright Protection over AI Training Data in South

Africa: A Comparative Analysis with the EU and US" as part of the session on New Technologies and IP. The EPIP community aims to promote interdisciplinary dialogue on the future of IP policy in Europe and beyond.



Regional Teaching and Learning conference, hosted at UCT on Thursday, the 11th of September

On 11 September, UCT hosted the annual Regional Learning and Teaching conference, with the theme "Bridging Theory and Practice: Innovation in Law

Teaching and Clinical Legal Education". The conference featured engaging presentations that sparked lively discussions.

Annual Labour Law Colloquium 2025

Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Law recently hosted the Fourth Annual Labour Law Colloquium at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Study (STIAS) from 1 to 3 October 2025. Described by

many as having established itself as the premier labour law event in South Africa, this year's theme – "The LRA at 30 in a World of Climate and Technological Change" – provided an important moment

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Back from left to right: Edmund Beerwinkel (Juta – sponsor of the dinner); Judge Kate Savage (Labour Appeal Court), Judge President Edwin Molahlehi (Labour and Labour Appeal Court), Prof Richard Stevens (Acting Vice Principal: Teaching and Learning, Stellenbosch University), Prof Christoph Garbers (organiser and host), Prof Theo Brodryk (Acting Vice Dean; Research and Internationalisation, Stellenbosch Law Faculty);

Front from left to right: Judge Andre van Niekerk (Labour Appeal Court), Peter le Roux (guest of Honour), Prof Juanita Pienaar (Acting Dean, Stellenbosch Law Faculty) Prof Dennis Davis (guest of honour), Prof Halton Cheadle (Emeritus Professor, UCT).

to reflect on three decades of the Labour Relations Act, 1995 and its continued relevance in a rapidly transforming society.

Organised and hosted by Professor Christoph Garbers, the colloquium offered a dynamic platform for dialogue among 140 academics, judges, practitioners, policymakers and students. The sessions featured a diverse range of international and local speakers from different disciplines (economics, education and law) and included established scholars, members of the judiciary, leading practitioners and emerging researchers. Discussions traversed the intersections of technology, climate change, and the need for reform of our labour and social security legislation, revealing both the resilience of and evolving challenges for South African labour law.

As has become custom, one highlight of the event was the tribute dinner, where the Faculty honoured Professor Dennis Davis and Peter le Roux for their immense contributions to labour law and social jus-

tice. Tributes were delivered by Judge Andre van Niekerk and Professor Halton Cheadle who reflected on the honourees' lasting impact on labour jurisprudence, scholarship, and the mentoring of generations of lawyers.

This year was also particularly significant as it saw the reintroduction of a postgraduate session, during which labour law doctoral students from across South Africa had the opportunity to present their research and receive constructive feedback from the audience. One of the highlights of the session was the closing advice from Peter le Roux, who encouraged students: *"Don't be afraid to get involved with the people on the ground, see how this happens in real life ... keep at it and keep going."* The session captured the spirit of mentorship and collaboration that continues to define the colloquium and reaffirmed the Faculty's commitment to not only foster critical interdisciplinary scholarship but to do so on the basis of intergenerational engagement.

Local content in public procurement – policy, law and practice in focus



On 24 October, Professor Geo Quinot delivered the keynote opening speech (via virtual link) at an international conference on **Local content in public procurement – policy, law and practice in focus** hosted by the Polish Public Procurement Law Association (PPLA) and the Chair of European Law at the University of Warsaw's Faculty of Law and Administration, Warsaw, Poland. Professor Quinot reflected on what "local content" in the context of public procurement policy actually means and the definition of the term influence the way in which one thinks about its practical implementation and practical impact.

Human Rights Commission Conference

On 29 October 2025, the South African Human Rights Commission hosted a conference to celebrate 30 years of courage: Defending Human Rights, Dignity, Justice, and Democracy for All. At this conference, Professor Slade presented a paper on the protection mandate of the Commission.

FEM AI In Country Lab South Africa

Ms Zinhle Novazi delivered a keynote reflection titled: "If you don't have a seat at the table, you are probably in the training data".

This keynote was part of the launch of the FemAI South African Lab, hosted on 1 October by the Policy Innovation Lab at Stellenbosch University, in partnership with Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH and Women Political Leaders (WPL). The Lab explores how AI can shape policy, combat gender-based violence, and elevate women leaders across Africa.

In her keynote address, she reflected on the importance of incorporating women's voices at every stage of the AI lifecycle. She also shared insights from the Heavy Chef (Pty) Ltd (Foundation) on the challenges women face in technology adoption,

and she amplified reflections from women in STEM who highlighted the systemic barriers that women continue to face in science, technology, and innovation.

The Lab is focused on capacitating women policy-makers and legislators from across Africa to engage with technology more broadly and AI in particular. One of its most powerful objectives is to ensure that African women political leaders are equipped to leverage AI to create gender-sensitive, data-driven policies that advance societal equity.



Annual Banking Law Update

On 21 October, Ms Zinhle Novazi had the privilege of moderating the Fintech & Technology in Banking session at Annual Banking Law Update (ABLU) 2025, she had an incredibly engaging discussion with Dr Johann van Der Lith from the Financial Sector Conduct Authority, who offered valuable insights on shaping fintech policy and regulatory frameworks, regulating crypto assets, and adopting a transborder licensing regime; Dr Sershiv Reddy, who explored the role of automated decision-making in credit (a topic closely tied to her doctoral research);

and Professor Vivienne Lawack, with whom she exchanged thoughts on the evolution and harmonisation of fintech regulation across national, regional, and continental levels.

She also thoroughly enjoyed attending the Financial and Credit Regulation session, chaired eloquently by Professor Johann Scholtz with Professor Angela Itzikowitz's analysis of Regulation 10(1)(c) of the Exchange Control Regulations and the definition of "capital" being a standout moment for me.

LESI Annual Conference

On Tuesday, 11 November 2025, Zinhle Novazi participated in a panel discussion on AI and Data Li-

censing at the Licensing Executives Society International (LESI) Annual Conference, held at the Asara

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Derick Swart, Jacques du Toit, Zinhle Novazi, and Dr Andrew Rens.

Wine Estate in Stellenbosch. The event formed part of a specialised programme examining how artificial intelligence and data-driven technologies are reshaping commercial, legal, and regulatory landscapes across industries.

The session was expertly moderated by Dérick Swart and featured contributions from regional experts including Jacques du Toit and Dr. Andrew Rens. Together, the panellists explored the evolving legal, commercial, and ethical considerations surrounding the ownership, access, and use of data and algorithms in an AI-driven global economy.

The discussion addressed several key themes, including:

- 1) The technical and engineering realities of training data for machine learning models.
- 2) The copyright implications of training AI on protected works versus mathematical abstractions, with reference to the widely discussed Getty Images matter.
- 3) The legal complexity surrounding AI systems trained on web-scraped datasets, and whether

such practices constitute personal data processing under privacy laws such as the GDPR and POPIA.

Novazi emphasised that meaningful progress in AI governance will require sustained, interdisciplinary collaboration. Engineers, data protection specialists, and intellectual property lawyers, she noted, must work together to design mechanisms that uphold rights, preserve innovation incentives, and ensure trusted deployment of AI systems across markets.

The session provided practical insights for attendees on navigating emerging issues in AI and data licensing, particularly in relation to:

- 1) Intellectual property protection and licensing frameworks
- 2) Data sovereignty and cross-border data transfers
- 3) Shifting regulatory approaches to AI technologies

As the use of AI becomes integral to business strategy and market competitiveness, the panel underscored the growing importance of clarifying the legal status of data and the algorithmic systems built upon it.



Launch of 16 days of activism of no violence against women and children

At the 2025 Gender-Based Violence and Femicide (GBVF) Prevention Summit, held on 25 November at the Gallagher Convention Centre under the theme "Rewriting the Script: Harnessing Film, Arts and Media to Prevent GBVF," the Centre for Social Justice, in partnership with the Film and Publication Board and upon invitation by the Department of Women, Youth and Persons with Disabilities, co-hosted a panel examining the constitutional balance between freedom of expression and economic freedom on the one hand, and the right to freedom and security of the person on the other.

Moderated by Professor Thuli Madonsela, the panel – featuring Dr Marna Lourens, Professor Delano van der Linde, Advocate Makhosazana Lindhorst, Professor Relebohile Moletsane, and Ms Goitsemang Mathebula – explored how film, media and digital

content shape social norms, influence vulnerability, and how these can either reinforce or disrupt GBVF-related harm.

