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Dear alumni, donors, friends of the Faculty, staff and students

As we approach the end of 2021, we thank you for your continued support and for helping us navigate successfully the challenges thrown at us by the Covid-19 pandemic. We wish to express our sincere condolences to everyone who has lost a family member, a friend or a colleague during this year. You are in our thoughts as we enter the festive season. We also wish to acknowledge the effect of Covid-19 on our mental health and wellbeing and we undertake to continue to seek new ways of addressing this through appropriate engagements. The successful completion of the 2021 academic year would not have been possible without the extraordinary effort from everybody to meet challenges head on. We know that online teaching and learning required much more effort from staff and students, as well as significant technological upskilling. On the research front, we were confronted with novel issues and different ways of engaging with scholarship – webinars replaced in person conferences and we missed those personal interactions while appreciating all the new virtual possibilities. Our community engagement acquired greater focus and direction as existing inequalities and injustices continued to be exposed by the pandemic. At times we felt overwhelmed, but we are

emboldened by our ability to move swiftly and with great agility to respond to the immediate as well as future challenges. In the past two years we have built great capacity in terms of traversing the waves of uncertainty and also by being able to focus on a reimagined future.

We are grateful that we concluded this year with our best ever Times Higher Education ranking – the best in Africa and 60th in the world! Thank you to each and every stakeholder who has contributed to our success!

Finally, we hope that we have all become kinder and more compassionate human beings. As a Faculty we have an important role to play in the alleviation of inequality and injustice and we are constantly seeking out opportunities to do so.

We wish everyone a peaceful and joyous festive season; may you spend quality time with family and friends and return refreshed for 2022!

Best wishes

Prof Elsabe Schoeman (Dean)
Prof Charles Maimela (Deputy Dean)



PSLR bids goodbye to Editor-in-Chief, Pheny Sekati, Senior Editor, Adelaide Chagopa, and the 2021 Editorial Board

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria wishes to convey its appreciation to the 2021 Editorial Board of the Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR) and its contributors for their dedication to the journal and its publication. The Faculty also extends a note of thanks to the Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) for annually publishing this journal.



Former Deputy Chief Justice Dr Dikgang Moseneke joins Dept of Jurisprudence

The University of Pretoria's (UP) Faculty of Law is proud to announce the appointment of Emeritus Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke as Honorary Professor in the Department of Jurisprudence from 1 January 2022.



Professor Joel Modiri appointed by SAHRC as academic advisor of its Legal Team for the National Investigative Hearing into the July Unrest

The hearings investigated the unrest that broke out and swept through the country, especially in Gauteng and KwaZulu-Natal and focussed specifically on inquiring into the causes of the July unrest as well as the causes of the alleged racially motivated attacks and killings that took place during that period.



Faculty of Law congratulates new graduates on their theses

UP's Faculty of Law congratulates new graduates Dr Ashley Nyaude, with a thesis titled "Regulatory Measures to Address Bank Failures in Zimbabwe", and Dr Keneilwe Radebe, with a thesis titled "Developing African Law through the promotion of black women's voices in legal education and legal adjudication". Congratulations on obtaining your doctorates!





UP Law Clinic Director re-elected SAULCA President

The Director of the University of Pretoria (UP) Law Clinic, Eddie Hanekom, was re-elected President of the South African University Law Clinics Association (SAULCA). SAULCA is the national umbrella body representing University Law Clinics in South Africa. The election for a new Executive Committee took place at SAULCA's annual general meeting on 9 November 2021. This was the first ever virtual annual meeting held by SAULCA.



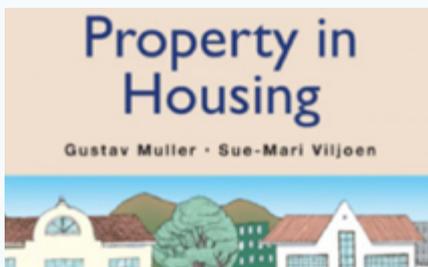
UP scholars form part of parliamentary webinar addressing children's rights

Two University of Pretoria (UP) scholars from the Faculty of Law recently participated in an open parliamentary webinar that discussed the role of Parliament in building South Africa's human capital foundations by increasing the number of children who develop to their full potential.



