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

Trusting that our 2020 UP Law newsletter reaches you all in good health. The purpose of our annual newsletter is to bring you up to speed with our activities and accomplishments over the past academic year. It is with endless blessings and gratitude that we are able to release this overview, indicating our successful activities and achievements during this year of challenges, fear, sorrow and tribulations, all overshadowed by the pandemic's wake of socio-economic devastation in South Africa and around the globe. With acknowledgement to Professor Norman Duncan, UP's Vice-Principal: Academic, we quote from *A Tale of Two Cities* (1959) by Charles Dickens to reflect on 2020:

*"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times, it was the age of wisdom, it was the age of foolishness, it was the epoch of belief, it was the epoch of incredulity, it was the season of light, it was the season of darkness, it was the spring of hope; it was the winter of despair."*

Sadly, as the COVID-19 pandemic covered the world in its veil of destruction, human despair multiplied exponentially, and inequality became much more pronounced. In South Africa, according to Jeff Rudin in the Daily Maverick of 27 May 2020, the lockdown gave rise to: *'A stark tale of two realities: one lockdown for the rich, another one for the poor. The brutal reality that needs facing is that the only real choice open to the poor is to decide how to die, or, more accurately, of what to die: Coronavirus, hunger, lockdown-compounded gender-based violence, or TB, HIV-AIDS, cancer or any of the other diseases and conditions that have been de-prioritised to make way for the coronavirus.'*

We mourn the millions of people who have lost their lives across the globe as a direct or indirect result of COVID-19. Our condolences and thoughts are with those who have lost loved. We commemorate our everyday heroes during this period – ranging from researchers working non-stop in their attempts to find a vaccine; medical practitioners; students and learners who studied under strange and strenuous conditions; those removing our rubbish on a weekly basis; those who stocked our shops' shelves with daily needs; to those essential services staff that had no choice but to report for duty during these tremulous times.

Against all odds, UP Law gratefully reflects on the 2020 academic year which we were able to complete successfully, and our collective accomplishments and achievements as UP Law. Our proven successes include our LLB Class of 2020, who successfully completed their degrees and will soon join the workforce or stay behind for postgraduate studies. We are proud to call you our Class of 2020 Alumni of UP Law.

We extend our heartfelt appreciation to our alumni, students, staff, institutions and friends of the Faculty, nationally and internationally, who have contributed to our continued worldwide success, as UP Law still ranks as the best Law Faculty in Africa\* for a fourth consecutive year - a feat unequalled in South Africa and Africa and for us a culmination of all the hard work over the years. As always, we recognise the roles all of you have played in our success – from the most senior to junior staff members, to the student bodies, to the cleaners of our building and gardeners of our lovely campus. We thank you for your continuous dedication, commitment, loyalty and support that you have exhibited throughout this challenging year.

During the year we regrettably had to bid farewell to valued colleagues, some of whom had served and contributed to UP and UP Law for many years: They are Professors Niek Grové (retired), Chris Job (stepped down), Femida Cassim, Hermie Coetzee, Daleen Millard; and Mrs Tebogo Morajane. In absentia, we thank them for their contributions and hard work to keep UP Law on the international map. You are sorely missed, but we wish you the very best for the new pages in your lives' chapters.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, joyous, peaceful, and safe Festive Season as we bid farewell to 2020 and welcome 2021. May the world overcome this pandemic and socio-economically thrive again. We call on you to remember and act to exhibit peace and joy to your fellow South Africans. May the world realise that war on the pandemic and not between countries or nations is key. In the words of the United Nations, *'The fury of the virus illustrates the folly of war.'*

**Dean Elsabe Schoeman and Deputy Dean Charles Maimela**

December 2020

\*THE ranking 2021



### Centre for Human Rights honours AU human rights chairpersons as Class of 2020 graduates

Centre for Human Rights honours AU human rights chairpersons as Class of 2020 graduates on International Human Rights Day.

