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

As we approach the end of 2019, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria extends hearty appreciation to our alumni from the past century, students, staff, institutions and friends of the Faculty, nationally and internationally, who have contributed to our continued worldwide success.

We gratefully reflect on the 2019 academic year and our collective accomplishments as a faculty in this newsletter. Our proven successes include our LLB Class of 2019, who successfully completed their degrees and joining the workforce or staying behind for postgraduate studies. We are honoured to confirm that for UP Law pulled off a formidable hat trick by ranking **Top 100 (90th) in the world by the 2020 Times Higher Education World University Rankings – a feat unequalled in South Africa and Africa**. THE ranked UP Law 92nd in 2018, and 76th in 2019.

Indeed no small feat, and for us a culmination of the hard work over the years, in particular our current staff and student complement – from former Dean André Boraine whose term concluded in October 2019, the most senior professors, to our student bodies, and those responsible for keeping our building clean. We recognise the roles all of you have played and we thank you for your dedication, commitment and loyalty that you have exhibited throughout the year.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, joyous, peaceful, and safe Festive Season as we bid farewell to 2019 and welcome 2020. May the year ahead hold great things in store for you all.

Dean Elsabe Schoeman and Acting Deputy Dean Monray Botha



Mercantile Law hails legendary legal eagles - Professors Piet Delpoit, Johan Lötzt and the late Professor Chris Nagel

On Monday, 2 December 2019, the Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria had the privilege of celebrating the contributions of three legends — Professors Piet Delpoit, Johan Lötzt and the late Professor Chris Nagel, with combined expertise experience of approximately 108 years. The Department honoured these three professors by launching a book series, titled De Serie Legenda Developments in Commercial Law, in dedication of their academic lives and work. Volume I in the series commemorated the contributions made by Nagel to academia and is titled Law of Specific Contracts and Banking Law. Volumes II and III celebrated the contributions respectively made by Lötzt and Delpoit with the titles Law of Specific Contracts and Consumer Protection Law and Entrepreneurial Law.

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Centre for Human Rights, DIRCO and Global Campus of Human Rights launch UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty in Southern Africa

More than seven million children are deprived of liberty worldwide. This is according to the UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty that was launched on Monday 9 December 2019. The sub-regional launch of the Global Study study took place at the Future Africa Campus of the University of Pretoria (UP) on Monday and was hosted by the University's Centre for Human Rights in collaboration with the South African Department of International Relations and Cooperation (DIRCO) and the Global Campus of Human Rights. The aim of the launch was for Southern African states to reflect on ways in which they can take on board and provide national measures to give effect to the recommendations in the Global Study.

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Justice Zak Yacoob awarded honorary doctorate at UP Centre for Human Rights graduation ceremony

Retired judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa Justice Zak Yacoob was awarded an honorary doctorate at a University of Pretoria Centre for Human Rights (CHR) graduation ceremony on 10 December, International Human Rights Day. The event, at which degrees were conferred upon postgraduate students of the CHR, commemorated 20 years since the inception of the Centre's prestigious Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa.

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Centre for Human Rights Master's degree graduation ceremony

This year, the 20th cohort of students completing their Master's degrees in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) graduated on 10 December 2019. Master's degree students on the following programmes also graduated during the Centre for Human Rights graduation ceremony: International Trade and Investment Law in Africa (TILA), Sexual and Reproductive Rights in Africa (SRRA) and Multi-disciplinary Human Rights (MDHR). Justice Zak Yacoob, a former judge of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, received an honorary doctorate degree at this occasion. This was also the first graduation ceremony in the Faculty of Law for Dean Elsabe Schoeman. Professor Frans Viljoen, on behalf of the Faculty of Law, also honoured and said goodbye to Mrs Rina Deetlefs after 28 years of loyal service. Deetlefs managed the Postgraduate Section of Student Administration for many years.

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UP's Centre for Human Rights celebrates impact of master's programme with launch of 20-year edition of its Alumni Diaries

The University of Pretoria's (UP) Centre for Human Rights (CHR) recently launched the 20-year edition of its Alumni Diaries following an Alumni Symposium held at the University's Future Africa Campus. Justice Albie Sachs, retired Justice of the Constitutional Court of South Africa, unveiled the gold edition of the Alumni Diaries 2000-2019 at a dinner held at Freedom Park on 8 December 2019 to celebrate 20 years of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA).