The discussion also highlighted the CSJ's Social Justice Impact Assessment Matrix (SIAM) as a predictive tool for assessing how content and regulation promote equity, access, agency, redistribution, structural transformation, accountability, and well-being.

Key outcomes emphasised the need for balanced rights-based regulation, improved public understanding of content classification and systemic interventions that address deeper narrative drivers of GBVF. As next steps, the Centre for Social Justice will prepare a policy brief, to be followed by a roundtable with industry leaders, and contribute to the development of a Film and Media Charter.

Ukundululwa kwephulo leentsuku ezili16 zokuchasana nokuxhatshazwa kwabasetyhini nabantwana

KwiNgqungquthela ka2025 yoBundlobongela obuSekwe kwiSini nokuBulawa kwabaseTyhini (iGBVF), ebibaniwe ngomhla wama25 kweyeNkanga kwiziko leengqungquthela iGallagher Convention Centre phantsi komxholo othi "UkuBhalwa kuTsha koMdlalo: UkuBenzisa iFilim, ubuGcisa kanye neMidiya ukuThintela iGBVF" iZiko loBulungisa kwezeNtlalo, libambisene neBhodi yoPapasho lweeFilim, nasemva kokumenywa liSebe labaseTyhini, uLutsha naBantu abaKhukhazeKileyo, lamsela iphaneli eyayigocagoca umahluko phakathi kwenkululeko yonkuthetha nenkululeko yezoqoqosho kwelinje icala, kanye nelungelo lenkululeko nokhuseleko lomntu kwelinje icala.

Loo phaneli yayiphantsi kweiso likaNjing Thuli Madonsela, iphaneli leyo eyayiqua uGqr Marna Lourens, uNjing Delano van der Linde, iGqwetha leeJaji uMakhosazana Lindhorst, uNjing Relebohile Moletsane, kanye noNksz Goitsemang Mathebula – yaphonononga indlela ifilim, imidiya kanye nokuqulethwe ngokwedijithali enokumisela ngayo imigaqo yentlalo,

enokuba nefuthe ngayo kwimincipheko, nokuba oku kungawomeleza okanye kungawuphazamisa njani umonakalo owenziwa yiGBVF.

Loo ngxoxo yaqaqambisa neSocial Justice Impact Assessment Matrix (SIAM) yeCSJ njengesixhobo esiqikelelayo sokuvavanya indlela oko kuqulethweyo nolawulo okunokukhuthaza ngayo ubulungisa, ufileleko, umelo, usasazo kutsha, iinguqu kulwakhko, ukuphendula nempilontle.

Iziphumo eziphambili zigxininise imfuneko yomiselomigaqo olusekelwe kumalungelo, ukuze kuqondwe ngcono uhlelo lokuqulethweyo kanye nongenelelo olwayamene neenkubo oluya kujongana nzulu nezinto ezingoonobangela beGBVF. Njengamanyathelo alandelayo, iZiko loBulungisa kwiNtlalo liza kuqlunqa ingxelo emfutshane emalunga nomgaqonkubo, ngxelo leyo iza kulandelwa yindibano yeengxoxo zokubonisana eza kubanjwa neenkokeli zeli candelo lishishino, ukuze libe negalelo ekuqulunqweni kweTshata yeFilim neMidiya.

Publication of "Labour Law: Past, Present and Future"

This year saw the publication of "Labour Law: Past, Present and Future", edited by the Faculty's Professors Andre Louw and Christoph Garbers. This is the second book published as part of the Law Faculty book series called "Perspectives on law from South Africa and beyond: Future, Present, Past", a series initiated as part of the Faculty's centenary celebrations in 2021.

The book emanates from the first two labour law colloquia organised by Professor Garbers and hosted by the Faculty in 2022 and 2023. The 2022 colloquium, titled "Labour Law: Past, Present and Future", aimed to reflect broadly on the development of labour law over the years and the challenges it faces in the future. This was followed by the 2023 colloquium focusing on the labour and social protection jurisprudence of the South African Constitutional Court, a colloquium inspired by the 20th anniversary of the decision – *NEHAWU v UCT* - where the Constitutional Court first and unequivocally established its jurisdiction as the highest decision-maker

in even ordinary labour matters. This book brings together a selection of 11 papers presented at these colloquia. Contributors include notable international scholars – Professor Simon Deakin (Cambridge University), Professor Manfred Weiss (Goethe University) and Dr Pablo Arellano (International Labour Organisation) – as well as renowned South African practitioners and academics, such as Anton Myburgh SC, Professor Cameron Morajane (Director of the CCMA), Professor Paul Benjamin (Extraordinary Professor, UWC), Professor Rochelle le Roux (UCT) and Shamima Gaibie (Cheadle Thompson). It is believed that the varied contributions in this book will serve to enrich labour law literature in South Africa (and beyond), bringing timely and critical perspectives on important developments of the law as well as the role of a constitutional court in giving substance to fundamental rights within the context of the employment relationship (on both the individual and collective levels).

Prof Sope Williams Shares Expertise at International and National Events

In late 2025, Professor Sope Williams actively participated in global and national forums, sharing her expertise on critical governance issues. Key highlights include serving as a speaker on Public Procurement Corruption in Rio de Janeiro (FGV Direito University) and as a panellist addressing Gender Responsive Procurement at the 3rd International Congress of Public Procurement in Buenos Aires in November.

She also moderated a session on AI Governance in the Public Sector at the Public Protector South Africa's 30th Anniversary Conference in October. Additionally, Professor Williams presented findings on The OECD-MAPS Assessment on South Africa at the 5th International Conference on Public Procurement Regulation and Policy in Stellenbosch in September, following her July presentation on "Coercive consent, corruption and integrity."

The 3rd International Congress of Public Procurement, University of Buenos Aires, Buenos Aires, Argentina



Ms Rukshana Parker presents course at the University of Münster

During October 2025, Ms Rukshana Parker taught a block course at the University of Münster in Germany as part of the academic exchange between the two institutions. The course, titled "Relationships and Their Impact on the Law of Inheritance," introduced Münster law students to the South African perspective on inheritance law while encouraging comparative reflection between legal systems.

Ms Parker describes the experience as both intellectually stimulating and personally enriching. The students' curiosity and openness to engage with unfamiliar legal concepts created a dynamic classroom atmosphere. Discussions on fairness, family, and inheritance revealed not only doctrinal differences but also the shared human questions that shape inheritance law across cultures.

The impact of her teaching was reflected in student feedback, which praised her "authentic and empathetic teaching style," "calm and positive atmosphere," and the "interactive nature" of her classes.

Several students noted that her course was "one of the most engaging and insightful" they had attended, commending her clarity, pacing, and willingness to take time with their questions.

The experience reaffirmed the importance of comparative legal education in broadening both students' and lecturers' perspectives. Beyond the classroom, the exchange strengthened ties between Stellenbosch University and the University of Münster and underscored the value of international collaboration in higher education. Parker returned with renewed insight into the comparative study of succession law and a deep appreciation for the shared universality of teaching and learning.



Recognition | Erkenning

The Faculty would like to extend warm congratulations to colleagues for several achievements, milestones, and awards:

With effect 1 January 2026, **Professor Bradley Slade** and **Professor Bernard Wessels** have been promoted to Full Professor in the Departments of Public Law and Private Law, respectively.

Dr Ntando Sindane has been promoted to Senior Lecturer, with effect 1 January 2026.

On Tuesday, 9 December, **Ms Coline Bruintjies** received her PhD from Wits.

Dr Mary Nel was awarded for 25 years' service.

At the SU Research and Innovation Excellence Awards 2025, **Professor Anél du Plessis** was honoured in the Women in Research category.

On 25 November 2025, **Dr Stephan van der Merwe** received the Stellenbosch University Social Impact Award (Individual Category), the University's highest honour for exceptional contributions to social impact.

With 25 years in law and education, **Dr Stephan van der Merwe's** work at the SU Law Clinic has supported thousands in the wider community. Through strategic litigation, advocacy, and key collaborations, he continues to drive meaningful change in areas such as consumer rights, debt management, and socio-economic justice.

Dr Stephan van der Merwe



New Appointments

Prof Leo Boonzaier

Leo Boonzaier joined Stellenbosch University in July 2025 as an Associate Professor in the Department of Private Law. He grew up in the Southern Suburbs of Cape Town and studied first social science and then law at UCT. After his LLB graduation in 2011, he left Cape Town for Hamburg, Germany, where he worked as a research assistant to Professor Reinhard Zimmermann at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law. From there, he went to the University of Oxford to study for a Bachelor of Civil Law, specialising in legal theory and the law of obligations. Then he clerked for Justice Edwin Cameron at the Constitutional Court of South



Africa, before going back to Oxford in 2015 for doctoral studies supervised by Professor John Gardner and Professor Sandy Steel. Leo returned to Cape Town in 2021 after ten years away, taking up a position teaching Delict and Jurisprudence in the UCT Department of Private Law. His main area of expertise is the South African law of delict, understood theoretically and comparatively, but he also has research and teaching interests in the wider law of obligations, jurisprudence, and the constitutionalisation of private law. In his spare time, he enjoys reading, hiking, traveling, and spending time with his wife.