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### UP Law's Dr Martha Bradley ends academic year with hat trick of esteemed publications

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### UP Law students best mooters on Africa continent

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) announces with pride and congratulates the overall winning UP Moot Society team, with their co-team members from Makerere University (Uganda), of the 29th African Human Rights Moot Court. [Read more on the 29th AHRMCC.](#)

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### UP Law's Prof Monray Botha conducts Labour Law presentation on behalf of Paris Institute of Political Studies

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### UP human rights law academic instrumental in drafting UN General Comment 37 on peaceful assembly

The University of Pretoria (UP) has played an instrumental role in supporting the drafting of General Comment 37 (2020) of the United Nations (UN) Human Rights Committee, which offers global guidance on peaceful assembly.

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### UP Law's First-year mooters seize gold at virtual Kovsie Moot Court Competition

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### UP Law's Professor Stefan van Eck et al write 'Celebrating the ILO 100 years on: Reflections on Labour Law from a Southern African Perspective'

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### Faculty of Law celebrates current youngest UP professor Joel Modiri

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) recently announced the promotion of colleagues to higher academic rank. Among the successful candidates is UP law alumnus and scholar, Dr Joel Modiri, whose promotion to Associate Professor as from 1 January 2021 will also make him the youngest professor in the current employment of UP Law and UP at large.

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**Attorney General Alliance-Africa collaborates virtually with UP Law's Consumer Protection Cluster on Consumer Protection Law**

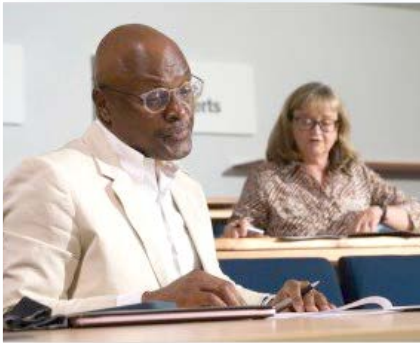
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**UP Law's Drs Martha Bradley and Aniel de Beer publish in 'Yearbook of Humanitarian Law 2019, Vol 22'**

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**UP Law's Dr Martha Bradley publishes in '2019 African Yearbook on Humanitarian International Law'**

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**UP Law enters into momentous three-year renewable Memorandum of Understanding with new ILI-South African Centre for Excellence**

**Posted on December 03, 2020**

On Friday, 21 November 2020, the Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) entered into a momentous three-year renewable Memorandum of Understanding with the new ILI-South African Centre for Excellence (refer to PDF attachment for more information on ILI-SACE) in Johannesburg, Gauteng, South Africa. ILI-SACE is affiliated with the International Law Institute (ILI) and International Law Institute - African Centre for Legal Excellence (ILI-ACLE).

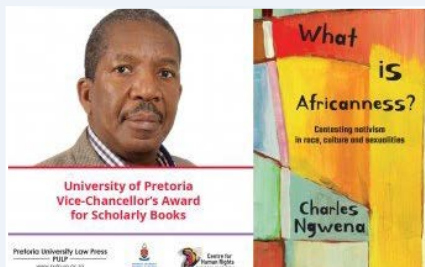
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**UP Law's Teaching and Research Forum reviews the 2020 academic year, reflecting on its successes and challenges**

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### UP Law academics shine at UP 2020 Annual Academic Achievers' Award Function

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) extends hearty congratulations to all UP Academic Achievers who were announced on 25 November 2020 during a spectacular virtual ceremony. UP Law is in particular very proud of its staff members who have received awards.

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### Final year LLB student Nicholas Herd officially receives the National Yunus Mahomed Public Interest Award

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### UP Centre for Child Law continues fight for consideration of learners with disabilities amid COVID-19

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### UP Law hosts inaugural Staff Development and Career Planning Retreat

From 13 to 14 November 2020, the Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University Pretoria (UP) held its first staff retreat for lecturers and senior lecturers focused on academic career planning and development.

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### Finalists of African Human Right Moot Court Competition announced after first semi-finals

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### UP Law extends appreciation to and greets the 2020 Editorial Board of the PSLR

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### UP Law's international Child Law expert, Prof Ann Skelton, re-elected to the OHCHR Committee on the Rights of the Child

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Professor Ann Skelton was re-elected to the United Nations Human Rights Office of the High Commissioner's (OHCHR) Committee on the Rights of the Child (CRC) for a second term of office, from March 2021 to February 2025. The Committee consists of 18 independent experts, who are nominated by their countries, and are voted in by a majority of the 196 states that have ratified the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC).