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Winners of FACES 2019: African Student Cellphone Film Competition

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, is proud to announce the winners of this year's FACES African Student Cellphone Film Competition on 10 December, which is International Human Rights Day. The purpose of the competition is to encourage students from Africa to express themselves and to engage with human rights issues of relevance to Africa, using available cellphone technology.

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16 voices of activism against gender-based violence

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria joins the world to mark the start of 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence for 2019. As the Centre for Human Rights, we raise our voices to say indeed enough is enough; it is time to end all forms of violence against women and gender-based violence all over the world.

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#HRDA20years: Celebrating 20 years of righting wrongs in Africa

Now, with an alumni strength of 537 and counting, HRDA has become a beacon of hope for human rights development in Africa and in the world. The original mandate of HRDA to strengthen human rights debate on the continent has been largely achieved in the last twenty years.

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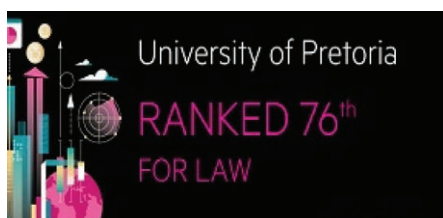


UP Faculty of Law's Dr Joel Modiri invited by the United Nations to address the 17th session of Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Dr Joel Modiri in its Department of Jurisprudence has been invited by the Rule of Law, Equality and Non-discrimination Branch of the United Nations Office of the High Commissioner of Human Rights to address the 17th Session of the Intergovernmental Working Group on the Effective Implementation of the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action (DDPA) in Geneva, Switzerland from 16 to 20 December 2019.

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UP Law's hat-trick for again ranking Top 100 (90th) in the world – unequalled in Africa

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) announces with pride that it has ranked in the Top 100 of the World University Rankings 2020 by subject: Law (THE ranking) for the third time, a feat unequalled in South Africa and Africa. THE ranked UP Law 92nd in 2018, and 76th in 2019.

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2019 UP Law Clinic Student Section Awards Evening

The University of Pretoria Law Clinic forms part of the Faculty of Law and engages in Clinical Legal Education (CLE) for final year law students. The theme for this year's learning and development was "Fit for Practice" and to honour their commitment and contribution to the Law Clinic, the student section awarded three prizes, namely – the best student in Practical Law (PRR) 400 awarded to the top achieving student in the module; the 'Firm of the Year' award, awarded to the top achieving firm at the Law Clinic and the 'Firm Favourite' award, awarded to the recipient as nominated by their firm members for the year 2019.

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A trip down memory lane for the LLB Class of 1979

On Saturday, 9 November 2019, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria hosted its alumni and three lecturers, Professor Kobus van Rooyen, Professor Johan Scott and Dr Dirk Kotzé of the LLB Class of 1979.

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UP Law Clinic student Jarrod van der Heever winner of the 2019 Pro-Bono.org Award

Law Clinic student is recipient of the probono.org Award for outstanding students at a University Law Clinic

On Thursday 21 November 2019 Pro-Bono.Org hosted their annual awards evening at Constitutional Hill in Johannesburg, at which event UP Law Clinic student Jarrod van der Heever was announced the winner of the 2019 Pro-Bono.org Award. In recognition of the contribution made by aspiring legal practitioners, Pro-Bono.Org pays tribute to law students that dedicate their final year of studies to pro bono legal services.

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UP welcomes new Dean of the Faculty of Law, Professor Elsabe Schoeman

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria congratulates Professor Elsabe Schoeman on her appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Law for the term 1 November 2019 to 31 October 2023. Prof Schoeman is the successor-in-title of former Dean Professor André Boraine, whose second term concluded on 31 October 2019. More notably is the fact that Prof Schoeman is the first woman to be appointed as Dean in the Faculty of Law after more than a century of its existence, marking her appointment as a significant milestone for the Faculty.