Dr Johndré Barnes

Johndré Barnes joined the Department of Private Law in July 2025, where he lectures Law of Persons and Children's Rights and International Law. He holds an LLB, LLM, and LLD from Stellenbosch University. His LLM research examined the right to legal gender recognition for transgender children in South Africa, while his LLD focused on the legal recognition of non-binary and gender-diverse identities. Through this research, he developed arguments for inclusive legal frameworks that affirm the rights and dignity of LGBTQIA+ persons and other marginalised communities. His scholarly interests span the fields of legal subjectivity, gender recognition, children's rights, and constitutional values, contributing to a transformative reimaging of legal subjectivity in South African law. His ongoing



research explores how constitutional values may be used to foster recognition, belonging, and justice in the lives of those often overlooked by the law. He is passionate about building an inclusive legal curriculum that reflects the diversity of lived experience and strives to equip students with the tools to think critically and compassionately about law's transformative potential.

Outside academia, Johndré finds calm in long walks, cooking, and caring for his growing collection of plants. He is often joined by his cat, Blaze, who keeps close watch while he works. He draws joy from music, a good book or podcast, and the pull of the sea on a breezy day.

We welcome Leo and Johndré to the Faculty and, in particular, the Department of Private Law

Afskeidsgroet

Ons groet die volgende personeellede: Privaatreg sekretaresse, **Me Tammy Davids**, en Publiekreg sekretaresse, **me Sibu Buthelezi-Vala**. Ons wens

hulle voorspoed met die nuwe geleenthede wat hul opneem.



Gradeplegtigheid

Die volgende grade en **diplomas** is tydens die **gradeplegtigheid** van 9 Desember 2025 toegeken:



Die Fakulteit is baie trots op al die studente wat gegradeer het en wens hulle alle sukses toe.

Doctoral Qualifications

Conradie, Robyn (Private Law)

The public healthcare crisis: reconsidering the quantification and payment of damages where delictual liability has been imposed against the state for harm arising from medical malpractice. An increase in the number of delictual claims instituted against the state for harm arising from medical malpractice has led to the significant expansion of the state's delictual liability in this context. This places severe financial pressure on the state and raises serious con-

cerns about its future ability to continue providing access to public healthcare. This study investigates whether there are alternative methods to quantify and pay damages to victims of medical malpractice in the public healthcare sector. It ultimately justifies the potential introduction of alternative quantification and payment methods in this context and evaluates how they may be practically implemented.

Supervisor: Professor AB Wessels

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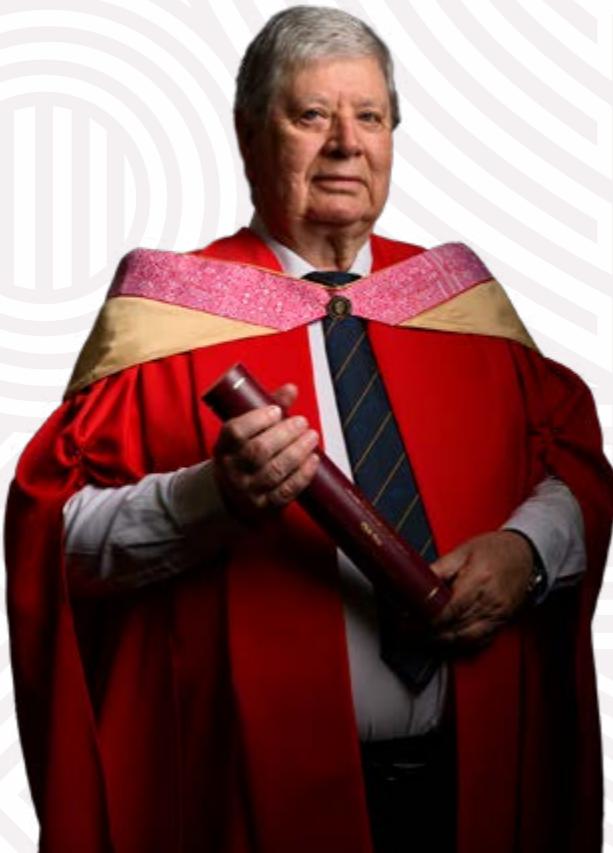




Honorary Doctorate | Eredoktorsgraad

Chris Otto, an SU alumnus and entrepreneur, was awarded the degree Doctor of Laws (LLD), honoris causa, for his visionary leadership, entrepreneurial spirit, commitment to value creation, and his dedication to projects that promote social justice and positive change in South Africa. He is a co-founder of the PSG Group and Capitec Bank. He is also the founding chairman of the Stellenbosch Law Faculty Trust, which assisted with the establishment of the Chair in Social Justice (now the Centre for Social Justice), the Gys Steyn Chair in Financial Regulation Law and the Chair in Urban Law and Sustainability Governance.

Chris Otto, 'n entrepreneur en alumnus van die US, het die graad Doktor in die Regte (LLD), honoris causa, ontvang vir sy visionêre leierskap, entrepreneursgees, toewyding aan waardeskepping en sy verbintenis tot projekte wat maatskaplike geregtigheid en positiewe verandering in Suid-Afrika bevorder. Hy was 'n medestigter van die PSG Groep en Capitec Bank. Hy is ook die stigtersvoorsitter van die Stellenbosch Regsfakulteit Trust wat betrokke was by die vestiging van die Leerstoel in Sosiale Geregtigheid (hedendaagse Sentrum vir Sosiale Geregtigheid), die Gys Steyn-leer-



stoel in Finansiële Reguleringsreg, en die Leerstoel in Stedelike Reg en Volhoubaarheidsbestuur.

Reflecting on your entire career, from your LLB graduation and exposure in merchant banking to your entrepreneurial success and the establishment of the Stellenbosch Law Faculty Trust, which moments stand out as the most defining in terms of their impact on your life, business ventures, and lasting legacy?

My first important and pivotal decision was to enrol to study Law at Stellenbosch University in 1968 and to secure residency in Eendrag. I graduated with an LLB in 1972 as part of a most wonderful class. Thereafter, I started my career as a budding Merchant Banker in Johannesburg. Apart from learning old school banking, I was also exposed to most of the major legal firms in Johannesburg as well as the leading silks and budding young lawyers and advocates.

In my business career I was fortunate to firstly meet up with Jannie Mouton, which led to the establishment of the PSG Group. Secondly, we also joined up with Michiel le Roux to establish Capitec.

Also, at the prompting of Professor Gerhard Lubbe, we established the Stellenbosch Law Faculty Trust, which continues to make a major contribution (mostly financial) to the welfare and future of the Faculty.

Was daar mense, plekke of gebeure wat 'n beduidende rol gespeel het?

Ek het baie skole bygewoon, beide in die Kaapprovinsie en in die Transvaal. My ma was 'n bibliotekaresse, en gevolglik het ek letterlik biblioteke op 'n slag gelees! Gelukkig was my ouers redelik liberaal, so ek kon enigets lees wat beskikbaar was. Dit het my ook geleer om buite die boks te dink.

Daarna was universiteit 'n ware keerpunt in my lewe. Ons is blootgestel aan van die grootste denkers van ons tyd; in ekonomiese: Jan Sadie, Sampie Terreblanche en Wolfgang Thomas; en in regte: JC de Wet, AB de Villiers en Andreas van Wyk.

What challenges did you encounter in your field, and how did you overcome them?

Having moved around a lot, one was never really part of the 'in crowd', therefore somewhat of an outsider. Hard work and reading compensated for this. In our later business life, we were never really part of the establishment nor of the then regime. We always tried to do the right thing and, in the process, established credibility, the most important aspect in any career. And, of course, hard work and long hours.

Watter raad sal jy aan studente gee wat 'n impak in hul gemeenskappe van beroep wil maak?

Werk hard om jou wêreld 'n beter plek te maak; probeer om 'n bydrae tot die samelewing in die algemeen te lewer en onthou om altyd 'n groot dosis empatie te hê.

How do you see your field evolving over the next decade?

Our fields of endeavour, especially banking and business, will be greatly changed by AI.

