

South African Society for Labour Law (SASLAW) Conference

The South African Society for Labour Law (SASLAW) celebrated a milestone this year when it hosted its 25th annual conference on 6 and 7 October 2022 in Sandton, Johannesburg. Professor Christoph Garbers and Dr Cecile deVilliers jointly represented the Faculty at the conference. Professor Garbers spoke about misconduct in the public service in general, while Dr de Villiers focused on the rather disturbing picture around misconduct of educators employed in the public education sector (this was part of her research for the doctoral degree conferred on her earlier this year by Stellenbosch University). A particularly exciting development around the conference was that Professor Garbers and Dr de Villiers were accompanied by a group of ten pre-final year students of the Faculty who submitted the best group essays on

collective labour law in the public service and its impact on the economy (as part of the third-year Labour Law module offered by the Faculty). As one of the students remarked afterwards: "A number of times issues relating to those discussed at the SASLAW conference, and between those of us who attended, have come to my mind with relevance to both my legal studies and to a broader worldview generally. I just wanted to thank you once again for facilitating our participation in the SASLAW Conference, and everything that came with it. It was a thoroughly enriching experience, not only through the official programme, but through the exposure it gave us to the legal field and community in general. I feel enormously privileged to have been included."



Top left: Mr Adriaan Lourens, Prof Christoph Garbers, Ms Karin Rautenbach, Dr Cecile de Villiers, Mr Lloyrenzo September, Ms Margeaux Wassenaar and Ms Caitlyn Laing. Bottom left: Mr Rudi Classen, Ms Pauli Brown, Ms Robyn Broodryk, Ms Carmen Walters, and Ms Jean-Marie Rousseau.

Symposium in honour of Reinhard Zimmermann

From 13 to 14 October 2022, Professors Jacques du Plessis and Philip Sutherland participated in a symposium honouring the retirement of Professor Reinhard Zimmermann as Director of the world-renowned Max Planck Institute for Comparative and International Private Law in Hamburg, Germany. The theme of the symposium was "Comparative Legal History and Historical Comparative Law". Professor du Plessis also chaired one of the sessions on the German and English law of unjustified enrichment. The symposium culminated in the handing over of a copy of a collection of essays dedicated to Professor Zimmermann on his 70th birthday. Three of these contributions were by Stellenbosch colleagues: Professor du Plessis wrote on "Basic Features and Problems of the South African Law of Unjustified Enrichment", whereas Dr Franziska Myburgh's contribution was titled "Setting the Record Straight: The 'South Africanisation' of the Prior Common Intention Requirement for the Rectification of Contracts". It is sad, yet touching, that our late colleague Professor Marius de Waal posthumously honoured his close friend, Professor Zimmermann, with the last product of his academic career, an essay on "The Flexibility of the Ownership Concept in the Law of Trusts". For more

than three decades, Professor Zimmermann has been a great benefactor of the Law Faculty; he has invited many colleagues to contribute to various international projects, hosted colleagues and students as visitors to the Institute, and engaged with the Faculty as an honorary professor in the Department of Private Law, and by presenting the Mortl Malherbe lecture. In 2008, Stellenbosch University awarded him an honorary doctorate in law, one of ten he has received over his remarkable career.



Zimmermann Symposium

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Annual International Mercantile Law Conference

The University of the Free State hosted its 7th Annual International Mercantile Law Conference from 2 to 4 November 2022 in Bloemfontein. The Faculty of Law was well represented at the conference and presentations covered a range of legal issues in labour, tax, and competition law. Dr Bradley Greenhalgh examined the role of the Registrar with reference to strike ballots in case of non-compliant trade unions. Ms Silke De Lange

considered the secrecy of taxpayer information and its disclosure by court in light of the recent cases pertaining to former president Zuma's tax affairs. Mr Thalalolwazi Msutu's presentation considered the value of data in competition law, with Ms Riana Conradie exploring accommodation of neurodiversity in the workplace. Dr Cecile de Villiers discussed the legislative regulation of responsibility to address educator misconduct in public schools. A particular highlight was a visit to

the Supreme Court of Appeal and Naval Hill, which hosts the largest bronze statue of Nelson Mandela in the world.



(from left to right): Dr Cecile de Villiers, Dr Bradley Greenhalgh, Ms Riana Conradie, Mr Thalalolwazi Msutu and Ms Silke de Lange.

Annual Regional Africa Human Rights Academic Network Conference

From 28 to 29 October, Professor Annika Rudman, together with Ms Anisa Mahmoudi (LLD candidate), Mr Derick de Klerk (LLM Candidate), and Mr Gideon Basson (former LLM Candidate and part-time lecturer), participated in the *Annual Regional Africa Human Rights Academic Network Conference* on the theme *Human Rights Adjudication in Africa: Challenges and Opportunities within the African Regional and Sub-Regional Human Rights Systems*.

The conference was organised by the Raoul Wallenberg Institute of Human Rights and Humanitarian Law, Lund, Sweden, the Faculty of Law, University of Zimbabwe, and the Regional Africa Human Rights Academic Network, of which SU Law Faculty is a member. The conference was supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida) and the Swedish Embassy in Harare.

The conference was held at a time when the space for defending human rights in Zimbabwe is rapidly shrinking and the focus on the importance of supranational human rights institutions could not have been more apt.

On day one, Mr de Klerk presented a paper that he co-authored with Professor Rudman titled, "The ultimate withdrawal: a critical analysis of the jurisprudence of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights in search of explanations beyond the political". Day two started

off with a panel on *Gender-sensitive Adjudication in Africa* where Professor Rudman presented her paper on "Rape as manifestation of gender-based discrimination - an exploration of state responsibility for sexual and gender-based violence in the jurisprudence of the ECOWAS Community Court of Justice" followed by Ms Mahmoudi and Professor Rudman's paper, "A Critical Analysis of Resocialisation as an Obligation, Right and Remedy under the Maputo Protocol in the Jurisprudence of The African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights and The ECOWAS Court of Justice". These presentations were followed, in the afternoon, by Mr Basson's presentation on "Fortune as a ground of prohibited discrimination under the African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights".

The conference was preceded by a three-day workshop held in Nairobi Kenya in June to support early career researchers in their first endeavour to publish their academic work. The research emanating from this conference will be published in a book in early 2023 by PULP. As a result of the workshop and the hard work of the early career researchers 8 out of the 16 chapters of the book have been produced by up-and-coming researchers.

Next year's *Annual Regional Africa Human Rights Academic Network Conference* will be hosted by the Faculty with the hope that as many colleagues as possible will feel inspired to participate.



(From the left) Prof Annika Rudman, Mr Gideon Basson, Ms Anisa Mahmoudi, and Mr Derick de Klerk

Professor Quinot is currently on sabbatical leave and presented papers at two virtual conferences during the second half of 2022. In October, he read a paper on "Peculiarity and generality in South African procurement law as barriers and enablers of BRICS procurement law congruence" at the St Petersburg International Contractual Relations Forum. At the International Exchange Forum on Sustainable Public Food Procurement, hosted by the UN's Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the German Institute of Development and Sustainability (IDOS), Professor Quinot presented a paper on "Procurement regulation for sustainable public food procurement". In November, Professor Quinot participated in the 23rd International Conference of Chief Justices of the World on Article 51 of the Constitution of India, held in Lucknow, India, which focused on sustainability in effective global governance.

Professor Geo Quinot joined Dr Eugenio Vaccari of the University of London and Professor Laura Coordes of the University of Arizona in the first instalment of a new series of INSOL Talks, called "Hot Topic discussions", focusing on leading topics within the global insolvency community. The first episode focused on Local Public Entities in Distress and reflected on a global study, funded by INSOL International, on how financial pressure in local government is treated in law globally. The episode can be accessed at <https://podcasts.apple.com/gb/podcast/ep-25-local-public-entities-in-distress/id1580587057?i=1000584787003>.

Also in November, Professor Geo Quinot participated in a training event for senior government officials from the MENA region on public procurement and governance at the ILO's International Training Centre in Turin, Italy. The focus of the training was on the reform of public procurement systems in light of global developments such as emergencies and sustainable development.