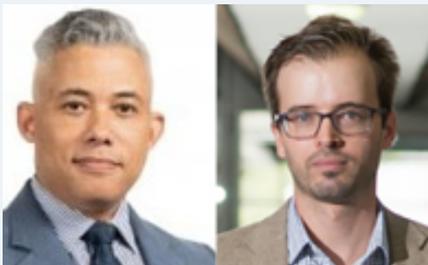
Law academic delivers inaugural lecture on international criminal justice in Africa

For international criminal justice to take shape in Africa, there must be accountability from both the state and the community of states under the umbrella of the African Union (AU). This was the position taken by Professor Ntombizozo Dyani-Mhango, Head of the Department of Public Law at the University of Pretoria (UP), during her inaugural lecture, a hybrid event recently held at UP.



'Property in Housing': UP Law professor co-publishes book on right of access to adequate housing from a property perspective

UP's Professor Gustav Muller and a colleague from the University of the Western Cape, Professor Sue-Mari Viljoen, have recently published a book titled *Property in Housing*, which is aimed at reassessing how and to what extent property plays a role in the protection, promotion and fulfilment of the right to housing.



Fond farewell to Professors

UP Law pays tribute to Professor Monray Botha and Professor Reghard Brits and thanks them for their contributions to the Faculty over a number of years. They have both been instrumental in developing their subject areas at undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as advancing research and scholarship, and promoting law reform. We wish them well in their future endeavours as they leave the Faculty at the end of the year.



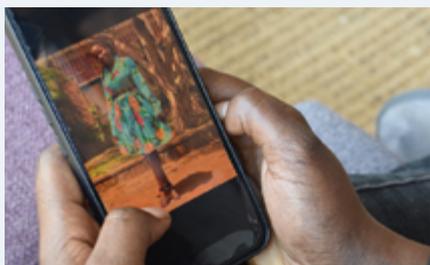
Department of Mercantile Law staff go on wellness and team building retreat

Following 20 months of working remotely and away from each other since the onset of the Corona Virus in South Africa in early 2020, from 15 – 16 October 2021 colleagues in the Department of Mercantile Law went on staff wellness and team-building retreat. The retreat took place in Magaliesberg areas.



Centre for Human Rights welcomes Lloyd Kuveya as first Assistant Director (Operations)

Lloyd Kuveya took up the position of Assistant Director (Operations) of the Centre for Human Rights on 1 October 2021. He joins the Director and Assistant Director (Programmes) in the Centre's management team. The Centre some years ago changed its operational structure to provide for a director and two assistant directors.



Centre for Human Rights publishes photobook series featuring photographs and narratives of the lives of LGBTIQ+ persons living in South Africa

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, has launched a new photobook series titled Looking through the prism: Narratives of queer dignity in South Africa featuring photographs and narratives of the lives of LGBTIQ+ persons living in South Africa. Volume 1 of the series has been published online this October, which is also the South African Pride Month.



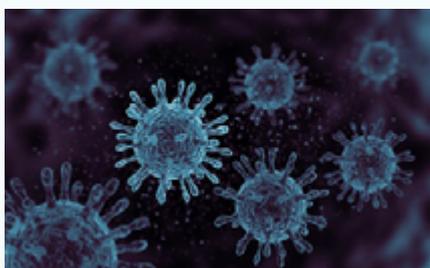
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UP renames moot court competition in honour of late Prof Christof Heyns

The African Human Rights Moot Court Competition (AHRMCC), which is hosted by the University of Pretoria's (UP) Centre for Human Rights (CHR), has been renamed the Christof Heyns African Human Rights Moot Court Competition. Prof Heyns, who passed away in March 2021, founded the competition and was an internationally renowned human rights lawyer, legal educator and activist.



'COVID-19 forced us to deliver quality and uncompromised education that will still prepare students for the world beyond university'

The brief move to online platforms by universities during the #FeesMustFall protests in 2015 gave the higher education sector a glimpse into the future of learning and teaching, said Kgopotso Maunatlala, a lecturer in the Department of Private Law, during a lecture that is part of the Faculty's Teaching and Learning Series aimed at engaging and reflecting on teaching and learning during COVID-19 using technological innovations.