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### UP Law announces faculty promotions effective 1 January 2021

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**UP Law's Professor Dire Tladi appointed as President of the SA Branch of the International Law Association**

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**Four UP Law students in Top 100 of the 2020 GradStar Awards**

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**UP Law staff's COVID-19 related activities from July to September 2020**

Work and the traditional workplace as we used to know it have been profoundly interrupted by the COVID-19 onslaught. The pandemic spread like wildfire, causing health and socio-economic destruction in its global wake. However, academics of the Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) loyally continued with their academic functions behind the pandemic-shroud, remaining dedicated to ensuring a successful academic year for UP Law students. During this period, staff expanded their functions to include COVID-19 activities, as set out in the infographic depicting the period July to September 2020.

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**UP Moot Society team through to the semi-finals of the African Human Rights Moot Court Competition**

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**Shadow Reporting Guidelines in response to Resolution 436**

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**Developing a coherent set of international standards on the management of demonstrations**

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**UP Law's Dr Gustav Muller provides feedback to Minister on proposed policy and direction on rapid deployment of electronic communications networks and facilities**

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**UP Law's Professor Stéfan van Eck and Dr Kamalesh Newaj cited by Constitutional Court**

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### #UPGraduation2020: UP lecturer beats breast cancer to receive PhD in Law

Congratulations to UP lecturer Dr Lorette Arendse, who faced down breast cancer – and a gruelling treatment regime – to receive her PhD in Law.

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**Press Statement: Eight semi-finalist teams from seven countries emerge from first virtual African Human Rights Moot Court Competition**

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**Professor Phumudzo Munyai the new Head of UP Law's Department of Mercantile Law**

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**Africa Human Rights Day Statement - 21 October 2020**

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**EXPERT ANALYSIS: Addressing the human rights issues that COVID-19 exposed: An imperative for Africa's success in building back better**

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**Centre for Human Rights pays tribute to human rights lawyer Devikarani Priscilla Jana**

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**Centre for Human Rights calls for complete police reform and justice for victims of police brutality in Nigeria**

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### UP Law hosts Emeritus Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke for a discussion on his latest book, 'All Rise – A Judicial Memoir'

Posted on October 16, 2020

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) was honoured to host Emeritus Deputy Chief Justice (DCJ) of the Constitutional Court of South Africa Dikgang Moseneke for a discussion on his latest book, All Rise – A Judicial Memoir.

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**UP Law appoints Dr Sanele Sibanda in the Department of Jurisprudence**

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**Centre congratulates Dianah Msipa on her recent appointment onto a team of experts working on the AU Convention on Violence against Women and Children**

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**Karabo Ozah, Director of the UP Centre for Child Law, is playing a vital role in urging the South African Government to drastically increase the implementation of social safety net interventions**

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**Centre presents a virtual edition of annual capacity building workshop on strategic litigation and advocacy for LGBTI+ human rights defenders in Africa**

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**African Human Rights Law Journal celebrates 20-year milestone**

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**UP Law's Prof Reghard Brits a permanent member of intergovernmental organisation UNIDROIT's Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law**

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Prof Reghard Brits in its Department of Mercantile Law has been invited to become a permanent member of the UNIDROIT Working Group on Digital Assets and Private Law.

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**UP law professor Willem Jacobs helps resolves US\$190 billion tax dispute in Tanzania**

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**UP Law appoints Dr Joel Modiri as its Acting Head of the Department of Jurisprudence**

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**Disability Rights Unit hosts online advocacy and human rights training for organisations representing persons with albinism in Southern Africa**

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**Centre and Tshwaranang Legal Advocacy Centre co-host online workshop to popularise the Maputo Protocol and the role of CSOs in shadow reporting in Malawi**

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**Foreign Policy in uncertain times: What are the options for South Africa?**

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**UP Law shines in international space law moot court competition**

A team from the University of Pretoria's (UP) Faculty of Law represented the African continent at the 2020 Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition.