Professor Geo Quinot



Prof Quinot delivering his paper at the 23rd International Conference of Chief Justices of the World in Lucknow, India



Prof Quinot with officials from the MENA region at the ILO International Training Center in Turin

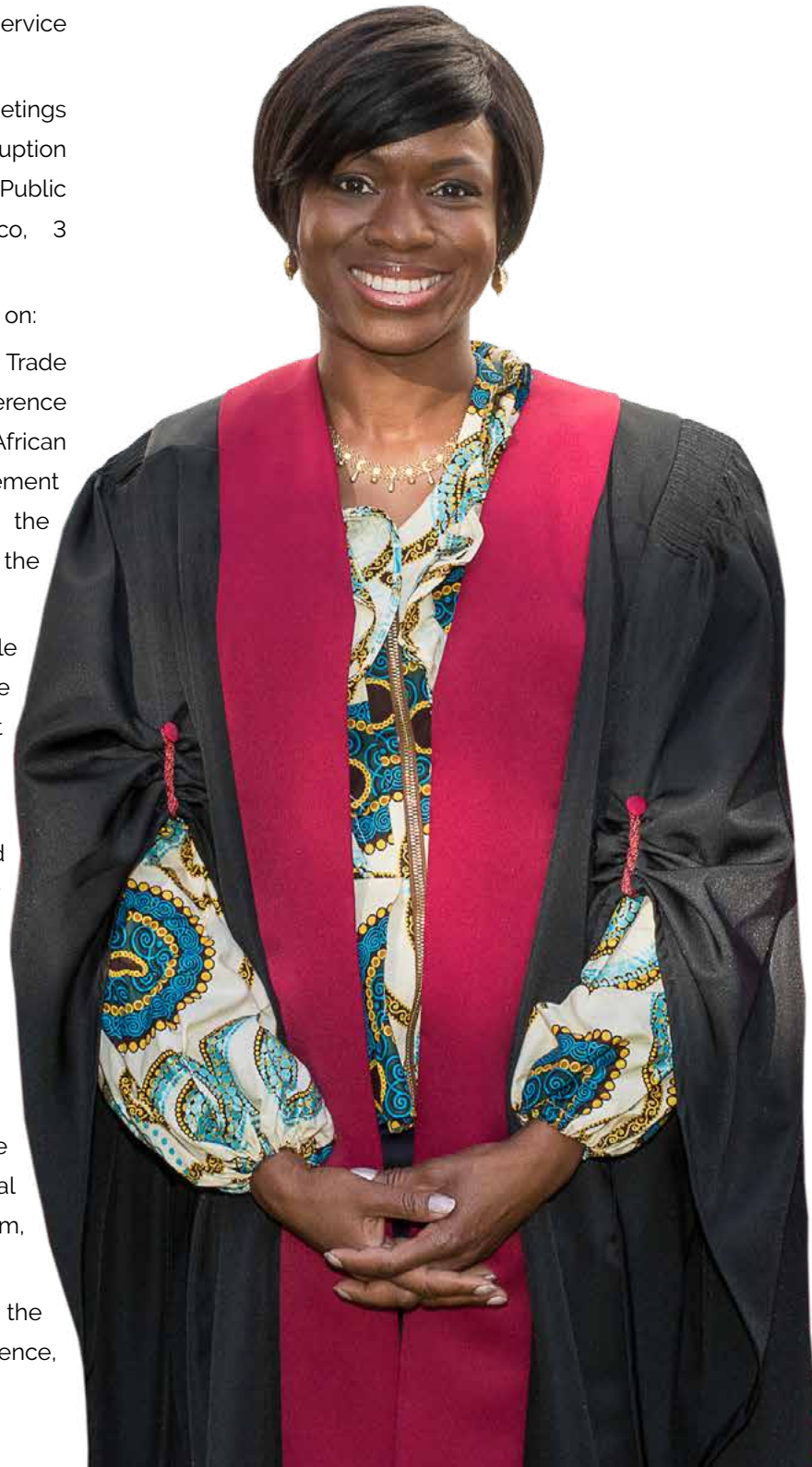
Professor Williams-Elegbe

Professor Williams-Elegbe participated as panellist at:

- The Open Government Partnership Regional Meetings for Africa and the Middle East on "Procurement reform: corruption risks, emergencies, and effective service delivery", Marrakech, Morocco, 1 November; and
- The Open Government Partnership Regional Meetings for Africa and the Middle East on "Tackling Corruption and other Barriers to Women's Participation in Public Procurement in Africa", Marrakech, Morocco, 3 November 2022.

Professor Williams-Elegbe participated as speaker on:

- "Procurement harmonization and Regional Trade Agreements in Africa", at the online conference arranged by the United Nations and the African Procurement Law Unit titled: Public Procurement Dimensions of Modernizing and Harmonizing the International Commercial Law Framework in the AfCFTA, 3 November 2022;
- "Gender Responsive Procurement and Sustainable Food Procurement", at the International Exchange Forum on Sustainable Public Food Procurement 2022, organised by the Food and Agriculture Organization, Online, 26 October 2022;
- "Gender Responsive Procurement: Barriers and Challenges", at the George Washington University School of Law, Washington DC, 10 October 2022;
- "Corruption and Public Procurement: The Links and the Solutions", at the Counter Corruption Summit of the Pavocat-Stellenbosch Academy, STIAS, 27 July 2022;
- "New Frontiers in procurement: A perspective from Africa", at the Public Procurement Global Revolution Conference, University of Nottingham, UK, 13 June 2022; and
- "Gender inclusive procurement in Africa", at the Public Procurement Global Revolution Conference, University of Nottingham, UK, 13 June 2022.



Recognition | Erkenning

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

- The Faculty is pleased with its improved placement on the recent Times Higher Education [THE] law subject ranking, which sees the Faculty ranked within the group of 176-200. Click [here](#) for more information.
- The Faculty wishes to congratulate Professor Theo Broodryk with his appointment, in terms of section 3(1)(f) of the Rules Board for Courts of Law Act, 1985, as a member of the Rules Board for Courts of Law. This appointment is with effect from 30 November 2022 for a period of five years.
- The Faculty further congratulates Professor Thuli Madonsela who was elected chairperson of the management board of the Cities Alliance (a global partnership fighting urban poverty hosted by the UN Office for Project Services (UNOPS)).
- The Faculty congratulates Dr Chidozie Chukwudumogu (post-doctoral fellow in the Department of Mercantile Law) with his appointment as law lecturer at Sydney University, Australia.
- The Faculty congratulates Prof Sope Williams-Elegbe with being the winner in the category of research and education under His Highness's Sheikh Tamim Bin Hamad Al-Thani International Anti-Corruption Excellence Awards in Doha on December 8.

Global Scholars Academy

2023 GLOBAL SCHOLARS ACADEMY

January 16 - 20, 2023
Stellenbosch, South Africa

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Applications due: October 7, 2022

The Global Scholars Academy is a new collaboration between the Stellenbosch University Faculty of Law (together with the Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences) and the Institute for Global Law & Policy at Harvard Law School. The Global Scholars Academy will be held in Stellenbosch, South Africa, from 16 to 20 January 2023.

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Dekaan begin tweede termyn

Professor Nicola Smit het op 1 Augustus met haar tweede termyn as dekaan begin. Met die aanvang van haar eerste vyf-jaar termyn in 2017, het sy haar prioriteite soos volg opgesom "As far as law faculties are concerned, there is a need for us to critically reflect on the transformative nature of legal education in South Africa in order to promote social justice, the impact and effectiveness of our programmes, the imperative of renewed emphasis on ethics in our programmes and research, the considered transformation of our staff and students, the professional development of staff and finding innovative ways to increase access whilst providing sufficient support to maintain good success rates and the delivery of well-rounded, knowledgeable, skilled, and ethical graduates."

Professor Smit meen dat ten spyte van die impak van Covid-19 het die Fakulteit goed gevorder met die doelwitte wat gestel is. Met die oog op 'n tweede termyn het professor Smit in haar beskikbaarstelling vir 'n tweede termyn aangedui dat haar fokus wel in sekere opsigte sal verskuif en dat haar visie vir die volgende vyf jaar die volgende insluit: "To consolidate our position after COVID-19 ..., augment and maintain the wellness of staff and students, prioritise several areas identified in our Environmental Plan ..., and contribute to SU realising its Vision-2040 and Strategy."

Dit is duidelik dat daar talle planne in die pyplyn en in uitvoer is, byvoorbeeld nuwe leerstoete, die verdere uitrol van hernuwe programkurrikula, ondersteuning vir inkomende en huidige studente wie se vordering nog deur die pandemie beïnvloed word, die internalisering van die SU en grondwetlike waardes en die realisering van 'n transformatiewe studente ervaring vir elke student, uitbreiding van die ko-kurrikulêre programme, en verdere geteikende geleenthede van internasionalisering vir beide personeel en studente. In besonder is daar 'n herfokus op die Fakulteit se navorsing

en nagraadse aanbiedings wat hand aan hand met internasionalisering gaan. Professor Smit meen dat die Fakulteit is welbekend vir unieke en verreikende sosiale impak projekte en inklusiewe inisiatiewe en dat die SU Regskliniek, Sentrum vir Sosiale Geregtigheid, HF Oppenheimer Leerstoel in Menseregte tesame met alle ander leerstoete en projekte in die fakulteit steeds gefokus sal bly op hierdie impakvolle werk op 'n volhoubare wyse.