Hopefully businesses will also become more active in maintaining the Rule of Law. Furthermore, I suspect that the business community will become more and more active in charities improving the lives of all our peoples.

Watter rol kan universiteite speel om huidige globale kwessies aan te spreek?

Universiteite se rolle is hoofsaaklik om onderrig te gee en navorsing te doen. Laasgenoemde sluit natuurlik 'n menigte sondes in. Maar ek is nie oortuig dat universiteite by die politieke waens moet aansluit nie, veral deur kant te kies in baie komplekse situasies.

Is there a message you would like to share with the academic community honouring you?

It might be somewhat arrogant for me to advise the academic community, but it can't hurt to be progressive in both thought and actions. And keep an open mind. Also reach out to the non-academic communities, e.g., businesses, labour movements, government and, dare I say, politicians.

Watter uitdagings in die samelewing vereis dringende aandag, en waarom?

Daar moet gelyke geleenthede vir almal geskep word. En dit kan slegs deur skoolopleiding en onderwys bereik word. Alle kinders moet geleer word hoe om te lees. Ter bereiking hiervan het die Otto-stigting reeds biblioteke vir jong kinders gevestig en bedryf dit steeds.

What qualities do you believe young people should cultivate to succeed in a rapidly changing world?

Young people should empower themselves with knowledge, always have an open mind and have the will to succeed and change the world for the better.

Watter waardes het jou die konsekwentste deur die lewe gelei?

My familie sê dat ek 'n sterk sin vir geregtigheid het; billikheid in alle sake is deel van my DNA. My empatie en sin vir behoorlike moraliteit, sowel as die waardering vir die waarde van vriendskappe, lei my. Laastens, ek glo mens moenie dinge op sigwaarde aanvaar nie: mens moet 'n ondersoekende gees hê.



Moot Court

On 19 and 20 September 2025, the Centre for Child Law hosted its 14th Annual Child Law Moot Court Competition, with participants from 18 universities across the country.

Congratulations to Mr Dirk Hagen and Mr Taariq Abrahams for being named the overall winners and for achieving third place in the category of Best Heads of Argument. Their success, particularly as first-year students, is both commendable and inspiring.

[Read more here.](#)



Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch International Inter-Varsity Annual ADR Moot Competition

In August 2025, Stellenbosch University emerged as the overall winner at the Lady Justice Joyce Aluoch International Inter-Varsity Annual ADR Moot Competition, held in Nairobi, Kenya, from 17 to 22 August.

Team KNASA, comprising Anja Venter, Amber Heesom, Nina Hanekom and Sarah Gordon, and coached by Katlego Mmakosha Mthelebofu, represented both Stellenbosch University and the SADC region. Before the start of the competition, participating teams attended a series of preparatory webinars arranged by the organisers. The team was

accommodated at QWETU Student Residence and commenced the programme with an introductory session on 18 August, which included formal addresses by dignitaries such as Lady Justice Aluoch.

From 19 to 22 August, teams competed in a structured series of rounds, including preliminary, quarter-final, semi-final and final stages. Throughout these rounds, participants engaged with complex factual scenarios, technical mediation considerations, and confidential information released shortly before sessions. The competition required sustained preparation, early starts and late evenings.

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larly as participants also managed academic and work commitments.

In the final round, Stellenbosch University competed against the host institution, United States International University-Africa (USIU-Africa). Both teams demonstrated strong analytical and mediation skills, with Stellenbosch University ultimately

securing the overall victory.

The 2025 competition centred on the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) Agreement, with an emphasis on Alternative Dispute Resolution re-framed as "African Dispute Resolution" or "Ancestral Dispute Resolution."



Student Awards

Rector's Achievements Award Ceremony

At the end of October, Stellenbosch University hosted the annual Rector's Awards for Excellent Achievement to honour exceptional students across faculties. Congratulations to Chris Malherbe and

Mia van Zyl for their outstanding academic achievements, and to Stefanie Kotze (LLM in Public Law) who was recognised as the Top Master's Student.



Above left: Professor Bradley Slade, Stefanie Kotze, and Professor Deresh Ramjugernath. **Above right:** Professor Bradley Slade, Chris Douglas Malherbe (in absentia), and Professor Deresh Ramjugernath.

Below: Professor Bradley Slade, Mia van Zyl, and Professor Deresh Ramjugernath



2025 Christof Heyns Memorial Thesis Award

Congratulations to Dr Hugo Uys on receiving the 2025 Christof Heyns Memorial Thesis Award from the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP). His thesis is titled "Framed and Caged: Theorising the Vulnerability of Animal Bodies Before the Law". The thesis was completed under the supervision of Professors

Henk Botha (supervisor) and Louise du Toit (co-supervisor) at Stellenbosch University. A special congratulations to the runners-up, Dr Christiaan van Schalkwyk and Dr Tanveer Rashid Jeewa. (Read more [here](#).)

Judges Matter Essay Writing Competition 2025



Congratulations to Prince Muhomba on receiving 2025 Judges Matter Prize for Excellent Writing on the Judiciary. (Read more [here](#).)

Juridical Society | Juridiese Vereniging (JV/S)

The Faculty of Law congratulates the incoming JV/S and wishes them a meaningful and constructive term as student representatives:



Student court



AI and the Law Seminar Series 3

The third season of the AI & the Law Seminar Series, presented in collaboration with Swart Law (a local IPO and legal tech firm), ran across multiple in-person and online sessions during 2025. Pictured is this year's winner, pre-final year LLB student Mr Joshua Povall, receiving his prize money of R5,000 from the managing director, Mr Dérick Swart, along with Ms Erin Both and Ms Mari Louw of Swart Law.

Mr Povall's winning contribution was in the form of a final assignment that looked at establishing an ethical AI regulatory framework within the private healthcare space. His contribution explored the intersection between the law, generative AI toolsets and their ethical use in real-world scenarios.

Building on the previous year's success, the 2025 Seminar Series iteration saw the Swart Law experts being joined by leading presenters from industry and academia. Dr Andrew Rens (Senior Research Fellow at Research ICT Africa), Dr Charl Botha (CIO, Stone Three), Retief Gerber (Spatialedge), Lucia Quy (Webber Wentzel Fusion), Nerushka Bowen

(LITT Institute), and various SU academics including Professor Brink van der Merwe (Head of Computer Science, SU), Professor Willem Fourie (Chair of Policy Innovation, School for Data Science & Computational Thinking, SU), Dr Dirk Brand (School of Public Leadership, SU), and Ms Zinhle Novazi (Faculty of Law, SU) delivered sessions on various topical subjects.

The topics included the interplay between human rights, copyright and generative AI, how AI works, global developments in AI regulation, AI and data privacy, transforming legal work through AI in practice, the future-ready lawyer, and AI and humanity.

Initiatives such as the AI and the Law Seminar Series continue to offer SU law students exposure to cutting-edge developments within niche areas of law in a more informal setting. These concepts are then encountered before they appear in the mainstream academic curriculum, while also providing students the opportunity to engage with practitioners who interact with these fast-changing technologies daily.



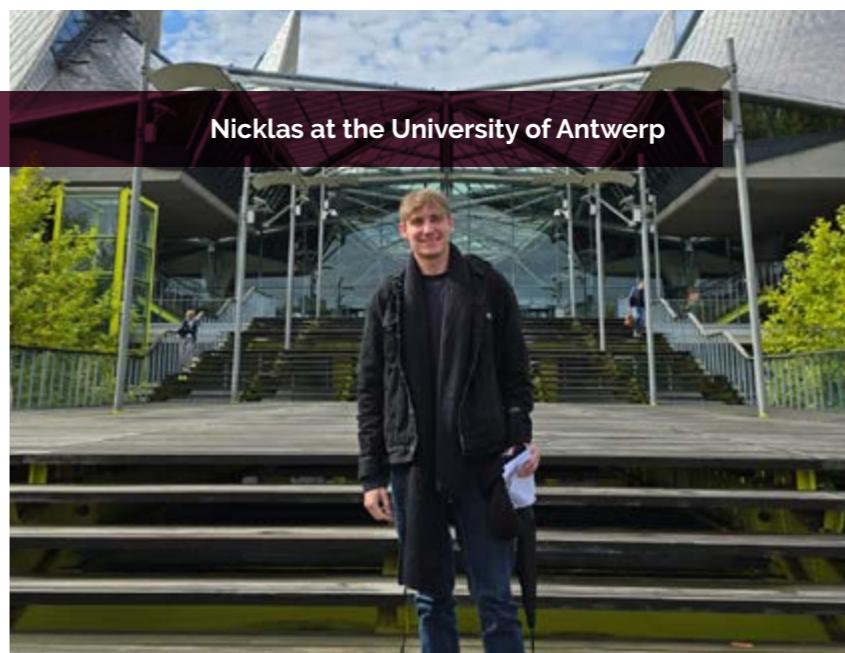
Semester Exchange Programme 2025

Olivia in Bologna



"I feel incredibly lucky to have the opportunity to take part in this exchange experience. The University of Bologna has a rich history of legal scholarship and I have really enjoyed learning alongside other international students from across the globe."

