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

As we approach the second half of the year 2021, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria extends best wishes to our alumni, donors, friends of the Faculty, staff and students. We thank you for your positive contribution to make us the leading Law Faculty in Africa, as well as your continued commitment to enhance our presence and impact on the world stage.

In this edition of the Faculty newsletter, we take a journey of reflection over the first half of the 2021 academic year and our collective achievements as a Faculty. Looking back, we are grateful that we have accomplished a great deal so far this year, with more work that lies ahead.

We are fortunate in the midst of a pandemic to be surrounded by resilient and committed staff who rise to the occasion, adapting to the transition brought about by the new way of teaching and learning and striving to prepare our students for a successful professional life beyond the walls of the Faculty. Thanks to your sustained effort, our graduates will contribute to the development of our country beyond COVID-19 as ethical, well-informed and well-rounded individuals, carrying the torch of social justice into the future.

Thank you to all our alumni, donors, friends of the Faculty, students and staff for your loyalty and support. We stand together and together we make a difference.

Dean Elsabe Schoeman and Deputy Dean Charles Maimela



#UPYouthMonth: Get informed, raise awareness and take action to help your communities

Julia Tosi, law student and Chairperson of the UP Moot Society shared information about the UP Moot Society and how it helps the community

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#UPYouthMonth: 'The future we envision for ourselves and the nation is in our hands'

Semane Mokgohlwa, 2020/21 Chairperson of TEDxUniversityofPretoria shared more insight about the role of TEDxUniversityofPretoria and its impact on her community

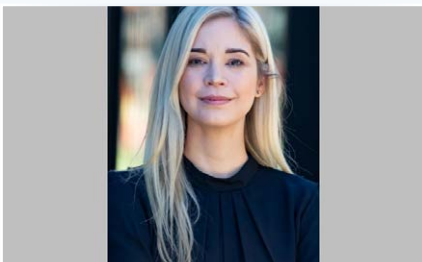
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UP signs MoU with Cornell University to strengthen existing relationship and focus on impactful projects

University of Pretoria (UP) Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Tawana Kupe and Cornell University Vice-Provost for International Affairs Professor Wendy Wolford have formalised an institutional agreement between the two universities during a virtual memorandum of understanding (MoU) signing ceremony.

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UP Law's Dr Martha M Bradley co-lectures at The International Institute of Humanitarian Law

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Dr Martha M Bradley, a lecturer in its Department of Public Law, joined the teaching staff of the Military Department of The International Institute of Humanitarian Law based in San Remo, Italy, by lecturing in two of its virtual courses during May 2021.

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Centre students hold a vigil to inspire hope for change for a better human rights protection in Cameroon

Students from the MPhil/LLM in Human Rights and Democratisation (HRDA) programme at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, held a vigil at the Future Africa Campus on 28 May 2021.

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'The end is always rewarding,' says UP graduate 'Mr Deadline' after completing two degrees in one year

From working odd jobs at a car wash and as a night-time security guard to fund his studies, Dr Perekeme Mutu has proven that resilience is the key to academic success.

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UP awards nine top-performing graduates for undergraduate excellence

Nine University of Pretoria (UP) students across all nine faculties were recently awarded the Vice-Chancellor and Principal's medal for maintaining an excellent average throughout their undergraduate studies. The medals were awarded to them during this year's autumn virtual graduation ceremonies.

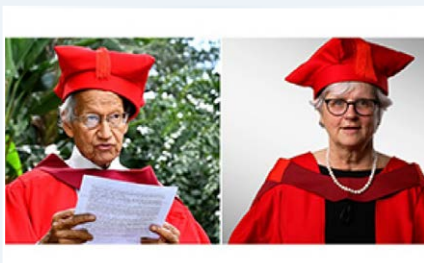
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Prof Joel Modiri appointed as Head of UP Law's Department of Jurisprudence

Professor Joel Modiri, who is the youngest current professor in the Faculty of Law and the University of Pretoria at large, has been appointed as the Head of the Department of Jurisprudence from 1 June 2021 for a four-year term.