Die nuwe jaar gaan dus opwindend wees, maar eers gaan die dekaan 'n kort sabbatsverlof gedurende die eerste semester geniet en ons glo sy sal die tydjie weg van die boei van die dagboek geniet.





Inside the Old Main Building

Cambridge-SU Student Exchange Agreement

In October, the Faculties of Law of Stellenbosch University and the University of Cambridge entered into a student exchange agreement. The agreement permits two students to attend the partner university as visiting students for one academic year. The Dean of the Faculty of Law at SU, Professor Nicola Smit, stated: "We are excited to partner with the University of Cambridge to offer our students the opportunity to benefit from an academic experience at a leading global law faculty. At the same time, we look forward to welcoming students from the University of Cambridge in Stellenbosch and know that this will advance our internationalisation at home initiative".

Read more about the student exchange agreement [here](#).



Faculty staff Fakulteit personeel

Staff Abroad

Professor Stevens visits Germany and the Netherlands

As part of the Technische Universität München's (TUM) Global Visiting Professor Programme, Professor Richard Stevens was invited to lecture a module in the Legal Aspects of Private Equity Investment to their doctoral students between 5 June 2022 and 15 July 2022. Because Professor Stevens also lectures the Company Law module, he used his visit in München to visit colleagues in Corporate Law at the Ludwig Maximilian University in München, a university from where the Stellenbosch Faculty of Law draws a strong pool of LLM students.

During his stay in Germany, Professor Stevens spent two weeks visiting two partner faculties of the Faculty, Bucerius Law School in Hamburg and Tilburg Law School in the Netherlands. Professor Stevens was hosted by Professor Maurice Adams, vice-dean of the Law School, in Tilburg, where he met a number of colleagues in their undergraduate and postgraduate programmes, as well as colleagues in their teaching and learning division (including the blended learning team). Professor Stevens reports "the teaching and learning division of the law school is about as big as our Faculty! It was insightful to see the support that lecturers have in terms of teaching and learning strategies, assessment strategies and the creative support for blended learning where you have colleagues with legal backgrounds and professional videographers support academics with blended learning projects". A highlight of the visit to Tilburg was an invitation to be in the academic procession for the conferral of several honorary doctoral degrees.

At the Bucerius Law School in Hamburg, he was hosted by the Dean, Professor Katharina Boele-Woelki, who is also an extraordinary professor in the Department of Private Law in our Faculty. Professor Stevens spent a fruitful afternoon with the Law School's Legal Technology,

Learning Innovation Lab, and student support team.

The final stop of the two-week visit was a visit to the newest partner Faculty, the Münster Law Faculty. The visit was primarily aimed to sign the exchange agreement between the two faculties and also to meet colleagues from Münster who would be interested in visiting Stellenbosch on this exchange programme.

He was also invited to present a guest lecture to the corporate law students on the liability within corporate groups which he presented in English and German.

Professor Stevens says: "It was wonderful to see the esteem in which our faculty is held by our partners in Europe. It was also good to see that our teaching, learning, and assessment practices are closely aligned to practices of our partners even though the support for teaching and learning is something we can only aspire to have. Being able to teach in person again was also a wonderful experience especially at the level of the doctoral students. It was also so good to see Wayne Chinembiri, former assistant in the Department of Mercantile Law and currently doctoral student, at TUM again."



In the Media

A senior lecturer in the Department of Public Law, Dr Delano Cole van der Linde, provided commentary on various news events.

- In an article featured in the Sunday Times, Dr van der Linde calls attention to sections of the Unlawful Entry on Premises Bill.
- In a Netwerk24 article, "Só kan die Guptas agter tralies beland", Dr van der Linde discusses money laundering, flight risks, and witness immunity.
- Dr van der Linde comments on the role and responsibilities of the national commissioner as dictated by the Constitution in response to allegations on SABC News that Police Minister Bheki Cele is disregarding boundaries.
- Dr van der Linde was also cited in a recent judgment by the Western Cape division of the High Court. In *S v Davids and Others* ZAWCHC 216 (31 October 2022).

Henney J highlighted some of the evidentiary complexity relating to the prosecution of organised crime offences and referred to Dr van der Linde's article "Evidentiary and procedural issues relating to the prevention of Organised Crime Act" (2020) 137(3) in the *South African Law Journal*.

Several colleagues and post-doctoral fellows have published op-eds, articles etc. A couple of these include two by Dr Kavuro, who has published on the topical matter of refugees and xenophobic violence: "World Refugee Day – SA leaves the displaced in the lurch as 'global asylum fatigue' sets in" and "Refrain from name-calling - it fuels xenophobic violence". See also Professor Ruppel's article, "Fifty years after Stockholm Conference we face multiple hells, but 'only one Earth'", before world environmental day, and interviews with Dr Cecile de Villiers on her doctoral research on eTV: and eNCA.

New Appointments

Dr Admark Moyo

Dr Admark Moyo joined the Department of Private Law as a senior lecturer at the start of November. He lectures Family Law, Advanced Family Law, and Children's Rights. Dr Moyo also supervises postgraduate students carrying out research in Family Law and Children's Rights. He has extensive experience in producing high quality research and knowledge resources on legal and policy matters affecting children. His publications have been cited with approval by top courts, including the South African Constitutional Court, and leading authorities in various countries across the continent. Over the years, he has offered advisory services to Civil Society Organisations, governments, and



UN agencies as part of a team offering consultancy services on the rule of children's rights in Africa. In his previous roles, Dr Moyo has worked with regional bodies, governments, and non-state actors in the field of children's rights and has supported the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child to produce high level continental study reports and normative frameworks and guidelines on various issues affecting children in Africa. He is also an external expert to the Committee's Working Group on Children with Disabilities in Africa. We trust that Dr Moyo will enjoy an enriching, collegial, and productive career at Stellenbosch University.

Welcome, little ones

"A new baby is like the beginning of all things—wonder, hope, a dream of possibilities."

—Eda LeShan



Dawid Jacobus Broodryk

With great pleasure, the Faculty would like to announce the births of Dawid Jacobus Broodryk and Amiah Sally Williams. Dawid Broodryk was born on 16 September 2022 to Professor Theo Broodryk and his wife, Mrs Marlene Broodryk. Amiah Williams was born on 31 October 2022 to Mrs Candice Williams and her husband, Mr Reger Williams. Congratulations to the new parents!



Amiah Sally Williams

Farewell | Afskeidsgroet Sonia Human

On 26 October, 65 years ago, Cornelia Sophia Human was born. Her mother preferred the name Sonia, after Sonia Henny, the world-renowned ice-skating star. Sonia did not make her mark as ice skater. Instead, she made her mark where it really mattered: here in Stellenbosch, at the Law Faculty, and in our hearts.

Sonia was one of the first people I encountered when I joined the Faculty almost 29 years ago. At that stage we were both young academics, she lectured Law of Succession and Deeds and Registries, and I lectured Roman Law and Property Law. We did not know what was more dubious at that stage: her military background or my Potch background! Fortunately for me, we became fast friends and later also members of 'Die Hoek'.

Over the years we attended numerous conferences together. Two stand out: the first a Scandinavian conference that started in Denmark, then Norway and Sweden and for good measure we also added Finland, where Sonia did a marathon; and the second, Utah, where I did my first and only half marathon, with Sonia coaching me all the way. Coaching, guiding, and mentoring – these are some of Sonia's real strengths, whether in the Faculty or on the road.

Sonia is an excellent colleague and a well-loved, respected lecturer. For many years, she received the best loved lecturer award – a prize based on the final years' votes. She is also a seasoned promotor with many doctoral candidates, including some of our colleagues, under her belt.

She is also a former dean, with a stellar legacy. She was dean in a very turbulent, volatile time in tertiary education, around 2015 to 2017: in the time of 'Rhodes must fall', 'Fees must fall', and at Stellenbosch specifically, also

"Open Stellenbosch" and "die taalkwessie", where she was regularly confronted by all sides – those in favour of as well as those against retaining Afrikaans as main language of tuition. Again, she remained steadfast and focused.

The Dean's Bursaries is her legacy, an initiative that enabled, and continues to enable, scores of postgraduate students to complete their studies successfully. The now well-established walk from the Coetzenburg Centre back to the Old Main Building for celebrations after graduation, is her brainchild, a wonderful tradition that has grown and is now synonymous with graduating at the Stellenbosch Faculty of Law: A festive, yet prestigious walk along Oak-lined trees, with Faculty, supporters, and family members. She was a gracious leader who introduced more transparency in management structures at Faculty level. V She never shied away from duty and responsibility, including an exemplary performance as chair of the Student Disciplinary Committee, over many decades.

I always thought Sonia's surname is so very apt: she is indeed very human. She is kind, friendly and goes to great lengths to try and understand another person's point of view – to put her in that person's shoes, so to speak.