Nicklas at the University of Antwerp



"Participating in the semester exchange at the University of Antwerp is one of the best experiences of my life. It has allowed me to strengthen my academics with a challenging and diverse programme, while constantly allowing me to immerse myself in new cultures. The opportunity to learn, meet new people, and travel makes the experience truly enriching and incomparable."

Kieran at Utrecht University



"My exchange to Utrecht University has been an absolute privilege, and I am thoroughly enjoying the experience. My highlights of this journey have been meeting other exchange students from all over the world and getting involved and participating in an entirely new culture."

"I am truly grateful to be participating in the semester exchange programme at Utrecht University, as it has been both academically and personally enriching. It has pushed me to adapt to a new environment and step beyond my comfort zone, allowing me to immerse myself in new experiences and connect with incredible people I might never have met otherwise."



"The opportunity to go to Leuven, Belgium, for a semester exchange has been one of the most exciting and enriching experiences that I will cherish forever. I have made lifelong friends and unforgettable memories."

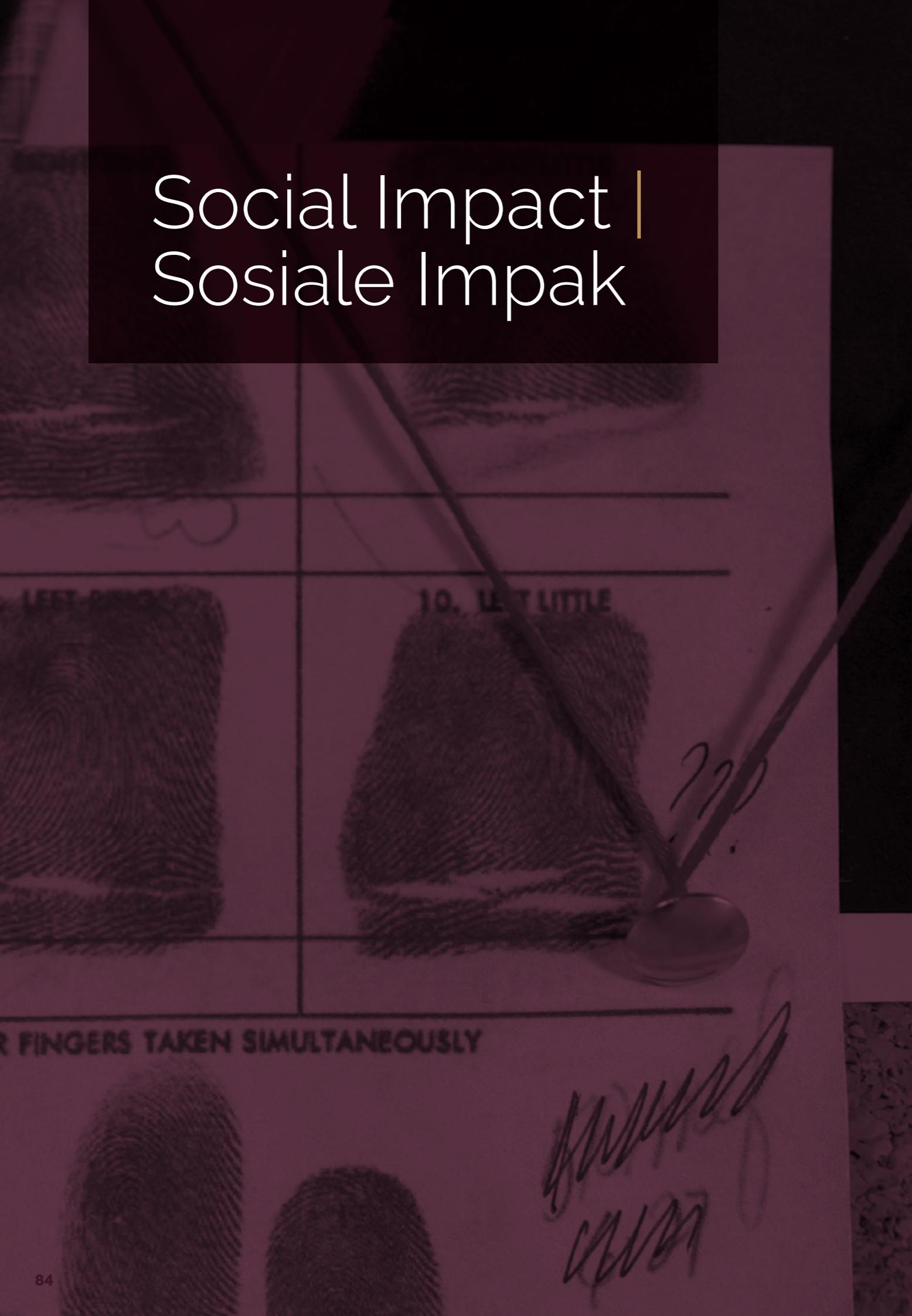


"Exchange has helped me grow as a person in ways I could never have back home. I cannot fully express how grateful I am for this opportunity and how much it means to me."



"Studying abroad allowed me to use the skills I have learned at Stellenbosch in a real-life context, such as resilience, adaptability and problem solving. It means getting to make new friends from all over the world and studying law from a truly international perspective because we all come from completely different backgrounds."

Social Impact | Sosiale Impak



US Regskliniek | SU Law Clinic

Mandela Day 2025: Serving with Purpose

In honour of Nelson Mandela's legacy, the Law Clinic dedicated two days in July to community service, reaffirming its commitment to compassion, dignity, and active citizenship.

On 17 July, Clinic staff and candidate legal practitioners visited the Stellenbosch Night Shelter, where they prepared and donated more than 100 sandwiches to contribute towards breakfast for the residents. On 18 July, the team hosted a soup kitchen at the Clinic, serving over 300 bowls of soup to

community members.

These initiatives reflected the Clinic's belief that meaningful impact often begins with simple acts of service and care. The activities fostered a sense of connection and solidarity with the local community and served as a reminder that promoting access to justice extends beyond legal advice – it also includes supporting the dignity and well-being of those around us.



Training coordinator Emily Anderson and administrative assistant Magda Esau, assisted by the Clinic's interns from Hasselt University, preparing and serving meals during the Clinic's Mandela Day outreach activities.

Law Clinic Welcomes Hasselt Interns



At the end of July, The SU Law Clinic was welcomed the Hasselt interns from Belgium. These talented individuals spent a month with the Clinic, gaining valuable practical skills and experiences that helped to shape their future legal careers.

Throughout their time here, the interns immersed themselves in the Clinic's operations, participating in various legal activities and projects. From hands-on training sessions to assisting with real cases, they had numerous opportunities to apply their academic knowledge in a practical setting.



Mini Access to Justice Colloquium: International Collaboration in Clinical Legal Education

On 15 October, the Law Clinic had the privilege of collaborating with the University of Southampton in hosting a Mini Access to Justice Colloquium. The event brought together students from both universities for an evening of comparative discussion and collaborative learning.

Working in mixed teams, students delivered thoughtful presentations examining the law clinic landscape in South Africa and the United Kingdom. The discussions explored the operation of university law clinics in each jurisdiction, their respective roles in advancing access to justice, and the ways in which they interact with state-funded legal aid systems.

The exchange provided an invaluable opportunity for students to engage in comparative reflection and to consider the shared challenges and innovations within clinical legal education globally. Participants left the session with renewed perspectives on how university law clinics contribute to social justice, legal empowerment, and the development of future legal practitioners.

The collaboration not only strengthened academic ties between Stellenbosch University and the University of Southampton but also reaffirmed the transformative role of law clinics in promoting access to justice across borders.

CONCLUSION

Both South Africa and the United Kingdom share a common goal: access to justice, but their legal aid systems demonstrate different realities.