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**UP Law's Dr Ilze Grobbelaar-du Plessis also appointed as Advisory Committee Member for Project 148**

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<b>Nelson Mandela World Moot Preliminary Rounds Results 2020</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights condemns recent march against foreign nationals in South Africa</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP Law Alumna Ruvimbo Samanga in the 2020 Top Talents under 25 in the world</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP Law's Prof Ann Skelton first holder of Rotating Honorary Chair Enforcement of Children's Rights</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP Law's Prof Steve Cornelius appointed to Council of Experts of Canadian Sport Law and Governance Association</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP Law mourns the passing of former South African Human Rights Commissioner, Dr Danny Titus</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Preliminary rounds of 29th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition to be held online</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP's Vice-Chancellor's signature marks the official launch of the 30th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Preliminary oral rounds of 12th Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition to be held online</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>







### UP Law alumni Keketso Kgomo and Stanley Malematja in M&G Top 200 Young South Africans

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) proudly announces and congratulates its alumni, Keketso Gift Kgomo and Stanley Malematja, who were recognised by the Mail & Guardian (M&G) 200 Young South Africans.

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### UP Law post-doctoral research fellow Dr Rimdolmsom J Kabre wins University of Lausanne prize for best doctoral dissertation

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### Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 14 - Prof Ann Skelton

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### 30th edition of African Human Rights Moot Court Competition to be hosted by Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University, South Africa

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### Press Statement: Swiss Federal Court decision on Caster Semenya regrettable, but should not be the end of the road

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### Centre, APCOF and AMSHeR present annual course on police oversight and vulnerable groups in Africa through a unique hybrid model

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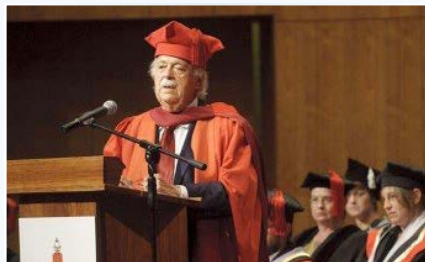

### LeadUP: UP's two serving Justice Minister alums 'return to campus' for new 'In Conversation with the VC' panel discussion

The rule of law must be the anchor of any constitutional democracy. This was according to Minister of Justice and Correctional Services Ronald Lamola, one of the speakers at last night's inaugural LeadUP: In Conversation with the VC, a new series of online panel discussions where alumni.

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## 25th Expert UP Lecture delivered by international law specialist, Prof Dire Tladi

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## The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is deeply saddened by the passing of human rights defender Adv George Bizos SC

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is deeply saddened by the passing of the steadfast and uncompromising human rights defender Adv George Bizos SC, age 92, on Wednesday, 9 September 2020.

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## UP Law's Dr Melanie Murcott co-hosts student conference with the SA Environmental Law Association

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## There is a Law Dragon in UP Law – Professor André Boraine

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that former Dean Professor André Boraine, currently in its Department of Private Law, has been recognised for his insolvency law and restructuring expertise by The 2020 LawDragon 500 Leading Global Restructuring.

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## Children's deaths as a result of police action: An unacceptable failure of international and constitutional obligations

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**#TuksSport: Tuks law professor will always campaign for fair play in sport**

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**UP Unit for Insurance Law and Governance is providing crucial professional advice to policyholders, intermediaries and insurers**

The COVID-19 pandemic is the largest disaster to hit the insurance history, by far exceeding any NatCat (natural catastrophe) events to date. The Unit for Insurance Law and Governance in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP), of which Professor Kuschke is the Director.

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**#UPTransProtocol: Centre for Human Rights and CSA&G co-host webinar on addressing the needs of transgender people at higher institutions of learning**

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**'Exploring the link between poverty and human rights in Africa': Book on poverty discussed at Pretoria University Law Press' first virtual launch**

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**Op-ed: Women's Day 2020: An ode to the past, and a reflection on the future**

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**National Women's Day: Ode to UP Law Professor Trynie Boezaart (Davel): A woman of substance and professor of law for more than forty years and still going strong**

On 9 August South Africans celebrate National Women's Day. It is the day that our country celebrates phenomenal women and their impact on their communities and their country - women who have made a mark in their various communities on a national and often on an international level.