Sonia is indeed retiring at the end of the year, but we are very happy that she is staying on as emeritus professor. As Vice-Dean: Research and Internationalisation, I am very happy about the next cohort of postgraduate students that she will still deliver. As colleague and friend, I am very happy that we can all still benefit from her years of experience and wisdom. One of the many pearls of wisdom that I personally fall back on regularly is: 'Hou perspektief!'

Professor Juanita Pienaar

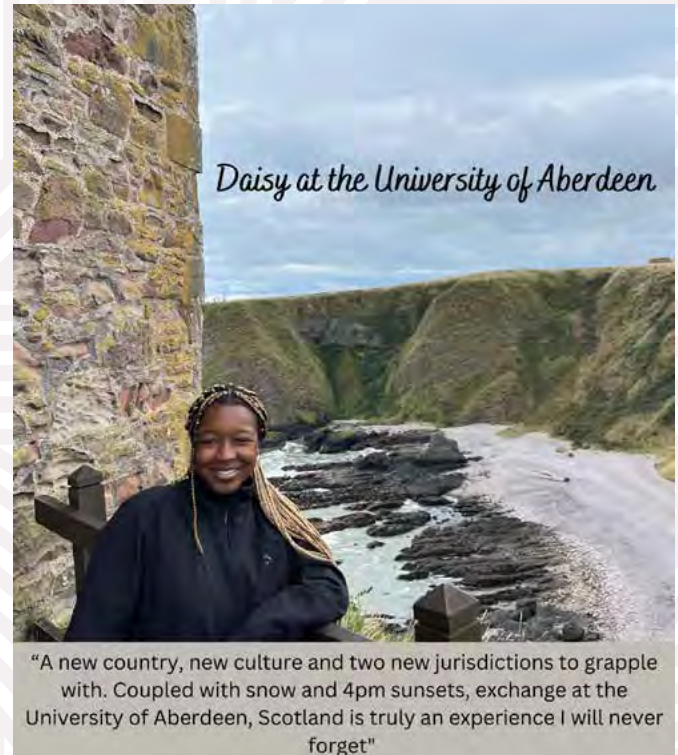
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Graduation 22

The following degrees and diplomas were conferred during the December 2022 graduation ceremonies: 3 LLD, 30 LLM, 95 LLB, 14 BAccLLB, and 10 PGDip. The Faculty is very proud of all the students who graduated and wish them every success.



Exchange Students



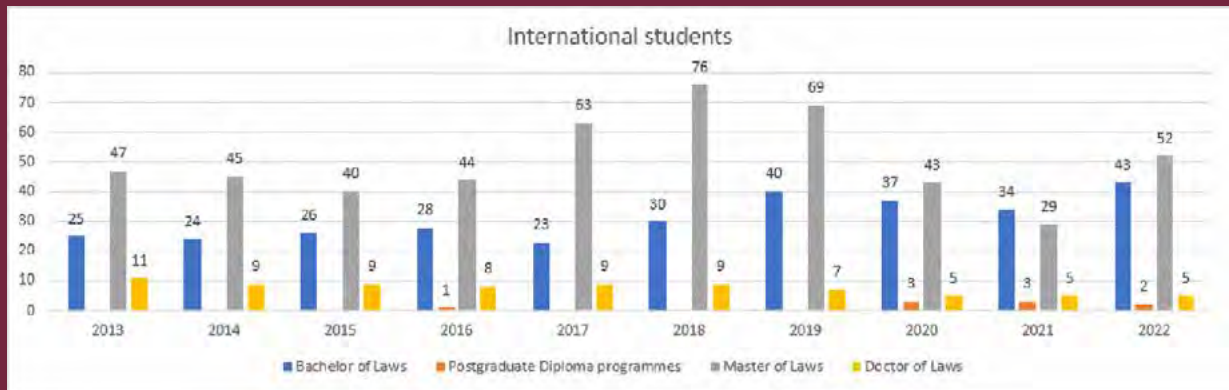
Academically talented final-year LLB students and students in the general structured LLM programme have the opportunity to enrol for law modules at our partner law schools, which are then applied to their SU degree, by participating in a semester exchange. Students who take part in the exchange frequently

remark on the extraordinary learning opportunity that a semester exchange offers, both in terms of academic development and personal development.

The semester exchange programme is one of the ways the Faculty of Law pursues its strategic objective of internationalisation.



International Students



Following the pandemic, there have been signs of recovery in the return of international students, as is illustrated by the graph.

Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court

From 24 to 31 July, Ms Margeaux Wassenaar and Mr Yanga Keva participated in the 31st Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition held in Cairo, Egypt. The competition, held annually in a different country on the continent, covers human rights issues with arguments presented to a fictitious African Human Rights Court. This year the topics concerned human trafficking, climate justice, and social media and AI regulation.

Ms Wassenaar and Mr Keva started preparing for the competition in March with extensive research for the memorials. This was an important foundational phase to preparing for the competition as they did not have much international or regional law knowledge. However, with the expert guidance of Professor Annika Rudman

and Ms Claire Rankin (a past-participant and coach), they managed to submit excellent memorials that placed second overall in the competition.

The competition was hosted by the British University in Egypt with more than 30 teams competing in French, Arabic, Portuguese, and English. Although, they experienced some difficulties in the dorms, they managed to put their best foot forward in the first round on Monday. Each round proved to be more challenging than the last, as the judges tried to discern who would be able to progress to the next round.

Late on the Wednesday evening, they found out that they had made it through to the finals. By way of a draw from a hat, they were paired up with the teams from Kwame Nkrumah University in Ghana; Félix Houphouët-Boigny University in Ivory Coast; and Makerere



(from the left): Mr Yanga Keva, Prof Annika Rudman, Ms Margeaux Wassenaar, and Ms Claire Rankin.

University in Uganda to represent the respondents. As a team, it was their responsibility to work together on the Thursday to prepare combined memorials and decide on final arguments and speakers. The students reflect that "This proved to be particularly tricky as we had been paired with a French-speaking team and the translation services provided were inadequate. Nevertheless, we managed to submit the new memorials, part of which was in French, and enjoy the excursion day on the Friday - something which few finalist teams had been able to do over the years of the competition. Some of the highlights of this excursion were the pyramids, the sphinx, a papyrus museum, and a Bedouin village."

The finals, presided over by a bench consisting of five judges including the Vice-President of the African Human Rights Court and the Vice-Chairperson of the

African Commission, were particularly challenging as translation services made it difficult to understand the arguments that were presented by the opposing team and the questions posed by the bench. Nevertheless, through crafty arguments presented by the combined team, with Mr Keva representing Stellenbosch University, they managed to convince the court to find in their favour.

Ms Wassenaar writes that "The months of hard work, perseverance, and juggling academic responsibilities were incredibly fruitful and we have become better mooters with a wealth of knowledge on different African and international law instruments." Ms Wassenaar expressed their gratitude to the Faculty, Professor Rudman, and Ms Rankin, without whom participating in this competition would have been impossible.



Student Awards

First Year Achievement Awards



The Faculty congratulates Luca Bester with achieving recognition as the top first year performance during a ceremony earlier this semester. [Read more here.](#)

(from the left): Prof Deresh Ramjugernath, Prof Richard Stevens, Ms Shani Viljoen, Mrs Ebrezia Johnson, Mr Luca Bester, Prof Nicola Smit

Christof Heyns Memorial Thesis Award 2022

In October, the Pretoria University Press (PULP) announced the winners of the Christof Heyns Memorial Thesis Award 2022. The runner-up prize was awarded to Dr Irene Thomas for her thesis, titled "The Application of the Principle of Complementarity in the Relationship Between the African Court and the African Commission under the Regional African Human Rights System", which was completed under the supervision of Professor Annika Rudman.

Rector's Achievements Award Ceremony

Every year students are recognised for excellent achievements across different focus areas. In 2022, a group of 73 Stellenbosch University (SU) students were recently honoured with Rector's Awards for Excellent Achievement in academics, leadership, culture, social impact, sport, and service provision. Several students from the Faculty of Law were recognised at this occasion, including for the following categories:

Academics - nominated by the Faculty and comprising the Rector's Award for Excellent Achievement as well as the SU medal for top master's student:

- Estelle Hislop LLB
- Hugo Uys LLB
- Mitchell Brooks LLM (Public Procurement Law)

Sport:

- Franco Rheeder (boxing) LLB

Leadership:

- Sebastian Foster BA (Law); LLB
- Estelle Hislop LLB
- Karabo Mogashoa BAccLLB
- Christo van der Bank LLB



Student court 2022/23

The new members of the Student Court 2022/2023 were confirmed by an appointment committee chaired by the Dean, Professor Nicola Smit, in terms of the new provisions of the SU Student Constitution:

Chief Justice: Mr JW Beukes

Deputy Chief Justice: Ms Zeta Braaf

Secretary and Treasurer: Mr Theodore Pauw

Campus Liaison: Mr Adriaan Lourens

Constitutional Compliance: Ms Rochán Simonis

Congratulations to these students who will take up the important role of serving the student community in this governance role.