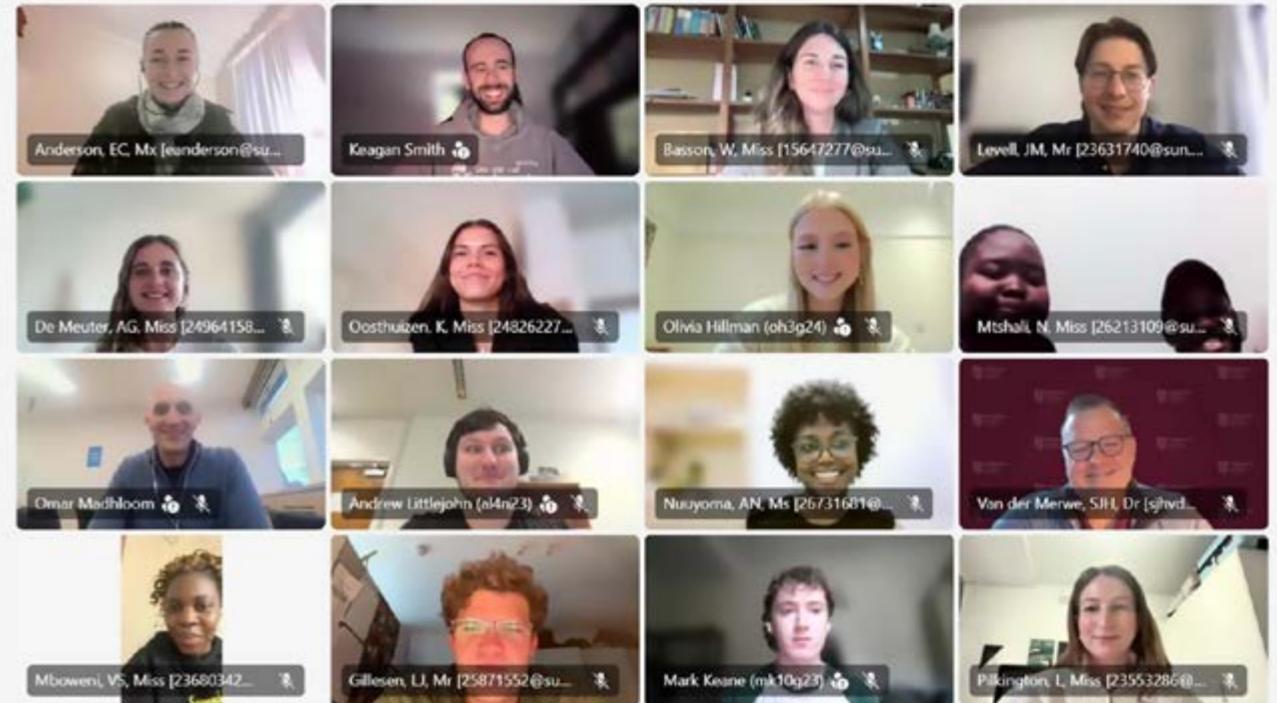
- In SA, legal aid remains a constitutional right, delivered through a centralized, state-funded system that collaborates with university law clinics and NGOs. It offers a broad safety net, despite its funding challenges.
- In the UK, the legal aid system is restricted since the LASPO reforms, which creates great advice deserts, affecting availability for the vulnerable individuals without representation. University law clinics no play a huge compensatory role.

Barriers:

- Capacity could be limited.
- Many people battle to gain access to the justice system.
- Many people battle to gain access to law, especially not being able to provide full representation.
- Accessibility: Clinics often require in-person/online meetings. This requires the client to either have access to the internet or means to get to the clinic.
- Lack of awareness, especially for new pro-bono clinics. It takes years, perhaps even decades for the general public to become aware of the clinics through word of mouth.
- Language barriers. The work done would be predominantly in English, disadvantageous to anyone who does not speak it as a first language.

Benefits:

- Increased awareness. All that is required is time investment.
- Increased awareness of right/legal avenues.
- Potential for clients to connect directly with partner who can pursue a remedy. Preventing escalation of the problem.
- Increased trust in the justice system.
- Feeling as if you truly are being heard, and not just a statable issue.
- The South African Legal Practice Act emphasizes the importance of using community services to help achieve access to justice.



Law Clinic Hosts *Wills Week on Wheels*

From 20 to 24 October, the Law Clinic hosted its annual Wills Week on Wheels initiative, providing free will-drafting and legal advice services to residents in Kayamandi, Idas Valley, and Cloetesville.

The project was promoted through social media and local networks and generated significant interest, with numerous bookings received immediately after the announcement. Over the course of the week, the Clinic team assisted 43 community members, drafted 26 wills, and offered advice on estate

planning and related legal matters.

Wills Week on Wheels exemplifies the Clinic's dedication to promoting access to justice by bringing essential legal services directly to communities. The project not only met a vital practical need but also reinforced the Clinic's broader mission of empowering individuals through knowledge and meaningful engagement.



Law Clinic practitioners assisting community members during the 2025 Wills Week on Wheels outreach.

Ubuntu Learning Community

On 23 October 2025, the latest cohort of the Ubuntu Learning Community Interdisciplinary Short Course celebrated their graduation at the Brandvlei Correctional Centre. This inspiring initiative, established in 2018, is a powerful partnership between Stellenbosch University and the Department of Correctional Services, dedicated to demonstrating the transformative power of education.

Guided by Dr Mary Nel (Academic Director and senior lecturer in SU's Department of Public Law), 19 Brandvlei students and 18 SU students shared approximately 50 hours of classroom time under the 2025 theme, "Changing together in a changing world". (Read more: <https://www.su.ac.za/en/news/tears-joy-ubuntu-graduates>.)

Alumni



Homecoming

On 13 September, as part of the SU Homecoming weekend, the Faculty welcomed back the LLB classes of 1975, 1985, 1995, 2005, and 2015



Global growth: 52 Alumni Chapters and counting

Stellenbosch University's Alumni Chapters continue to expand, now comprising 52 chapters worldwide. Earlier in 2025, the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Deresh Ramjugernath, undertook an international engagement tour, meeting alumni in Africa, including Zambia, Uganda, Rwanda, and Kenya, where several new chapters were launched. These engagements provided valuable opportunities for graduates to reconnect, share memories, and celebrate the global Matie network.

He then travelled to Australia, meeting alumni in Melbourne, Brisbane, Perth, and Sydney, strengthening ties across continents. Meanwhile, the network welcomed its newest chapter - the 52nd glob-

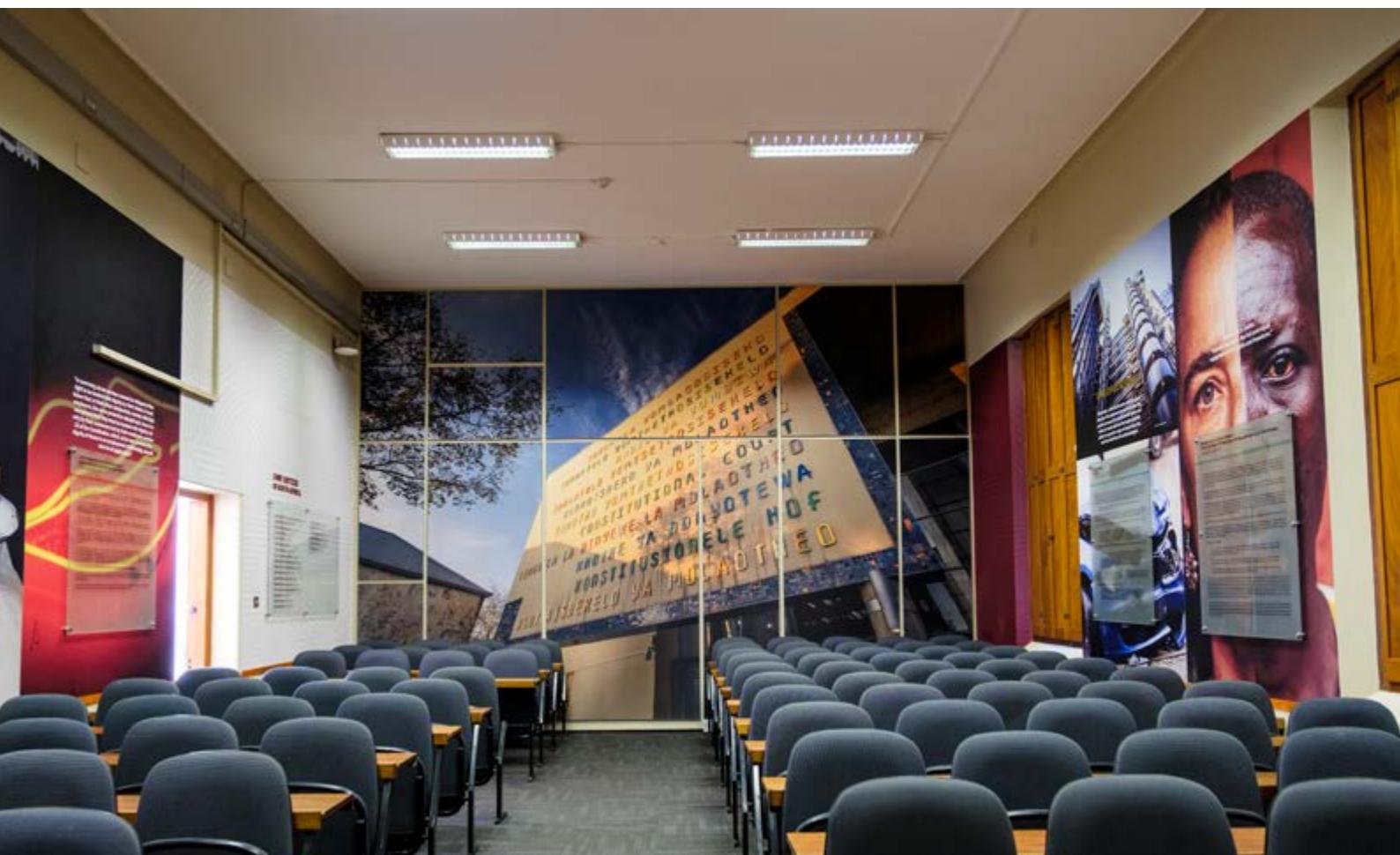
ally - in Abu Dhabi, extending the Matie community even further. Back in South Africa, the Rector met with alumni in Stellenbosch, the Southern Suburbs, and the Garden Route, keeping the bonds strong at home.