Faculty management staff's hiking and team building trip at Hennops Hiking Trail

UP Law management staff went for a hiking and team building trip at Hennops Hiking Trail in Pretoria on 14 October 2021. Colleagues had an opportunity to mingle after a very long time of not seeing each other due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Hennops offers the following hikes: 2.5 km Dassie Trail, 5 km - Zebra Trail, and 10 km - Krokodiberg trail. Most staff completed the 10 km trail and agreed that their overall wellness was greatly improved as a result.





UP Law alumna wins 2020/21 Environmental Law Association of South Africa Prize

As part of the 2020/2021 Student Essay Competition, ELA recently conferred the Prize for the Best Undergraduate Essay to UP alumna, Nicola Irving. In her essay, Irving assessed the interplay between African customary use of pangolin and Conservation law and the extent to which the existing legislative framework undermines the heritage value of pangolins for customary communities.



#UPGraduation2021: Master's student overcomes stroke to graduate

In the face of overwhelming odds, Denis Mitole, who suffered a stroke that left him able to type his master's dissertation using only one hand, is now the proud holder of a master's degree in Tax from the University of Pretoria (UP).



Three UP Law alumnae officially receive Institutional Yunus Mahomed Public Interests Awards for Law, Business and Ethics

During a live-stream event on 30 August 2021, three Faculty of Law (UP Law) alumnae from the University of Pretoria (UP), Sohela Surajpal, Mankhuwe Letsoalo and Zenia Pero officially received their respective Yunus Mahomed Public Interest Awards for Law, Business and Ethics (hereinafter referred to as YM Awards).



UP Law programme ranked top in Africa by Times Higher Education World University Ranking by Subject 2022

The ranking tallied more than 1 600 universities across 99 countries and territories, making it the largest and most diverse university ranking to date. Trusted worldwide by students, teachers, governments and industry experts, this year's league table reveals how the COVID-19 pandemic has started to shift global higher education performance.



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UP Law’s Karabo Ozah fairest lawyer of them all?

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) acknowledges with pride that the Director of its Centre for Child Law (CCL), Karabo Ozah, features in an article ‘Sisters in Law’ under the Justice League section of the August 2021 Edition of the Fair Lady magazine, perfectly aligning with South Africans celebrating Women’s Month in August 2021.



Centre alumna appointed as UN Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Financial Transactions

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria wishes to congratulate Professor Attiya Warris on her recent appointment as the United Nations Independent Expert on Foreign Debt and Financial Transactions. Professor Warris emerged as the mandate holder among 15 other eligible candidates.



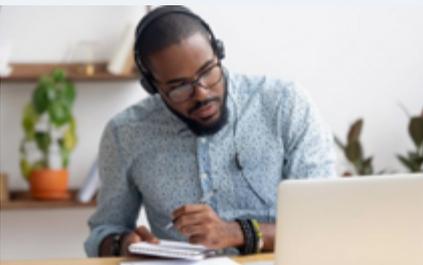
Former Deputy Chief Justice Dr Dikgang Moseneke donates private collections of books and rare artefacts to UP

Former Deputy Chief Justice and holder of a UP Law honorary doctorate Dr Dikgang Moseneke recently donated his private collections of books, artefacts and journals to the Oliver R Tambo Law Library. The donation includes, among other items, Justice Moseneke’s Robben Island security file, private annotated law reports, rare photographs and artworks from his personal, political and judicial career, as well as major awards.



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Brill publishes two of UP Law Professor Dire Tladi's works in one week

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud and delighted to announce two publications of Professor Dire Tladi, NRF SARCHI Chair in International Constitutional Law, Professor in the Department of Public Law and a Fellow at the Institute of Comparative and International Law in Africa (ICLA) of the University of Pretoria.



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UP Law leads the way to a transformed curriculum

On Thursday, 17 June 2021, Professor Charles Maimela, Deputy Dean: Faculty of Law and Coordinator for the relaunch of UP's Curriculum Transformation Drive, in collaboration with the Office of Deputy Vice-Chancellor Professor Norman Duncan, hosted the first instalment of the UP Curriculum Transformation Lecture Series. The theme of the relaunch is: Curriculum Transformation is not a future event but a present activity.