Juridical Society | Juridiese Vereeniging (JV/S)

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



Chairperson: Ernst Pieterse



Vice Chairperson: Risuna Risimati



Secretary General: Iman Domingo



Treasurer: Willem Roux



Events Manager: Ane Theron



*Student Enrichment Officer:
Wilmien van Biljon*



*Public Relations Officer:
Odette Chiweshe*



*Student Affairs Officer:
Cole Baker*



*Transformation Officer:
Gugulethu Mudzingiranwa*



Media and Marketing Officer: Jamie Murray

Outgoing JV/S

The Faculty of Law would like to commend the outgoing 2021/2022 JV/S on the completion of their term. We wish the students all the best with their future endeavours.

AI and the Law

The Faculty, in collaboration with Swart Law – a local firm specialising in entrepreneurial technology and intellectual property law – hosted a seminar series on “AI and the Law” in the second semester of 2022. Following discussions in 2021 initiated by Mr Derick Swart (an alumnus of the Faculty), a series of lectures involving approximately 50 undergraduate and postgraduate law students across 5 virtual seminars, commenced on 21 September. The sessions were facilitated by Dr Bradley Greenhalgh, the Faculty’s Legal Education and Student Coordinator. The seminar series commenced with an opening function hosted at the Faculty, which saw presentations by Mr Swart, Professor Kanshukan Rajaratnam (Director of the School for Data Science and Computational Thinking at SU), and Dr Dirk Brand (Extraordinary Senior Lecturer at the School of Public Leadership at SU) on the intersection between Artificial Intelligence (AI), ethics, and the law. Professor Rajaratnam and Dr Brand also hosted the first of the virtual seminars. Each of these saw engagement between Mr Swart and various co-presenters, and focused on particular themes of AI and the law in the context of the South African and foreign/international legal spheres. Topics included exploring the (legal) initiatives currently in place seeking to regulate AI, consideration of the Eu-

ropean Union’s AI Act, unpacking machine learning in the financial services’ industry, AI and intellectual property, as well as AI and legal technology. Guest presenters included Dr McElory Hoffman from Praelexis, Ms Ingrid Fourie, and Law Faculty alum, Ms Lara Wessels (both from Swart Law). Professor Sadulla Karjiker, the Faculty’s Anton Mostert Chair in IP Law, also contributed to the discussions. Upon the completion of each seminar, the participants were tasked with completing individual online questionnaires that assessed their knowledge of the subject matter presented, and required reflection on what had been learnt and the implications thereof towards the future of AI and the law. The seminar series concluded with a final written assignment in the form of an opinion piece on the ethical need for legal practitioners to use technology in service to their clients. Participants, who successfully completed the seminar series, will receive certificates from Swart Law, with the latter providing prizes for the best opinion pieces and most active contributor. The Faculty looks forward to formalising the seminar series going forward in order to grow the co-curriculum offering available to our students, and celebrates the opportunities afforded by the interaction between local law firms and our alumni.



The ACFE visits the Faculty's BAccLLB Students

Members from the South African chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE) were hosted by Silke de Lange at the Faculty on Friday, 30 September 2022, and did a presentation for our BAccLLB students. The four speakers were Helen du Toit (Head of Business Integrity at Santam), Megan Govender (head of the Forensic Services department at the Sanlam Life & Savings Cluster), Kotie Oosthuizen (Regional Head of Forensic Investigations at ABSA), and Johan van Dyk (Executive Head for Forensics at XTND, which is part of the EOH Holdings Group).

The ACFE is the world's largest anti-fraud association, which empowers anti-fraud professionals with leading-edge training, resources, and professional certification. The association facilitates individuals to become

qualified as certified fraud examiners (CFEs), who are then regarded as leaders in the anti-fraud community and specialists in the prevention, detection, and deterrence of fraud. Our BAccLLB students are ideally suited for a career in this area, irrespective of whether they decide to qualify as a chartered accountant or as a lawyer upon the completion of the degree. The knowledge, skills, and dispositions acquired during the course of the degree in the fields of law, finance, and auditing are clearly extremely relevant and important in this area, where there is a clear intersection between law and accounting.

Both the speakers and the students were extremely enthusiastic and keen to cooperate further. The establishment of an ACFE student chapter at SU, the first one at a South African university, is now underway.

Children's rights reading group

Undertaking a Doctorate in Law can be daunting and, at times, may feel incredibly overwhelming. The process of researching and writing a proposal and dissertation can only be described as a roller coaster of emotions. There are high points when students are energised and excited about their research and other times when self-doubt and, occasionally, imposter syndrome creeps in.

It is during these low points, when a student is spending hours alone in the library or at their home desk, poring through case law, legislation, treaties, and textbooks, that they may realise how solitary a doctorate can truly be. It can also feel frustrating that there are not many opportunities to share and get feedback on your research outside of the formal feedback from your supervisor.

It was for this reason the Children's Rights Reading Group was created. Spearheaded by second-year LLD student, Bryony Fox, the Reading Group is made up of five LLD students who are researching in the field of international children's rights. All five are also primarily supervised by Professor Sonia Human and are grateful for her input and help in establishing the group.

The group is conducted by way of monthly meetings. The students are chosen on rotation as the session leader and may either share a particularly difficult article, case, or reading with which they are grappling and ask for the group's thoughts and opinions on the reading. Alternatively, they present an aspect of their research on which they would like feedback and opinions. This has been greatly successful in allowing not only for ideas to be discussed and shared freely, but also allowing the students

to practise their presentation skills in a safe learning environment.

In addition to the students' various presentations, the group also organised information sessions on research skills and techniques. The sessions, presented by the Faculty librarian, Mr Pieter du Plessis, were informative and interesting.

The group members strongly believe the reading group not only allowed them to function as a small community that supported each other when needed, but it also strengthened their research abilities.

The group hopes to carry on its role as a feedback and support mechanism, which strengthens the research of its members, in 2023.



Back row: Ms Bryony Fox, Ms Caitlyn Lattimer, Ms Harriet Harding, Professor Sonia Human. Front row: Ms Taydren Van Vuren, Ms Jamie Day

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The Clinic is very proud of two of our candidate legal practitioners, Stephanie O'Reilly and Elandré van der Gryp, who recently received confirmation that they passed all their attorney admission examination papers. Many congratulations!

The Financial Literacy Project is an annual initiative that aims to empower our surrounding communities

(schools and farms) with essential financial literacy skills. The project is coordinated by one of our attorneys, Josie Parks, who was assisted by our candidate legal practitioners, Theo Opperman, Itumeleng Mashego, and Stephanie O'Reilly. The training is con-



ducted by third-year civil procedure students of the Faculty of Law and financial planning students currently enrolled at the EMS Faculty of Stellenbosch

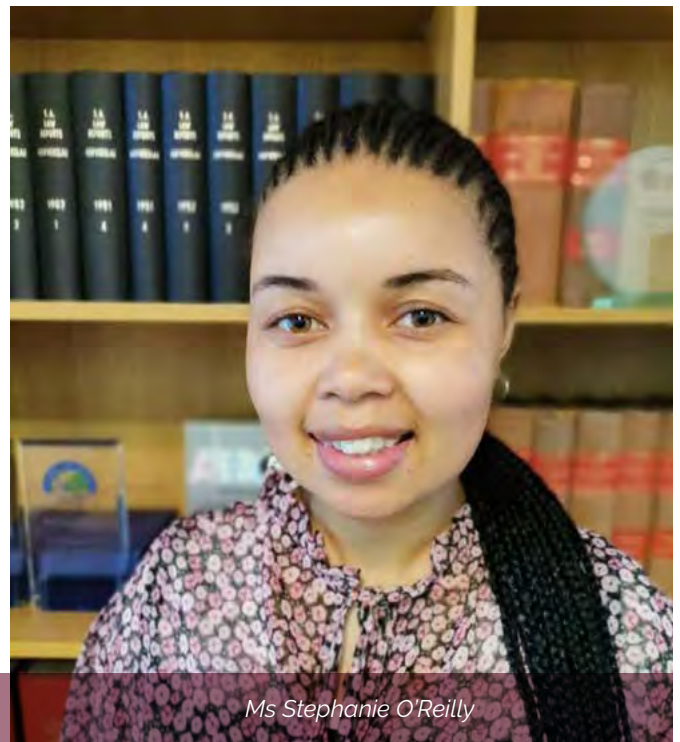
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Mr Odwa Nweba



Ms Stephanie O'Reilly

University. The training deals with issues such as the importance of a good credit score, the effects of being over-indebted, the benefits of saving, and certain rights contained in the Consumer Protection Act. This year, we conducted five sessions through which we reached approximately 800 individuals.