Stellenbosch University now has regional chapters across South Africa and international chapters throughout Africa, Europe, North America, the Middle East, Asia, and Australia.

Alumni interested in contributing to chapter activities or volunteering are invited to contact alumnia@sun.ac.za for further information.

Once a Matie, Always a Matie.

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ALUMNI CHAPTERS
in 25 countries

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12 local chapters



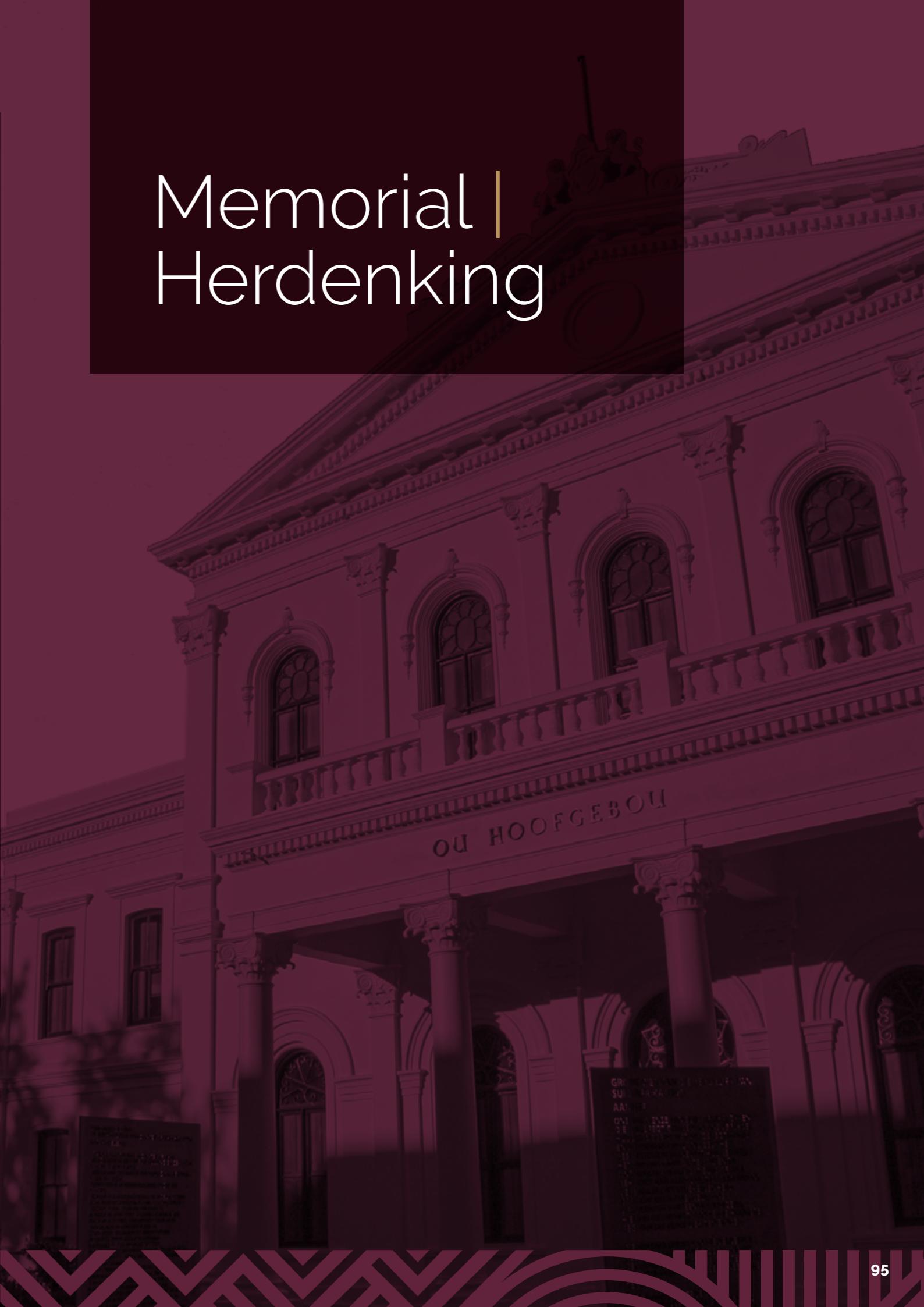
Dr Kingsley Tochi Udeh



On 6 November, Stellenbosch University Faculty of Law alumnus, Dr Kingsley Tochi Udeh, was sworn in as a member of the Nigerian cabinet with the portfolio of Minister of Science and Technology by Nigerian President Bola Tinubu. Dr Udeh was the Attorney General and Commissioner for Justice of Enugu State in Nigeria prior to his appointment to the federal executive. He obtained

his LLD at Stellenbosch University in 2018 with a dissertation entitled, "A comparative study of the effectiveness of bidder remedies in South Africa and Nigeria", under the supervision of Professor Geo Quinot and co-supervision of Professor Sope Williams. Dr Udeh is also a former research fellow of the African Procurement Law Unit at Stellenbosch University.

Memorial | Herdenking



Max Loubser

Emeritus Professor Max Loubser is op 13 Oktober 2025 onverwags op 76-jarige ouderdom oorlede. Hy het die namiddag op sy gewone fietsrit in die Jonkershoekvallei gegaan, waarvan hy ná 'n toeval nie teruggekeer het nie. Die Regsfakulteit en sy kollegas en vriende betreur sy heengaan.

Max Michiel Loubser is op 8 Desember 1948 in Somerset-Wes gebore, maar het in Wellington groot geword waar sy pa aan die Onderwyskollege verbonde was. Hy was 'n knap skolier aan die Huge-note Hoërskool waar hy in Desember 1966 gematrikuleer het in die eerste plek op die Kaapse ranglys. Ná 'n jaar se militêre diensplig kom hy Stellenbosch toe om Regte te studeer en gaan woon hy in Dagbreek-manskoshuis. Hy word ook tot lid van die Studenteraad verkies. In 1970 behaal hy sy BA-graad met regsvakke en in 1972 die LLB, albei met lof. Daardie jaar se LLB-klas staan in die Fakulteit se geskiedenis aangeteken as besonder vanweé die vyf cum laude-kandidate uit sestig wat dit opgelewer het. Drie van hulle het later professore in die Fakulteit geword.

Ook in 'n ander oepsig het 1972 'n baken in die Fakulteit se geskiedenis meegebring. Sedert die 1940's is dit beman deur 'n vyfmanskap, aanvanklik onder die leiding van prof WMR Malherbe en toe van prof JC de Wet. Deur die jare het die studentegetalte taamlik stabiel gebly, tot 'n drastiese toename in die vroeë sewentigerjare. Juis op dié punt bereik prof De Wet die vervroegde aftree-ouderdom van sestig en besluit hy om daarvan gebruik te maak.