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2019 Pretoria Student Law Review now available

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria announces with pride that its 2019 Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR) is available online. We wish to thank the Editorial Board, and all contributors to this law research journal – for students, by students. In her foreword, Editor-in-Chief Primrose Kurasha acknowledges the contributions 'by the exceptional team of Editors who committed to making this a quality publication, backing and forthing with the authors and reviewers', thanking Thato Maruapula, Mzwandile Ngidi and Frieda Shifotoka.

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UP Law Lecturer receives 2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellows Excellence Award

On 30 October 2019, Dr Martha M Bradley, a lecturer in the Department of Public Law at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria and former doctoral student affiliated to the SARChI Professorship in International Law (her doctoral thesis was supervised by Prof Dr Erika De Wet and Prof Jann Kleffner) was awarded the 2019 Postdoctoral Research Fellows (PDRFs) Excellence Award at the University of Johannesburg (UJ). This award is in recognition of her outstanding contributions based on her research outputs and academic citizenship during her employ as a postdoctoral research fellow at the University of Johannesburg during 2018.

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Two terms as Dean of the Faculty of Law ends for Professor André Boraine

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) expresses its heartfelt appreciation and well wishes to Professor André Boraine, whose second term as Dean is ending at the end of October 2019.

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UP researchers' proposal to give South stronger role at UN implemented

A number of University of Pretoria researchers have been arguing that the United Nations human rights system will be more effective - with more visibility and greater global ownership - if the bodies monitoring human rights compliance by states meet not only in Geneva, but also in other parts of Advanced Human Rights Course on African human rights system complemented by an online component. The Advanced Human Rights Course on African Human Rights Systems in Comparative Perspectives was held at the University of Pretoria (UP). The course was presented by the Centre for Human Rights from 21 to 25 October 2019.

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UP Law student makes GradStar list of Top 10 SA students

In total, 26 UP students made it onto GradStar's Top 100 list, with UP Faculty of Law third-year law student Hee-Rak Lee ultimately being included in the top 10. UP and the Faculty of Law extend congratulations to all these students, and students from other universities who this honour has been bestowed upon.

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Prof Christof Heyns and Beryl Orao attend Human Rights Committee's 127th Session in Geneva

Prof Christof Heyns, former Director of the Centre for Human Rights and Professor of human rights law at the University of Pretoria, is one of the 18 independent experts that make up the Committee.

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UP Centre for Human Rights alumnus elected Chairperson of African Commission on Human & Peoples' Rights

The University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights is delighted that one of its alumni has been elected as the Chairperson of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights at its 65th Ordinary Session in Banjul, The Gambia.

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African Moot Court 2020 launched in Dakar with signing of MOU

Preparations for the 2020 African Human Rights Moot Court Competition were launched formally when the Director of the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, and the Rectors of the Virtual University of Senegal and the University Cheikh Anta Diop, on 18 October 2019 signed the Memorandum of Agreement in Dakar, Senegal.

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UP launches United Nations guidelines on less lethal weapons

Researchers in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) led the process to draft the first United Nations (UN) international standards on the use of less lethal weapons. They developed the UN Human Rights Guidance on Less Lethal Weapons in Law Enforcement in collaboration with the Geneva Academy of International Humanitarian Law and Human Rights, for the UN Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights.

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Pretoria Student Law Review 2019 out soon, as PSLR bids farewell to first black Editor-in-Chief

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that the 2019 edition of the Pretoria Student Law Review (PSLR) will soon hit the shelves, and conveys its appreciation to the Editorial Board and contributors for their dedication to this journal.

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Gauteng Research Triangle: UP, UJ and Wits commit to research collaboration

The vice-chancellors of the universities of Pretoria, Johannesburg and the Witwatersrand have agreed to explore opportunities for establishing a globally competitive research collaborative in Gauteng.

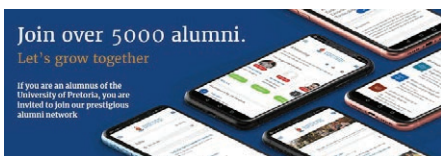
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UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Rights of Persons with Albinism visits the University of Pretoria

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, welcomed Ms Ikponwosa Ero, the UN Independent Expert on the Enjoyment of Rights of Persons with Albinism to UP, during her country visit to South Africa.