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UP Faculty of Law confers two honorary doctorates in autumn 2021 graduations

The University of Pretoria's (UP) Faculty of Law (UP Law) has conferred honorary doctorates (honoris causa) on Professor Katharina Boele-Woelki and Professor Yash Pal Ghai during the 2021 autumn graduation session.

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UP academics win big at SA Academy for Science and the Arts Awards

Ten University of Pretoria (UP) academics and researchers took home top prizes in the recently announced Suid-Afrikaanse Akademie vir Wetenskap en Kuns (SAAWK/ South African Academy for Science and the Arts) annual awards.

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UP Law Moot Society wins regional international rounds of Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition

The University of Pretoria's (UP) Moot Society team recently emerged as regional winners of the 2020/2021 Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition.

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UP Law's Professor Dire Tladi appointed as First Vice-Chair of International Law Commission

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) announces with pride and extends its congratulations to Professor Dire Tladi on his election as the First Vice-Chair of the International Law Commission (ILC) for the 72nd Session on Monday, 26 April 2021. Prof Tladi has previously served as Chair of the Drafting Committee (2013) and General Rapporteur (2014) of the ILC. He is also currently its Special Rapporteur on Peremptory Norms of General International Law (Jus Cogens). The current session of the Commission is being held in Geneva from 26 April to 6 August 2021.

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UP Law's Professor Corlia van Heerden cited by Supreme Court of Appeal

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Professor Corlia van Heerden, its Absa Chair in Banking Law in the Department of Mercantile Law, has been cited by the Supreme Court of Appeal on 13 April 2021 in a long-anticipated decision on the enforcement framework for consumer disputes in terms of section 69 of the Consumer Protection Act (CPA), as well as dealing with defective motor vehicles.

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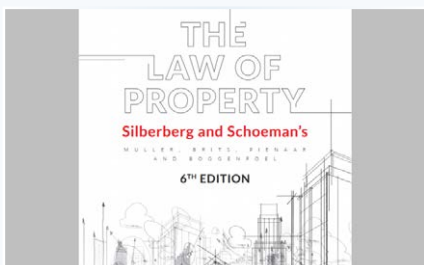


UP Law's Professor Zozo Dyani-Mhango participates in a Power Perspective 98.7 FM broadcast on 'The evolution of the judiciary'

UP Law's Professor Zozo Dyani-Mhango in the Department of Jurisprudence at the University of Pretoria (UP) participated in a Power Perspective 98.7 FM broadcast on 'The evolution of the judiciary' on 7 April 2021.

In the 'Power perspective' programme, which was broadcast from 21:00 to 22:00, Khaya Sithole spoke to radio guests Professor Zozo Dyani-Mhango, Mbekezeli Benjamin, Judges Matter: Research and Advocacy Officer, and Lawson Naidoo, Executive Secretary: Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution (CASAC) on the Judicial Service Commission and the appointment of judges.

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UP Law's Professors Gustav Muller and Reghard Brits cited by Mpumalanga and Eastern Cape High Courts

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Judge President Legodi, concurred in by Acting Judges Barnardt and Bam, has cited Professors Gustav Muller and Reghard Brits in the recent judgment of Remhoogte CC v The Jacob Durr Trust [2020] ZAMPMHC 14 (8 April 2021).

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UP Law's final farewell to Prof Christof Heyns and his incomparable legacy and life

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) paid its final tribute to the late Professor Christof Heyns on Friday, 16 April 2021, as per programme herewith, which was live streamed via YouTube.

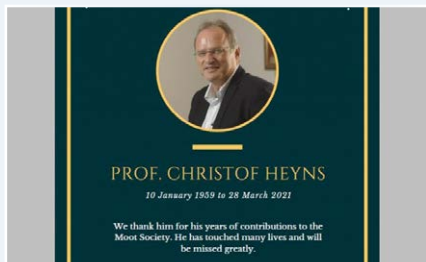
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UP Law celebrates and congratulates its 2021 Autumn graduates

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) extends hearty congratulations to all its students who virtually graduated (page 9 of the programme) on 15 April 2021 during the UP Autumn Graduation, which ceremony was live streamed on YouTube.