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**Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights calls on the government of South Africa to take clear stand against human rights violations and lack of accountability in Zimbabwe**

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**Second Mandela Talk contemplates what it would take to turn the tide towards women's full equality**

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**African Human Rights Law Journal marks twenty years**

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**COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor calls for an end to police violence and abuse against persons with disabilities and their family members**

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**Global Campus Human Rights Journal with special focus on children's rights issues published**

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**IDLU collaborates on report on expanding renewable energy for access and development and the role of development finance institutions in Southern Africa**

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**UP Law Professor Dire Tladi interviewed by Legal Pages, Issue 5, July 2020**

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### Professor Charles Maimela's historical appointment as Deputy Dean in the Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria extends hearty congratulations to Professor Charles Maimela on his appointment as the Deputy Dean: Teaching and Learning of the Faculty of Law for the period 1 August 2020 to 30 April 2024. He is the youngest (32 years) and first black Deputy Dean.

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**ICLA Director leads process to adopt new UN standards on peaceful assemblies**

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**UP professor leads process to adopt new UN standards on peaceful assemblies**

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**Op-Ed: The IMF's \$4bn loan for South Africa: the pros, cons and potential pitfalls**

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**UP Law Clinic keeps fighting the good fight during Covid-19 lockdown**

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**Mandela Month Talk questions if South African government's COVID-19 response has struck right balance between respecting rights and curbing the pandemic**

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**Centre for Human Rights deplores serious erosion of free expression in Zimbabwe**

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**UP Law Professor Jacolien Barnard in the Department of Mercantile Law awarded 2019 Prize for Best Short Contribution in Contemporary Journal for Roman-Dutch Law (THRHR)**

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**Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 10 - Ms Hlengiwe Dube**

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**COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor calls for an emergency response to the catastrophic abuse of the Human Rights of persons with disabilities in institutions**

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**Mandela Day in the time of COVID-19**

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**Statement by the Centre for Human Rights at the 66th Ordinary Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights**

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**Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights welcomes South Africa's Repeal of Section 6 of The Civil Union Act**

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**Social justice in action: UP Law Professor Birgit Kuschke involved in group collaborations re Covid-19's impact on policy holders and insurers**

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**UP Law expert Professor Piet Delport quoted by Supreme Court of Appeal in ZASCA 83**

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**UP researchers draft new UN standards on use of force by police**

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**Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 9 - Joel Modiri**

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**UP Law team again wins Africa Regional Round of Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that a team from its UP Moot Society won the 2020 African Regional Rounds of the Manfred Lachs International Space Law Moot Court Competition. The UP Law team, consisting of Komela Letsoalo and Nicholas du Toit (both LLB III) and coached by Simon Motshweni (LLB IV), was announced the winner of the African Regional Rounds on 3 July 2020.

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**UP Law Lecturer, Professor Reghard Brits, awarded the Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht Wisselleerstoel**

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**Reflections, SOGIESC Unit hosts Webinar on hyperandrogenism**

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**Less lethal than firearms, but only if used appropriately**

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**Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 8 - Prof Dire Tladi**

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**Centre co-host Helen Kanzira Annual Memorial Lecture with University of Lagos**

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### UP Law staff's Covid-19 related activities from March to June 2020

A number of UP Law staff members have also been directly involved in Covid-19 related activities, contributing to making the world a better place. Their respective involvement from March to June 2020 is depicted in the interactive infographic herewith.

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**COVID-19 Discussion Fora: Centre's 9th discussion forum gauges the impact of international human rights organisations during the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa**

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**COVID-19 Discussion Fora: Centre's 8th discussion forum investigates the impact of UN agencies on the protection of human rights during the COVID-19 pandemic in Africa**

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**Centre hosts webinar to commemorate the Day of the African Child #DAC2020**

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**Centre for Human Rights partners with other organisations to launch an interactive map to track government responses to disinformation in Sub-Saharan Africa**

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### Major new US study measures police use of force against standards set out in UP research

Research from the University of Pretoria's Faculty of Law has become a global benchmark for a major US-based study on the use of force by police in America. In this report, Prof Christof Heyns recommended the UN adopt specific guidance on the use of less-lethal weapons, an underdeveloped area of international law, where the uncertainties often lead to abuse, injury and death, especially in the context of demonstrations.