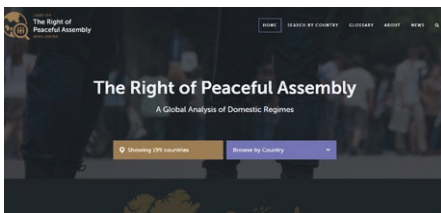
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Fight the postgraduation blues with the UP Alumni Connect app

Our university years have often been said to be some of the 'best years of our lives'. Like any great adventure, however, it must come to an end.

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ICLA and Centre for Human Rights launch new website containing laws on the right to peaceful assembly for all UN recognised states

ICLA and the Centre for Human Rights are delighted to announce the launch of their new global online repository of laws on the right of peaceful assembly.

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Reflections on the trajectory of democracy in Africa

As the World Commemorated World Democracy Day on 15 September 2019, the Centre for Human Rights reflects on the wobbly democracy trajectory on the African continent and reiterate on the observation by the late Kofi Annan that: "no one is born a good citizen; no nation is born a democracy.

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'If I want something, I can and will get it no matter what'

Meet Thabang Manamela who has just graduated with an LLB degree from the University of Pretoria, despite the hardships he endured. Manamela was born in Ga-Mashashane, Limpopo, with glaucoma, which resulted in him losing his eyesight at an early age.

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FACES (African Student Cellphone Film Competition)

Students from all countries in Africa are invited to participate in the 2019 edition of FACES: African Student Cellphone Film Competition. The competition, which is now in its third year, has since 2017 awarded winners with incredible prizes (which included cash prizes and all expenses paid trip).

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ChooseUP Day a success as prospective students and their parents get a taste of what to expect

Excitement was the order of the day as about 14 000 prospective students (grade 12 learners), their families and friends from across the country attended the University of Pretoria's #ChooseUP Day on Saturday, 17 August.

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Passing away of Professor Chris Nagel in the Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law

It is with great sadness that the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria has been informed of the passing of our colleague and friend, Professor Chris Nagel, on Sunday, 18 August 2019.

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Lusophone countries review the Draft Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression in Africa

The Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, participated in the first regional consultation of the revision of the Declaration of Principles on Freedom of Expression in Africa.

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President appoints Mx Busisiwe Deyi from the University of Pretoria as a Commissioner for Gender Equality

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria expresses sincere congratulations to Mx Busisiwe Deyi in its Department of Jurisprudence who has been appointed officially by President Cyril Ramaphosa to serve on the Commission for Gender Equality in a part-time position until 2024.

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SARChI Doctoral student, Gertrude Quan awarded scholarship by prestigious Max Planck Institute in Luxembourg

Gertrude Quan is a doctoral student affiliated with the SARChI Professorship in International Constitutional Law and has been awarded a six months scholarship by the prestigious Max Planck Institute Luxembourg for International, European and Regulatory Procedural Law.

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UP's Professor Hansungule re-elected to International Commission of Jurists for third four-year term

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, is pleased to announce that Prof Michelo Hansungule has been re-elected as Commissioner under the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ). This will be the third term Prof Hansungule will serve as a ICJ Commissioner.

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UP Law students well-represented at Law Students' Conference on the Decolonisation and Africanisation of Legal Education

The Third Law Students' Conference on the Decolonisation and Africanisation of Legal Education took place on Monday, 15 July 2019, at the University of Venda in the Venda region of the Limpopo Province. The University of Pretoria was represented by law students Ms Caroline Letsoalo and Ms Zenia Pero, who delivered a joint paper at the Conference, whilst Ms Primrose Kurasha, who is pursuing an LLD in the Faculty of Law, attended the Conference on behalf of the Deanery.

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HRDA Alumni: 20 years of righting wrongs in Africa

#HRDA20Years: The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, from 7 to 10 December 2019, celebrates the 20th Anniversary of the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa programme (HRDA).

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OR Tambo Law Librarian Head, Shirley Gilmore, closes the book after two decades of loyal service to the University of Pretoria

At the end of June 2019, the head of the Oliver Tambo Law Library (ORT Law Library), Mrs Shirley Gilmore, closed the book on her two-decade career and loyal service to the Faculty of Law staff and students at the University of Pretoria (UP).