Onder leiding van prof AB de Villiers, bygestaan deur Andreas van Wyk, besluit die Fakulteit om 'n nuwe koers in te slaan. In prof De Wet se plek word drie nuwe senior lektore uit die klas van 1972 aangestel: Fritz Brand, Max Loubser en Gerhard Lubbe. En einde kom 1974 die eerste "buitebloed" sedert die stigtingsjare met Vrystater CG van der Merwe.

Kort na sy aanstelling in die Fakulteit ontvang Loubser 'n nasionale Rhodes-beurs en vertrek hy na Oxford in Engeland. Anders as die meeste regsfak-

mense met 'n Rhodes-beurs skryf hy hom daar nie vir 'n verdere B-graad in nie, maar pak hy in Magdalene College doktorale studie onder die leiding van Prof AM (Tony) Honoré aan. In 1977 verwerf hy 'n DPhil-graad oor "The theft of money in South African Law".

Ook in 1977 word dr Loubser, saam met sy kollega Gerhard Lubbe, tot professor in Privaatreg in die Stellenbosse Regsfakulteit bevorder. Na sy afdrede met pensioen in 2013 het hy by die Fakulteit betrokke gebly as navorsingsgenoot.

Max Loubser se hoofnavorsingsfokus was die Deliktereg, maar ook verjaring.

Sy belangrikste publikasies waardeur hy groot erkenning as navorsverwerf het, is "The Law of Delict in South Africa" (2009, saam met Rob Midgley), ook in Afrikaans in 2010; "Extinctive Prescription" (1996; 2de uitgawe 2019); en "Sport and the Law in South Africa" (2000). Hy was verder ook die skrywer van vele artikels in plaaslike en buitelandse regspublikasies, veral oor skuldlose aanspreeklikheid. Hy is deur die Nasionale Navorsingstigting geëvalueer as 'n navorsver wat aansienlike internationale erkenning geniet.

As akademikus het hy ook talle toekennings ontvang en intensiewe kontak met buitelandse kollegas en instellings gehad.

Alhoewel Max met groot toegewydheid periodiek as departementeel voorsitter van die departement Privaatreg gedien het, het hy nie juis in die universiteitsadministrasie belang gestel nie. Hy het nietemin verskeie kere betekenisvolle bydraes tot die beredding van fakulteitskrisisse gelewer.

Met die nodige toestemming van die Universiteit is Max in die 1980's as prokureur, notaris en aktebehorser toegelaat en het hy deeltyds in die gerekende Stellenbosse firma Cluver & Markotter begin praktiseer. Daar het hy ook as praktisyn aansien verwerf.

Hy was verder baie betrokke by die Stellenbosse gemeenskap, veral by die skole Stellenbosch Laer

en Paul Roos Gimnasium,

Max is in 1977 met sy studenteliefde, Christine Jansen uit 'n gesiene Pretoriase regsfamilie, getroud. Hy word ook oorleef deur drie kinders, dogter Rona en seuns Max en Ernst, wat almal in die buitenland woon.

Professor Andreas van Wyk



Louis van Zyl

Louis Steyn van Zyl was lank 'n leier in die prokureursberoep en een van die fakulteit se mees lojale oudstudente. Hy is op 3 Augustus 2025 in Kaapstad oorlede.

Hy is in 1928 in Griekwastad in die Noord-Kaap gebore. Hy was 'n neef van prof WM Van der Westhuizen, professor in die Stellenbosse Regsfakulteit van 1955 tot 1986. Ná Matriek aan die Hoër Jongenskool in die Paarl studeer Louis in die Fakulteit waar hy sy BA (met Regsvakke) in 1947 en sy LLB in 1949 behaal. Daarna is hy 'n leerklerk in Kaapstad by die gesiene Kaapse prokureursfirma Harold Gie. In 1952 word hy as prokureur toegelaat.

Hy keer terug na sy geboortedorp om tot 1960 daar in vennootskap met sy pa te praktiseer. Vervolgens vestig hy hom in die hoofsetel van die Noord-Kaap, Kimberley, as vennoot in die firma Duncan & Rothman waar hy vir die volgende 23 jaar praktiseer. In 1983 trek hy terug Kaapstad toe en sluit hom by Findlay & Tait aan waar hy in 1998 uittree.

Louis van Zyl het nooit as prokureur afgetree nie. Selfs in sy laaste lewensaar het hy nog vir kliënte trusts geregistreer en met die beredding van

boedels gehelp, bygestaan deur 'n lojale sekretaresse wat na hom toe gery het.

Louis is in 1953 getroud met Nicolette Louw van Steenberg in Constantia. Sy is in 2024 ná 'n lang siekbed oorlede. Uit die huwelik is drie seuns en 'n dogter gebore. Twee van die seuns, Johann en Neil, het aan ons Fakulteit gestudeer en as regsfakulteit geslaag.

In die georganiseerde regsfakulteit het Louis van Zyl 'n leiersrol op sowel nasionale as internasionale vlak gespeel. Nadat hy lank president van die Kimberleyse prokureursvereniging was, is hy in 1974 as raadslid van die Wetsgenootskap van die Kaap die Goeie Hoop verkies, 'n posisie wat hy tot 1989 beklee het, van 1980 tot 1982 as president. Op nasionale vlak was hy 'n lid van die uitvoerende komitee van die Vereniging van Wetsgenootskappe tussen 1981 en 1985, in 1984 as president. In hierdie hoedanigheid was hy baie betrokke by die beroep se reaksie op die destydse Hoexter-kommissie en ook die totstandkoming van howe vir klein eise. Verder was hy 'n aktiewe lid en voorstander van die raad van die Getrouheidswaarborgfonds vir Prokureurs. Die be-

marking van die beroep het ook sy aandag geniet. Louis het ook 'n rol in die totstandkoming van ons demokratiese grondwetlike bedeling gespeel. Hy was 'n lid van die eerste Geregtelike Dienskommisie wat ook die nuwe Grondwet van 1993 moes afteken. Die vestiging van 'n ombudsman in ons land was verder 'n saak wat hom na aan die hart gelê het. In die politiek moeilike tye in die 1980's het hy Suid-Afrika in die International Bar Association verteenwoordig, waar hy'n aktiewe rol gespeel het.

Hy was altyd geïnteresseerd in regsopleiding en baie trots op sy Stellenbosse verbintenis. Vir verskeie jare het hy as lid van die Fakultetsraad gedien. Hy was ook betrokke by die besluit van die Getrouheidswaarborgfonds vir Prokureurs om die salaris van die professore in ons Regsfakulteite aan te vul om die aanstelling en behoud van knap akademici te help verseker.

Die Fakulteit het 'n bessondere oudstudent verloor.

Professor Andreas van Wyk

Selwin Hurwitz

Selwin Hurwitz, a member of the LLB class of 1964, passed away in London on 15 August 2025, having spent the last two years of his life undergoing kidney dialysis. This prevented him from attending the reunion of his class in Stellenbosch earlier this year. Selwin came to Stellenbosch in 1960 from Port Elizabeth (now Gqeberha) where he had matriculated at Grey High School. He completed his BA Law in 1962 and his LLB at the end of 1964. He was one of the top students in his class.

Although he came from an English medium school he quickly was fluent in Afrikaans and became an active member of the Stellenbosch student community. He lived in Dagbreek, played rugby in the under-19 B team and was elected president of the Student Jewish Society.

Hurwitz then went on to do his articles at the prestigious attorneys' firm Sonnenberg, Hoffman & Gallowik in Cape Town. However, the legal profession did not turn out to be his calling. In 1967 he enrolled for a Master's degree in Business Administration at the recently established Business School of the University of Cape Town, graduating in 1968.

His first work was with Premier Milling in Johannesburg, but his entrepreneurial spirit soon drew him into the hotel industry. His first venture was the

Northam Hotel in a small mining town near Thabazimbi in the Western Transvaal (now Limpopo province). This was the start of the Karos Hotel Group of four- and five-star establishments. At various stages it included the Sossusvlei Lodge in Namibia, the Karos Lodge at the Kruger Gate, the Arthur's Seat Hotel in Cape Town and the Edward in Durban. A particular challenge was the famous Polana Hotel in Lourenço Marques, now Maputo, the capital of Mozambique. At independence from the Portuguese in 1975 the hotel had been nationalised and then left to go to ruin. Selwin succeeded in getting it back on a 100 years' lease and then personally helped to rebuild it by importing building materials from South Africa through Swaziland.

In 1967, he married Marcia, his school love from Collegiate in Port Elizabeth. In 2013 they moved to London to be closer to their two children, son Jonty and daughter Tammy Broido, and their four grandchildren.

In London he remained involved in property investments, including the casino in Maputo. And he kept contact with his Matie friends like Charles Abelsohn and Andreas van Wyk.

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