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A life well-lived: UP Moot Society's tribute to the late Professor Christof Heyns

It is with great sadness that we say goodbye to the key architect of the UP Moot Society, Professor Christof Heyns. The loss is felt greatly by all and we extend our thoughts and prayers to his family and friends left behind. While we say farewell, Professor Heyns' impact throughout the UP Law Moot Society will live on forever.

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UP Law alumnus Tevaughnay van Wyk appointed as State Advocate for Sexual Offences in the De Aar region

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that alumnus Mr Tevaughnay van Wyk has been appointed as the State Advocate for Sexual Offences in the De Aar region in the Northern Cape.

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UP Law team placed in top 8% in global moot court competition

The University of Pretoria's (UP) Moot Society team has placed 32nd out of 387 international teams in the recently held Willem C Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot competition.

The contest, which is one of the largest arbitration-based moot courts, was held virtually in response to COVID-19 and included more than 2 500 participants in 2020. It was the first venture by a Faculty of Law (UP Law) Moot Society team into the area of international arbitration.

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UP Law 2020 LLB-alumnus Nicholas Herd runner-up of the Administrative Justice Association of South Africa Student Essay Competition

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) announces with pride and congratulates 2020 alumnus Nicholas Herd on yet another great achievement from his pen dipped in legal ink.

The Administrative Justice Association of South Africa Student Essay Competition (AdJASA) awarded the second prize in this competition to Mr Nicholas Herd with his essay titled 'Watching The World Burn? Do Public Functionaries have a General, Constitutional Obligation to Investigate and Remedy Suspected Impropriety in Their Remit?'

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UP Law's Prof Zozo Dyani-Mhango participates in Inaugural Round Table Conversation organised by the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Human Rights Festival and Constitutional Hill

On Thursday, 25 March 2021, Professor Zozo Dyani-Mhango in the Department of Jurisprudence at the Faculty of Law (UP Law) of the University of Pretoria (UP) participated in the inaugural Round Table Conversation titled 'The Politics of the Rule of Law'. The Conversation was organised by the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Human Rights Festival and Constitutional Hill.

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IN MY OPINION: South Africa needs to address the lingering legacy of its police using excessive force

(By Frans Viljoen)

South Africa has a painful history of police using excessive force against protesters. In one of the worst incidents under the apartheid government 69 protesters were shot in cold blood by police outside a police station in Sharpeville in 1960.

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UP Law's Prof Steve Cornelius appointed to Independent Hearing Panel of Badminton World Federation

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) extends hearty congratulations to and announces with pride that Professor Steve Cornelius, Head of the Department of Private Law, has been appointed to the Independent Hearing Panel of the Council of the Badminton World Federation.

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Press Statement: The 13th Nelson Mandela World Moot Competition adopts a hybrid format

The 2021 Nelson Mandela World Human Rights Moot Court Competition will be held in an adjusted hybrid format due to the continued impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, the event's organisers have announced.

The preliminary rounds of the competition will be held online from 7 to 16 May 2021. The eight teams qualifying for the quarter-final rounds, to be held in person in Geneva, Switzerland, will be announced on 17 May 2021.

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UP experts explore dagga law dilemma in the workplace

Could an employee lose their job by consuming dagga outside working hours, especially in safety-sensitive industries where workers are prohibited from being under the influence of intoxicating liquor or drugs?

These are some of the legal and ethical dilemmas raised by medico-legal experts from the University of Pretoria (UP) in a recent research article in the South African Medical Journal (SAMJ).

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The Centre congratulates Professor John Osogo Ambani on his new achievements

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, wishes to congratulate its alumnus, Dr John Osogo Ambani on his recent appointment as the Dean and Associate Professor of the School of Law, Kabarak University, Nakuru, Kenya. Professor Ambani belonged to the 2006 LLM Class of the Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) programme. He also obtained his Doctor of Laws degree from the Faculty in 2016.