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World Moot Court honours Mandela at 101 and crowns the 2019 Winners

The University of Oxford has claimed the title as winners of the 11th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition.

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Podcast: Africa RightsTalk - 'Forced sterilisation and the status of women in society'

In conversation with Ms Saoyo Tabitha Griffith - The issue of forced sterilisation is a little-known matter as women are generally reluctant to discuss their experience.

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Young UP space law lawyer Ruvimbo Samanga shines bright like a diamond in the sky

The Faculty of Law at UP is proud to announce that LLB alumna Ruvimbo Samanga has been appointed from March 2019 to March 2021 as the National Point of Contact for the Zimbabwean Space Generation Advisory Council in support of the UN Programme on Space Applications.

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UP Law's mooters ranked amongst the top five speakers on the Africa Continent

From 1 to 6 July 2019 the UP Moot Society team of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria participated in the 28th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition (AHRMCC) held at the University of Botswana in Gaborone.

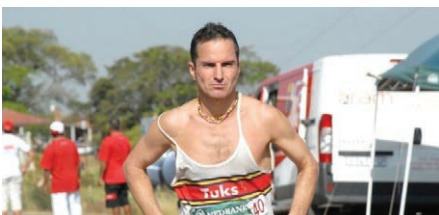
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Op-ed: Why the African Monetary Fund is a good idea and what can be done to get it going

African Union (AU) leaders will gather in Niger on 7 July for an Extraordinary Summit to discuss the African Continental Free Trade Area. They will be meeting at a critical moment for the continent. Many African countries are experiencing uneven growth and rising debt.

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Run at UP – Law lecturer Dr Llewelyn Curlewis successfully completes 25th Comrades Marathon

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) congratulates senior lecturer Dr Llewelyn Curlewis in the Department of Procedural Law on completing his 25th Comrades Marathon on 9 June 2019 in seven hours, 45 minutes.

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#AfricanMoot2019 Winners with Chief Justice of Botswana - Terence Rannowane

The final round of the 28th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition, which took place on 06 July 2019 at the Law High Court of Botswana, Gaborone, was won by the combined team comprising the University of Nairobi, University Namibia and Université Félix Houphouët-Boigny.

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#AfricanMoot2019 Preliminary rounds kick off

Teams are gearing up for an intense two days of knock out rounds that will whittle 40 participating teams to just 6, with 3 teams per side expected to argue before the Chief Justice at the High Court Complex of Botswana on Saturday the 6th of July 2019.

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Africa Human Rights Moot Court Competition 2019 Opening Ceremony

The 28th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition was officially opened by Honorable Dr Unity Dow the Minister of International Affairs and Cooperation.

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Faculty of Law says goodbye to Dr Tshepo Madlingozi, congratulating him on an impressive past and a promising future

With heavy hearts staff and students from the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) bid farewell to Dr Tshepo Madlingozi, Senior Lecturer in the Department of Jurisprudence, at the end of May 2019.

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Op-ed: Botswana court ruling is a ray of hope for LGBT people across Africa

Botswana's High Court has ruled that private consensual sex between adults of the same sex is no longer criminal. The decision gives hope to lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) people in African countries that still have similar laws in place.

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UP Law doctoral student awarded prestigious SARCHI Scholar International Internship

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Gertrude Quan, a doctoral candidate affiliated with the Department of Private Law and the SARCHI Professorship in International Constitutional Law, obtained an internship at Child Rights Connect.

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Op-ed: We must eradicate 'period poverty' and ensure universal access to menstrual management products

On 28 May, Menstrual Hygiene (MH) Day is observed worldwide. This date echoes the menstrual cycle, which usually occurs every 28 days, while menstruation is approximately five days long. MH Day was first observed in 2014, to raise awareness of good menstrual hygiene.

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UP Law alumnus Ronald Lamola appointed as Minister of Justice and Correctional Services

The Faculty of Law extends hearty congratulations to alumnus Minister Ronald Lamola as SA's newly appointed Minister of Justice and Correctional Services.

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Africa Day Celebration: Protecting the rights of African migrants in the context of xenophobia

The Democracy, Transparency and Digital Rights Unit of the Centre for Human Rights (the Centre), University of Pretoria, hosted an African Day Celebration on 23 May 2019. The aim of the event was to celebrate the diversity of Africa and what it means to be African.