From 17 October to 5 November 2022, the Clinic continued with its constitutional rights training project in terms of which we provide training to numerous vulnerable and marginalised communities across different provinces in South Africa. The sessions were conducted by the Clinic's Odwa Nweba and Step-



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nie O'Reilly. We visited KwaMakutha and Mpophome-ni in KwaZulu Natal; Duncan Village in Eastern Cape; Thohoyandou and Mankweng in Limpopo; and KwaMhlangu in Mpumalanga.

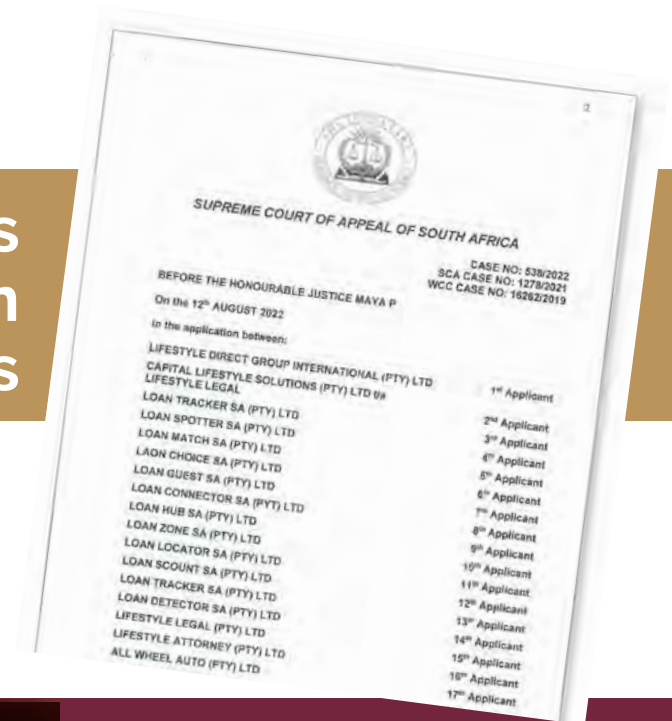
The Clinic recently hosted a delegation of staff and students from Strathmore University Law Clinic,

Nairobi, Kenya. Our colleagues from East Africa are conducting a benchmark exercise to gather information to improve their own clinical program. In the process, they also shared their own experiences and expertise with our clinicians, staff, and students at the Clinic and Faculty of Law.



SU Law Clinic class action certification success

SU Law Clinic and others v Lifestyle Direct Group International and others. The application by Lifestyle Direct Group International and others to the SCA for reconsideration has been dismissed, with costs. The matter has now been appealed to the Constitutional Court.



Legal Writing Development short course

Do you need a refresher course to enhance your legal writing as a legal professional?

Enrol in this course if you wish to improve your writing skills in general as well as your ability to write clearly and concisely in a legal setting.

Alumni

Goue Reünie

Op 22 Oktober 2022 het die Fakulteit die klas van 1972 terugverwelkom vir hul goue reünie. Lede van die klas, wat 50 jaar gelede gegradueer het, sluit in twee voormalige regsdekane, 'n appèlhofregter, regters, entrepreneurs, besigheidsleiers, professore in regte en suksesvolle praktisyns.

Golden Reunion

On 22 October 2022, the Faculty welcomed back the class of 1972 for their golden reunion. Members of the class, who graduated 50 years ago, include two former deans of law, an appeal court judge, judges, entrepreneurs, leaders in commerce, professors of law, and successful practitioners.



Class of 1977 and Class of 1996 Reunions

Klas van 1977 en Klas van 1996 Reünies

On Saturday 5 November 2022, the LLB classes of 1977 and 1996 were invited back to the Old Main Building at Stellenbosch University for brunch and a faculty tour, whereafter Prof Andreas van Wyk presented the guest lecture. A pleasant time was enjoyed by all. A decision was taken to reconvene after 5 years instead of the usual 10 years. Forward together!

Op Saterdag 5 November 2022 is die LLB-klas van 1977 en 1996 na die Ou Hoofgebou van die Universiteit Stellenbosch teruggenooi vir 'n noenontbyt en fakulteitstoer, waarna prof Andreas van Wyk die gaslesing aangebied het. Almal het die tyd saam baie geniet. 'n Besluit is geneem om na 5 jaar, in plaas van die gebruikelike 10 jaar, weer bymekaar te kom. Saam vorentoe!





Alumni Gathering in Windhoek

On Thursday, 8 September 2022, Professors du Plessis, Karjiker, and Sutherland celebrated 101 years of Maties Reg Law with alumni and friends of the Faculty at the Stellenbosch Wine Bar and Bistro, in Windhoek, Namibia. The event was well-attended and the speeches by the Faculty members were well-received.

Alumni-byeenkoms in Windhoek

Op Donderdag, 8 September 2022, het professore du Plessis, Karjiker en Sutherland 101 jaar van Maties Reg saam met alumni en vriende van die Fakulteit by die Stellenbosch Wine Bar en Bistro, in Windhoek, Namibië, gevier. Die geleentheid is goed bygewoon en die toesprake deur die Fakulteitslede is goed ontvang.



Alumnus receives the *Judge JP Karuaihe Trust Legal Excellence Award*

The Faculty of Law congratulates alumnus, Luke Schröder (LLB, 2019), on recently being awarded the Judge JP Karuaihe Trust Legal Excellence Award for the best Justice Training Centre (JTC) student of the 2021 academic year. The JTC provides postgraduate training to candidate legal practitioners in Namibia and conducts the Legal Practitioners' Qualifying Examinations. The award is given to the JTC student who obtains the highest overall average in the Namibian Legal Practitioners' Qualifying Exams (LPQEs)/Board Exams across all 11 subjects in their respective year completed through the JTC programme. Mr Schröder was not able to attend the the Namibian Law Society's AGM, but a representative received the award on his behalf. For more information, please see the [NBC article](#) and [recording](#), or visit the [JP Karuaihe Foundation's Facebook page](#).



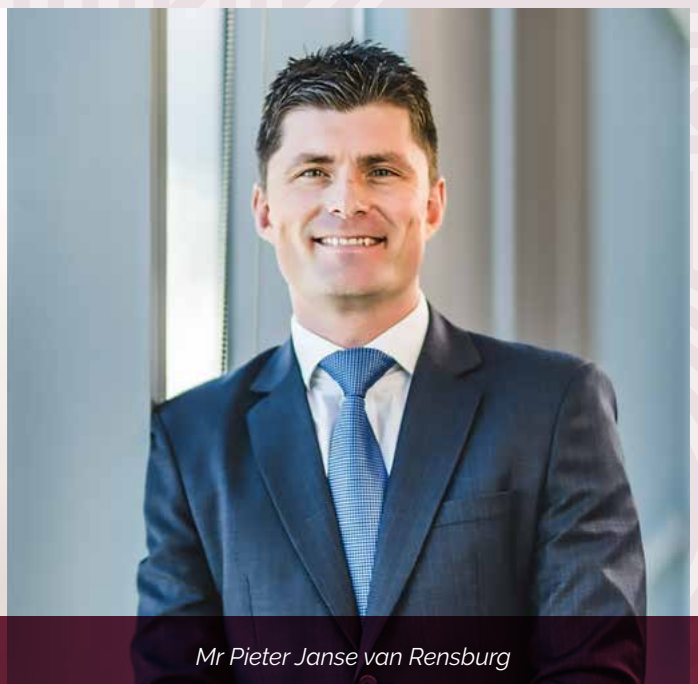
Faculty Alumni Appointed to the Tax Court Bench

President Ramaphosa has appointed two SU alumni, Dr Albertus Marais and Mr Pieter Janse van Rensburg, to the Tax Court bench as accounting members. Dr Marais completed his BAccLLB at the Faculty in 2006 and he completed his LLD at the Faculty in 2019. Mr Janse

van Rensburg obtained his BAccLLB degree from the Faculty in 2008 and his MAcc (Tax) from SU's School of Accountancy. They are both chartered accountants and partners at AJM Tax, a specialist tax consulting and litigation firm.



Dr Albertus Marais



Mr Pieter Janse van Rensburg

Memorial Herdenking

In Memoriam Annette King

* 18 July 1956

† 5 September 2022



Annette King passed away peacefully at her home in Somerset West on 5 September 2022. She joined the Department of Public Law as secretary on 1 August 1986 and retired from this position at the end of 2018. She served the department for more than 30 years with distinction. Annette (or Mrs King as she was also known) is described by her colleagues as a caring person, with a warm and compassionate personality. She was regarded as a mother figure in the department (and wider faculty), to colleagues and students alike. Colleagues remember her as a person with a great sense of humour, but also someone who could call a spade a spade. Even after formal retirement, Annette could still be relied upon for support, a friendly smile, or word of encouragement. At the time of her passing, she was the part-time

administrative officer of the South African Research Chair in Property Law.