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**Centre for Human Rights calls for judicial dialogue with African Union Court and citizen inclusion in electoral reforms following Constitutional Court judgment**

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**Centre and UNOHCHR co-host webinar on the right of peaceful assembly in Southern Africa in the context of COVID-19**

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<b>Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights expresses grave concern about high level and racialised nature of excessive force during lockdown</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP Law's Professor Ann Skelton, the UNESCO Chair of Education Law in Africa, has been appointed as a Visiting Professor in the Institute of Inspiring Children's Futures at the University of Strathclyde, Glasgow, Scotland</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Commemoration of International Albinism Awareness Day #MadeToShine</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Launch of the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor Dashboard</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>UP webinar on 'Future Africa Post-COVID-19' suggests researchers must play leading role in reshaping African society</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>COVID-19 Jurisprudence on the right of peaceful assembly and police use of force</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>COVID-19 Discussion Fora: Centre's discussion forum looks at the response of the African Union's Governance Architecture to COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>



**International Day of UN Peacekeepers: Peacekeeping, capacity to protect, and responsibility while protecting**

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**UP Law students rank 40th in the 'World Championship of Law Schools'**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that a UP Moot Society team represented South Africa in written format at the prestigious global rounds of the Philip C. Jessup International Moot Court Competition and subsequently ranked 40th in the world.

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**Centre hosts talk on COVID-19 and the shifting electoral landscape in Africa**

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**Centre for Human Rights presents first virtual advanced human rights short course: Judicial Enforcement of Socio-Economic Rights in Africa**

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**Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 5 - Ms Dianah Msipa**

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**COVID-19 Discussion Fora: Centre hosts fifth discussion forum for alumni and students on human rights protection and freedom from violence during the COVID-19 pandemic**

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**Statement by United Nations Working Group on discrimination against women and girls Responses to the COVID-19 pandemic must not discount women and girls**

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**Overview of Global and Regional Human Rights Standards on the Police Use of Force**

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**Centre hosts fourth discussion forum for alumni and students on the impact of COVID-19 in Africa**

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**Centre hosts talk on the need for businesses to respect and promote human rights in Africa during the COVID-19 pandemic**

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**UP Law (and UP) ranked No 1 in DHET report on South African universities' 2018 research outputs**

The 'Report on the evaluation of the 2018 Universities' Research Output' released by the Department of Higher Education and Training (DHET) towards the end of April 2020 reveals that the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) had produced the highest number of accredited research outputs.

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<b>Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 5 - Dr Anastacia Tomson</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Centre hosts talk on human rights abuses by police officers during enforcement of government responses to COVID-19 in Africa</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>COVID-19 Discussion Fora: Centre hosts third discussion forum for alumni and students on the economic and trade-related impact of COVID-19 in Africa</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Press Statement: Human rights organisations call on South African government to address the plight of sex workers during COVID-19 crisis in the interest of all South Africans</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Op-Ed: Vultures, doves and African debt: here's a way out</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights expresses concern about the withdrawal of direct individual access to the African Court by Benin and Côte D'Ivoire</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>World Press Freedom Day - The role of the media in tackling COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Use of force by police in African countries: UP Faculty of Law researchers to assist African Union in study of relevant laws</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>





<b>Centre for Human Rights statement to 2020 ECOSOC High Level Segment</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Africa Rights Talk: Season 2 Episode 4 - Dr Adrian Jjuuko</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Press Statement: Lessons from COVID-19 lockdown should inspire greater freedom</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Lesbian Visibility Day: Centre for Human Rights celebrates lesbian women and reaffirms the need for solidarity with lesbian community</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>African Commission publishes revised Declaration of Principles of Freedom of Expression and Access to Information in Africa amid COVID-19 crisis</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Press Statement: University human rights centres call for government intervention to prevent SA correctional centres from becoming COVID-19 killing fields</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Disability rights during the coronavirus pandemic: Launch of the COVID-19 Disability Rights Monitor</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>#AgeWithRights 10-Day Campaign on COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>





### Press release: University of Pretoria law academic appointed on international pandemic commission

The Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Professor Dire Tladi was appointed to serve on the Commission dealing with Pandemics and International Law of the Institut de Droit International, based in Geneva, Switzerland.