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Seven UP Law staff members recognised for their academic achievements

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that seven of its academic staff members received recognition at UP's Annual Academic Achievers' Awards Function.

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Centre for Human Rights – Annual Report 2018

In 2018, the Centre – together with the rest of South Africa and the world – celebrated a number of human rights landmarks.

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UP Mercantile Law lecturers represent Faculty of Law at the Institute for the Study of International Development in Montreal, Canada

Prof Monray Marsellus Botha, Head of the Department of Mercantile Law, and Senior Lecturer Dr Carika Fritz in the same department in the Faculty of Law from the University of Pretoria have been invited to conduct a presentation at a colloquium titled "Taxes, Labour and the Multinational Firm".

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Mercantile Law Department represents University of Pretoria at International Conference on Taxpayers Rights

Senior Lecturer Dr Carika Fritz and the Head of the Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law, Prof Monray Marsellus Botha, and Senior Lecturer Dr Carika Fritz, are representing the University of Pretoria today at the 4th International Conference on Taxpayer Rights.

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UP honours its top researchers at Academic Achievers' Awards dinner

The University of Pretoria's (UP's) 2019 Academic Achievers' Awards dinner was held on Tuesday to honour more than 110 academics who have shown exceptional achievement in their disciplines, as well as National Research Foundation (NRF)-rated researchers.

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Op-ed: Ending Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) by 2030: Harnessing National and Regional Laws to Protect Women and Girls

Female Genital Mutilation (FGM) is a widespread and pervasive human rights violation experienced by women and girls. FGM refers to all procedures "involving partial or total removal of the external female genitalia or other injury to the female organs for non-medical reasons."

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New Director at the helm of the University of Pretoria Law Clinic

At the beginning of May 2019, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria welcomed the new Director of its Law Clinic, Mr Eddie Hanekom [B Juris (PU for CHE) LLB (UP) LLM (cum laude) (UP)].

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YALI visit' the Centre to learn about the rights of disabled persons, sexual minority groups and women

On Monday 13 May 2019, the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, hosted participants on the Young African Leaders Initiative (YALI). Approximately fifty youth leaders and two YALI facilitators attended the programme, representing a number of countries in Southern Africa.

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Dr Joel Modiri from the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law selected as Africa Oxford (AfOx) Visiting Fellow

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Dr Joel Modiri from the Department of Jurisprudence was accepted to the prestigious Africa Oxford (AfOx) Visiting Fellowship Programme at the University of Oxford, England.

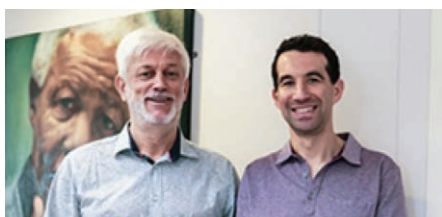
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UP Law Jessup Team does Faculty proud on world stage

In April 2019, the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law Jessup Team represented South Africa at the International Rounds of the Phillip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition in Washington D.C., celebrating its 60th year of existence since 1960. The team had won the South African National Rounds held in Johannesburg in February 2019, where they were declared the 'Overall Winner' and thereby earned the right to represent South Africa at the International Rounds.

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Centre for Human Rights enters into partnership with Center for Human Rights Science, Pittsburgh USA

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, South Africa and the Center for Human Rights Science, Carnegie Mellon University, Pittsburgh USA have entered into a strategic partnership with the sole purpose of embarking on joint projects and academic activities that will foster human rights accountability through the use of technology.

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Extractive Industries Law in Africa Unit (EILA) delivers largest group of graduandi of all UP Law postgraduate programmes

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce the graduation of its first two candidates in the MPhil in Extractive Industry Policy, Management and Regulation Programme since its inception in February 2018.

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UP Mercantile Law lecturers represents Faculty of Law at INSOL International Academics' Colloquium in Singapore

Three members of the Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria recently presented papers at an international conference in Singapore - the INSOL International Academics' Colloquium which took place at the beginning of April 2019.

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UP Law celebrates their brilliant minds at Annual Recognition of Achievement Function

On the evening of 3 April 2019, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria, with its loyal donors and sponsors, celebrated the academic achievements of law students from the 2018 academic year. BCom Law, BA Law, LLB and Master's students were recognised for their outstanding academic achievements.