She will be missed. Our thoughts and prayers go out to her family, friends, and colleagues.

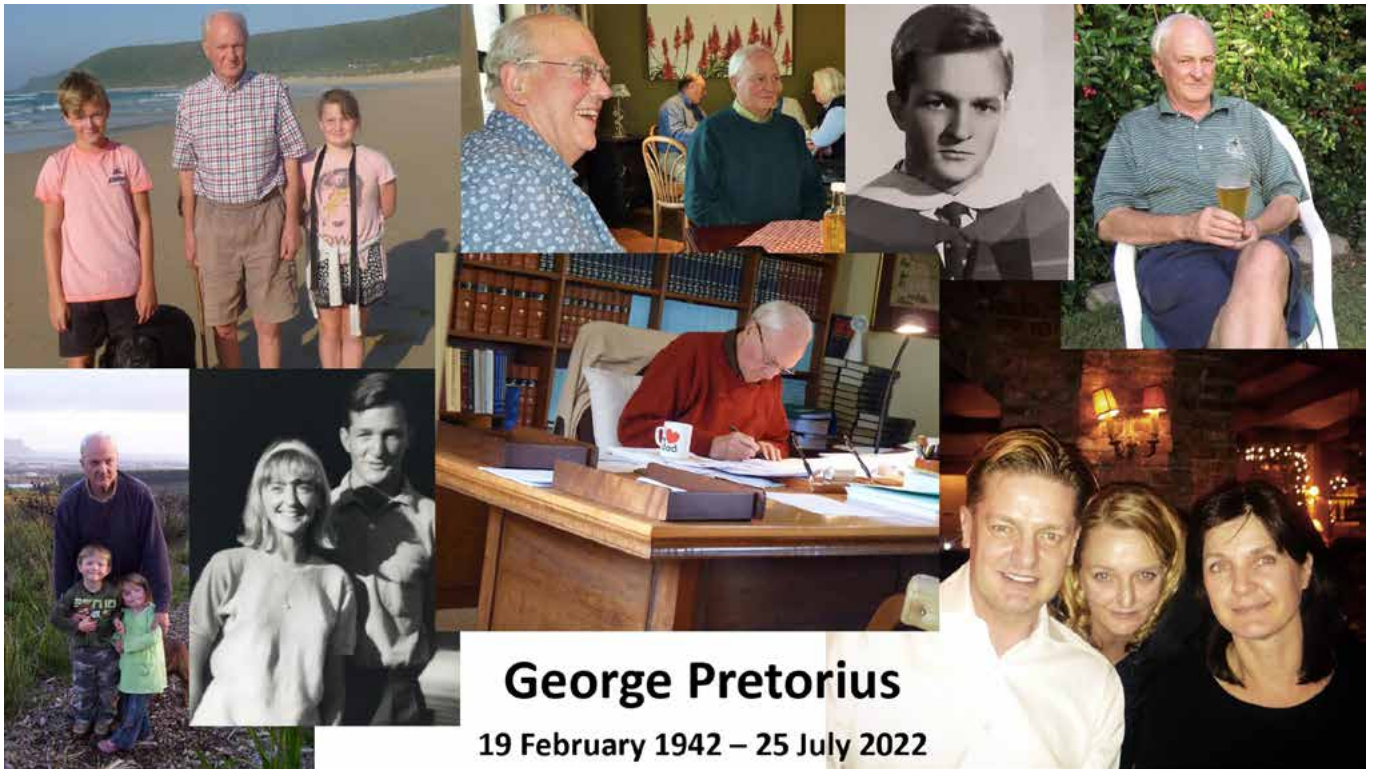
"There are many who shape one's (academic) career, but in my experience, it is mostly only those with fancy titles that are called mentors and are lauded for such contributions, while, in reality, it is often those behind the scenes, outside of the limelight, that play the most significant role in steering one in the right direction.

In my life, Annette King was such a person. And it is with great sadness that I note her passing this morning.

Annette often joked that she raised me by hand, but it wasn't just a joke. She was the secretary of the Departments of Latin and later Public Law when I was an undergraduate student in those departments and became my rock when I joined Public Law as a young (and somewhat bewildered) academic. She could answer any administrative question and knew exactly who to call within the university to get things done. When I later served as HOD of the Department, I soon realized that she knew much better how to run the Department than I ever would. But, more than that, Annette was the embodiment of a caring community – she truly cared, in a deep and personal way, for every human around her, even those that caused her much anguish.

Colleagues like Annette are indispensable to success (and joy) in academia. We've missed her every day since she retired and will miss her even more acutely with her passing. I offer thanks for having known Annette King and for the tremendous role that she has played in my academic life. My life was the better because of her and I will strive to live by the same code of care that she embodied.

Geo Quinot, LinkedIn, 5 September 2022"



George Pretorius

19 February 1942 – 25 July 2022

There was an iconic movie in the 1950s called "The Quiet Man". It was much celebrated and was nominated for several awards. It was not about George Pretorius, but it might as well have been, because its title fitted him perfectly as a description of his demeanour. George was indeed a quiet man, but when speaking his intellect and character boomed forth loud and clear, and his words carried great weight and commanded respect. He was the very antithesis of those described by the saying "empty barrels make the most noise"; he made little noise, while his barrel was full to the brim. He may have been quiet, but was not necessarily silent, particularly when the occasion arose to express his firmly held beliefs and views, which he did in a forthright manner. When he spoke, people listened!

George Archibald Clarke Pretorius was born on 19 February 1942. He grew up in Brits in the then Transvaal, where he had his schooling. He spurned his family's tradition of studying at the University of Pretoria and instead elected to become a Matie. He studied law at Stellenbosch University, attaining his LLB degree in 1966. He excelled at sport during his student days, particularly in athletics, where he was a champion hurdler, and in rugby where as a fleet footed wing three-quarter he toured with the Maties First XV. His leadership qualities came to the fore when he was appointed Primarius of Helderberg Residence.

George's decision to study at Stellenbosch proved to be a fateful one. For there, he discovered the two enduring loves of his life - the Western Cape and Brenda Joubert, whom he married in 1966, the moment the ink on his degree certificate had dried. He carried these loves

through to the end of his days. They fed his soul and enriched his life.

I met George during our fourth year of legal studies. I grew to know him and respect him, and was fortunate enough to forge a firm friendship with him over the next two years leading up to our graduation. This largely came about through a practice that developed for George, Bill Daly, Pieter Le Roux and I to troop off to have coffee at the Eike Kafee or the Barracuda Restaurant after nearly every day's classes. We shared thoughts, hopes, problems, interests, as well as trials and tribulations arising from our studies and lives in general, and got to know one another pretty well. I learned that, despite the fact that George sought, and attained, complete anonymity in class (I doubt that he ever asked a question or ventured a comment throughout the two years of LLB), he had a deep and comprehensive knowledge and understanding of the law we were being taught, and had all the credentials to make an excellent lawyer, which indeed turned out to be the case. I also discovered that he had a delightful personality (despite being somewhat dogged and obstinate in his views), was intelligent, able and caring, and that he made a good and loyal friend. These perceptions were confirmed and reinforced over the next fifty-six years of our valued friendship.

When George married Brenda at the end of 1966, I acted as the best man at their wedding. It transpired that Brenda and Dana, whom I was dating at the time and whom I subsequently married, had been classmates at high school. This served to strengthen the bond between George and me, and indeed between the two couples. These bonds continue to the present day, but alas George

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is no longer bound by them although this memory will forever be an integral part of them.

While LLB students, George and I had a common ambition. We both aspired to enlist in the Department of Foreign Affairs and become diplomats. Somewhere along the line before the critical day, Brenda advised him that to be a diplomat he would have to be sociable and diplomatic. Since he had neither of these character traits, the diplomatic service was not for him; he had better stay with law. Becoming an advocate required one to have public speaking skills, for which he had neither the aptitude nor the inclination, so he had better become an attorney. He heeded her advice and embarked on a career as an attorney. I followed in his footsteps after a brief interlude in the diplomatic service. I can't help feeling that he conned me into joining the diplomatic corps, only to abandon our joint endeavour at the eleventh hour and leave me out on a limb!

He served articles with Dichmont and Dichmont, a Cape Town firm, and soon after being admitted as an attorney in 1968, he and Brenda decided to seek their fortune in the City of Gold. They migrated to Johannesburg, thus reluctantly deserting the Western Cape (but vowing to return someday, as to the promised land), where George joined the substantial Johannesburg attorneys' firm, Cliffe, Dekker and Todd, initially as a professional assistant and later, in 1971, as a partner. He remained a significant and esteemed partner of the firm until 1999 when, as the firm engaged in mergers with foreign and local firms to become a mega firm (which did not find favour with him), he relinquished his partnership and elected rather to become a consultant to the firm. A year later the call of the Western Cape became irresistible, and he relocated to Erinvale Estate in Somerset West to set up his own individual practice dealing with litigation and, in particular, arbitrations. He continued to practise successfully in this field until his untimely death in July 2022.