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### CHR statement on the plight of migrants in South Africa during COVID-19

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### Centre Master's graduates appointed to positions of great potential influence in Namibia and Uganda

Recently, three graduates of the Master's in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) programme, presented by the Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, were appointed to positions in which they are able to apply the theory of democratisation and human rights to make a difference in two African states, Namibia and Uganda.

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<b>New Africa Rights Talk episode: Adv Karabo Ozah, Director of the Centre for Child Law</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Continuity and change – The Centre for Human Rights in the time of COVID-19</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Centre's annual short course provides participants with an overview of contemporary issues in disability rights discourse in Africa</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Op-Ed: Governments should always assess the impact of economic reforms on citizens</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Short course on Disability Rights in an African Context is currently underway at UP</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Democracy and Civic Engagement Unit represents Centre for Human Rights at PAP Joint Workshop of Committees on 'Silencing the Guns'</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Op-Ed: The Intersectional Woman: Reflections on International Women's Day</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Annual short course on sexual minorities delves into numerous challenges still faced by LGBTIQ+ community in Africa</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<b>Women's Rights Unit works with Liberian Government to enhance human rights compliance</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>
<div>  <div> <p><b>Alumna of UP's Faculty of Law wins prestigious International Prize for best book in the law of armed conflict</b></p> <p>The Faculty of Law is proud to announce that UP Faculty of Law alumna Aniel de Beer's book on 'Peremptory Norms of General International Law (Jus Cogens) and the Prohibition of Terrorism' has been selected as the winner of the American Society of International Law Francis Lieber Prize for best book in the law of armed conflict.</p> <p><a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a></p> </div> </div>	
<b>Economic reforms that are consistent with human rights obligations</b>	<a href="#">Find out more &gt;&gt;</a>





### UP Law Team again displays ascendancy in National Jessup Moot Court Competition

Well done to the University of Pretoria's Jessup Mooting Team for winning (again) the South African Round of the 'Olympic Games' of moot court competitions in the world.

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Centre for Human Rights hosts the Pretoria edition of Cosmocafo on 'Transitional justice and equality'

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Centre hosts lecture by Prof Ruvi Ziegler on the voting rights of refugees

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Another doctorate conferred on a Faculty of Law lecturer - Dr Melanie Murcott

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Centre for Child Law Director Karabo Ozah appointed as member of Advisory Committee of Project 100D

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Team coached by UP Faculty of Law Wins Schools Moot Court 'World Cup'

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Centre for Human Rights alumni employ International Humanitarian Law to make an impact in Africa

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Op-Ed: What difference does the UN human rights treaty system make, and why?

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### Law graduate sets new record for youngest person to obtain UP Law doctoral degree

Law scholar Dr Marko Svicevic has set a new record for the youngest person (± 25 years and 3 months) to ever obtain a Doctor of Laws (LLD) degree from the University of Pretoria's (UP) Faculty of Law.

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More than 7 million children deprived of liberty worldwide' – study

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United Nations Sets Standards on Peaceful Assemblies and the Use of Less Lethal Weapons

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**Centre for Human Rights hosts colloquium on overcoming barriers to safe abortion in the African region**

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#### **UP Law well-represented at Southern African Law Teachers Conference 2020**

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is well represented at the upcoming Annual Conference of the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa, which will be hosted from 20 to 24 January 2020 in the Kruger National Park, Mpumalanga Province. The theme of the conference is 'Law, Nature and Sustainable Development'.

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**Promotions in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria**

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**TuksSport: 'Introvert' UP Law student finds freedom on the judo mat**

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