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"Listen Now": UP's Centre For Human Rights launches Africa Rights Talk podcast

Africa Rights Talk is a Centre for Human Rights podcast exploring human rights through conversations with academics, practitioners and activists.

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Faculty of Law houses one of most influential young South Africans - Dr Joel Malesela Modiri

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Senior Lecturer Dr Joel Malesela Modiri in its Department of Jurisprudence is one of the top 50 most influential young South Africans in the country. Dr Modiri ranked sixth in the category Personal Development and Academia.

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University of Pretoria's UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa, Professor Ann Skelton, plays integral part in the compilation of the Abidjan Principles

The University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Professor Ann Skelton, the UNESCO Chair in Education Law in Africa, situated in the Faculty of Law, has played an integral role in the compilation of the Abidjan Principles, officially released on 21 March 2019.

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20 years later: Centre for Human Rights welcomes students on a new and four established master's programmes

On Monday, 18 March 2019, the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria (UP), welcomed the 2019 cohort of its Master's degree students. The Centre's 2019 Master's programmes brings together 91 students from 28 countries across the African continent.

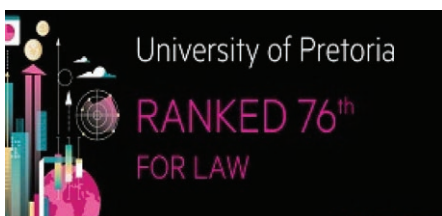
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UP Law moot court team off to Washington after taking national honours for fourth time

The University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law recently took top honours at the 2019 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition national championship, which was hosted at the University of Johannesburg. This was the fourth consecutive year that the UP team was crowned national champions.

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University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law ranks Top 6 in worldwide academic book prize award

The University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law has again been ranked among the best in the world – this time for an academic work, 'Child Law in South Africa: Second Edition', which was edited by Professor Trynie Boezaart of UP's Department of Private Law.

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Senior Lecturer Dr Gustav Muller wins 2018 THRHR prize for best maiden article

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Dr Gustav Muller, a senior lecturer in the Department of Private Law, was announced the winner of the best maiden article published in the 2018 Journal of Contemporary Roman-Dutch Law (Tydskrif vir Hedendaagse Romeins-Hollandse Reg Joernaal - THRHR). The winning article is titled "To fell or not to fell: The impact of NEMBA on the rights and obligations of a usufructuary" 2018 THRHR 529.

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Op-Ed: International Women's Day 2019 – #BalancingforBetter

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Final year UP law student Vaughn Rajah to attend the United Nations Human Rights Council Session in March 2019

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Vaughn Rajah, a final year law student, has successfully completed a legal internship in New York, USA. Vaughn served an internship with Just Atonement Inc (JAI), a US-based legal non-profit organisation.

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Op-Ed: South Africa is failing the rights of children to education and health

Is South Africa regularly denying children their right to access education and health care on the grounds either of petty bureaucracy or by a misinterpretation of the country's laws and international obligations?

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Centre for Human Rights supports campaign against IAAF regulations against hyper-androgenic women

The Centre for Human Rights (the Centre), University of Pretoria, fully supports the campaign by the South African Department of Sports and Recreation, against the enforcement of the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) regulations against hyper-androgenic women in sports.

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Melanie Murcott
Senior Lecturer in
Environmental Law and
Administrative Law, UP

University of Pretoria's senior lecturer Melanie Murcott invited to participate in virtual lectures at Mercer University Law School Environmental Law Programme

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Ms Melanie Murcott, a senior lecturer in the Department of Public Law, has been selected to participate as a lecturer in the Mercer University Law School Virtual Environmental Law Guest Speaker Programme this semester.

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Faculty of Law says goodbye to Professor Karin van Marle

On 24 January 2019 the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria bid farewell to Prof Karin van Marle from its Department of Jurisprudence. Professor Van Marle joined the Department of Jurisprudence (then known as the Department of Legal History, Comparative Law and Legal Philosophy) as a senior lecturer in 1999 and left the services of the University of Pretoria at the end of January 2019.

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