When I left the Department of Foreign Affairs and sought employment as an articled clerk in a firm of attorneys, George did his level best to have Cliffe Dekker and Todd hire me. However, as a married man supporting a wife and two children, my financial requirements were too rich for the firm's diet and his efforts came to naught. I appreciated his willingness as a true friend to help me. I subsequently found my niche with a firm of specialist intellectual property attorneys in Pretoria. While we lived in Pretoria, we retained contact with Brenda and George and saw them intermittently. Our friendship remained strong.

In 2007, with retirement looming, my wife and I, being natives of Cape Town, decided that our 40-year period of exile in Pretoria should end and we followed George and Brenda's lead and returned to the promised land. We settled in Stellenbosch, a stone's throw away from Somerset West and the Pretorius household. Being new

to the area after our long sojourn in Pretoria, we knew few people. George took me under his wing and for the best part of the next five years, we met weekly for lunch. Thereafter our lunches became less frequent due to other demands on our time, but we continued to break bread together from time to time, often accompanied by Poen Hoffman, a classmate from LLB days, who had hailed from Malmesbury and had also done time in Pretoria for several years before heeding the call of the Cape and returning home. It was like old times at the Eike Kafee.

In the meantime, the quiet man had also become a solitary man. That is not to be confused with a lonely or reclusive man, which he was not. Operating alone as a sole practitioner from his home, George increasingly kept his own company, which he enjoyed. He liked the company of others (and they enjoyed his), but on his own terms, and when he felt the need for it. He was, and always had been, essentially a loner.

His one-man band comprised Brenda, a Latin teacher, as his secretary-cum-PA and girl Friday. It was perfectly in order for George, who was steeped in propriety, to have a love affair with his secretary and to shack up with her. Moreover, as we were taught by our professors, and as was necessary for all good lawyers, he now had a proper grounding in Latin. *A vincula matrimonii* – From the bond of matrimony!

He was an ardent golfer and an active participant in the Erinvale Golf Club, where he soon became the in-house legal adviser. This gave him ample social interaction for his liking. He became an institution in the golf club. Committees (which were not for him) and Chairmen came and went but George was a constant presence. He became the power behind the throne. It reached the point where successive Chairmen would not move without first consulting George on legal and other issues. The esteem and affection in which he was held by the members of the golf club was evidenced when, upon his passing, the Golf Club spontaneously held a function to commemorate his life.

One of the sociable highlights of George's life, where he could indulge himself by enjoying ample company, was to participate in the annual 'Mannetoer'. This was a gathering, usually lasting three days, of a bunch of twenty or so ex-Maties of the 1960s vintage, at a lodge or guest accommodation venue in some out of the way place; it involved telling stories over a braai and a few beers or glasses of wine and reliving the days of yore at Matieland. Poen Hoffman, Bill Daly, and I were also part of the team. With Poen replacing Pieter Le Roux, this was also a reunion of the Eike Kafee crew. Poen was wont to refer to us as the 'Fab Four'. At least in our own estimation, we were indeed. Such is the nature of long-lasting and true friendship.

As part of his penchant for solitude, George and Brenda acquired a holiday get-away at Nature's Valley where

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he could go native to his heart's content. He loved the remoteness and peaceful atmosphere of Nature's Valley. They spent several weeks, if not months, each year at this favourite spot. Indeed, George seriously considered going to live there permanently. However, Brenda, who was generally prepared to let George have his own way, balked at this notion and his plans were put on hold, never to be fulfilled.

George enjoyed an enviable, well-earned, reputation as an attorney. His incisive mind, determination to do the best for his clients, knowledge of the law, and discernment characterised his success. The top lawyers in the country rightly considered him as their peer. Above all, he was ethical and honourable to a fault. His clients could always be assured that they were in good hands and that he would pursue their interests to the utmost degree and to the best of his considerable ability.

He was a good husband to Brenda (a quality that she reciprocated wholeheartedly) and an admirable father to his children Jan, Carolyn, and Louise, as well as a much loved and doting grandfather. A measure of the affection and loyalty that he engendered with his children was demonstrated when, upon hearing of his failing health, they all immediately dropped whatever they were doing in far flung parts of the world and rushed to gather at his bedside to be with him and their mother, and to pay their last respects to him.

George Pretorius, the quiet man, may have been somewhat unobtrusive by nature, but his firm voice will remain and resonate indefinitely in the minds and memories of those who had the privilege of knowing him.

Owen Dean (the first incumbent of the Anton Mostert Chair of Intellectual Property Law until 2015), 16 September 2022

Albert van Niekerk: 'n Man van durf en daad wat 'n verskil hier gemaak het

Een van die land se voorste gewese diplomate en ambassadeurs, Albert van Niekerk, is in die Mediclinic Vergelegen-hospitaal in Somerset-Wes aan limfoom en longontsteking oorlede. Hy was 82.

In die aanbeveling vir 'n erepenning wat hy van sy alma mater die Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck in 2005 ontvang het, skryf hulle dat Van Niekerk 31 jaar lank in Suid-Afrika se diplomatieke diens was en dat hy 18 jaar lank in oorsese poste in New York, Washington (DC), Tel Aviv, Bonn (twee maal, die tweede keer as ambassadeur) en Londen gedien het.

Hy het vyf afdelings in die departement van buitelandse sake gestig, asook 'n nuwe konsulaat-generaal in Israel in 1972, wat later 'n ambassade geword het. Van Niekerk was ook deel van die diplomatieke span wat voor die 1994-verkiezing top-ANC-politici en ander leiers met uitgebreide oorsese reise tot die werkveld van die diplomatieke diens georiënteer het.

Die afgelope jare het hy en sy gade in Somerset-Wes gewoon. Sy vrou, Katinka, sê: "Hy was die gelukkigste in twee stede: Tel Aviv en Bonn. Sy geluk daar was direk verbind aan die genot en vervulling wat hy uit sy werk geput het."

Hulle het in hul eerste jaar op Stellenbosch ontmoet: "Dit was tydens die jooloptogte waar ons geld moes insamel om die Neelsie te bou wat nou jare later stewig op die Stellenbosse kampus staan. 'n Foto is geneem van hom en sy boesemvriend André Walters met my en my

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**'Hy het vir
my elke
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Albert van Niekerk en sy vrou, Katinka.

vriendin op jooldag. Ek en Albert het dus 64 jaar lank saam (sy aan sy) deurgebring, waarvan ons 58 jaar getroud was."

Sy dogter, 'n sielkundige en voormalige aktrise, Jana van Niekerk, onthou: "Hy was by my toe ek my eerste asemteug ingehaal het. My pa het op my gewag sodat ek by hom kon wees voordat hy sy laaste een kon uitblaas. Hy is so grasiuus weg."

"Om die digter Mary Oliver te parafraseer: 'Hy het vir my 'n boks met lig gegee, een waarvan ek die geskenke steeds uitpak.' Dankie dat jy my pa was."

Sy ander dogter, die romansier Elizabeth Lowry wat in Oxford woon, sê: "My ambisies het altyd vir hom saak gemaak, al was dit lees, skilder of skryf. Hy het vir my elke boek denkbaar gegee."

"Toe ek grootword, het hy my laat voel soos 'n mens in my volle reg. Van my vroegste herinnering aan hom is waar hy by sy lessenaar sit, omring met lêers, memorandum, toesprake, boeke en koerante. Hy het wyd gelees, was konsensieus

met sy werk, maar het ook vlieërs op die strand gevlieg, was lief vir rolprente en het selfs gerolkskaats."

Albert Erich van Niekerk is in Windhoek gebore en het aan die Hoërskool Jan van Riebeeck in Kaapstad gematrikuleer. Daarna het hy regte aan die Universiteit Stellenbosch studeer. Sy pa, Albert, en ma, Erna, het in 'n stadion in die Grootfontein-distrik geboer. Hy was ook lid van die Diamantraad en parlamentslid vir Etosha. Sy ouers het dus ses maande van die jaar gedurende die parlamentsitting in die Kaap deurgebring.

'n Vriendin, die joernalis Amanda Botha, sê: "So 'n besondere man! Hy het 'n verskil gemaak in die makro- en mikrobestaan van ons land, sy mense en in individuele lewens, waarvan ek ook 'n ontvanger was. Albert was 'n man van durf en daad. Ek eer sy nagedagtenis."

Hy word oorleef deur sy vrou, twee dogters en drie kleinkinders.
† **Albert Erich van Niekerk, gebore 8 September 1940, oorlede 17 Oktober 2022.**



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