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Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights condemns excessive police force leading to death during student protest in Braamfontein

As Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, we express our sadness that on 10 March 2021, a human life was lost as a result of police violence. We grieve with the family and friends for this senseless loss of life. We condemn the apparent excessive use of force by the police in response to peaceful protest.

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This Women's Day, the Centre for Human Rights is celebrating women caregivers

In commemorating International Women's Day (IWD) this year, the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, seeks to draw attention to the role of women as caregivers, and to challenge the social, legal and economic foundations that cultivate negative perceptions and consequences for women in caregiving roles. The COVID-19 pandemic has been particularly instrumental in bringing into sharp focus women's caregiving burden globally, both in the work and family context.

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Final-year LLB student Ngwalemorwa Matsapola recognised by TED international

The Faculty of Law (UP) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Ngwalemorwa Matsapola, a 2021 final-year LLB student, had the honour to present a TEDx talk at TEDx University of Pretoria, titled "The pattern of mediocrity is what makes you relatable" in 2019, which is now featuring on the International TED.com website and on TEDx YouTube. This is an achievement of note as TED is judicious regarding the publication of global TEDx talks.

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UP Law's Professor Joel Modiri cited by Constitutional Court in King NO v De Jager

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Professor Joel Modiri, Head of the Department of Jurisprudence, was cited by the Constitutional Court in the recent landmark Constitutional Court judgement *King NO v De Jager*. The Court's cited his 2018 article, published in the SAJHR in 2018, is titled "Conquest and Constitutionalism: First Thoughts on an Alternative Jurisprudence" (Volume 34, Issue, pages 300-325).

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UP Law wins Africa Regional Round of the Monroe E Price Media Law Moot Court Competition

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) extends hearty congratulations to the UP team who was declared the winners of the Africa Regional Rounds of the Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition today! The team competed in the final rounds this afternoon and attended the subsequent prize winners' ceremony.

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Congratulations to Chazanne Grobler of UP Law on obtaining a Doctorate of Laws degree

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria proudly announces and congratulates Chazanne Grobler in its Department of Procedural Law on successfully defending her doctoral thesis, titled 'A regulatory framework for psycho-legal assessments in South Africa'. Grobler was supervised by Prof Pieter Carstens in the UP Department of Public Law.

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UP introduces new master's programme in insolvency and business rescue

The University of Pretoria's (UP) Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences (EMS), in collaboration with UP's Faculty of Law, has launched a first-of-its-kind master's degree in insolvency and business rescue, aimed at professionals who want to attain an advanced degree while continuing to work at their respective organisations.

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UP Law successfully delivers two postgraduate degrees in Extractive Industry Law in Africa

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to confirm that during October and November 2020, Adv Leon Gerber in the Department of Public Law, managed the successful delivery of two postgraduate degree programmes — the LLM in Extractive Industry Law in Africa, and the MPhil in Extractive Industry Policy, Management and Regulation.

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Retired Deputy Chief Justice Dr Dikgang Moseneke pays UP a visit

University of Pretoria (UP) Vice-Chancellor and Principal Professor Tawana Kupe recently hosted former Deputy Chief Justice Dr Dikgang Moseneke at UP. Dr Moseneke, who was awarded an honorary doctorate at a graduation ceremony at UP's Centre for Human Rights in 2018, had the opportunity to tour UP's latest establishments and projects such as the Javett-UP Art Centre, the Future Africa institute and campus, and the Engineering 4.0 complex.

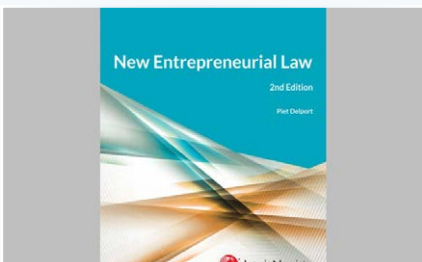
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Four UP Law moot court competition teams are 'warming up' for international competitions

Student teams of the Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) are 'warming up' with various practise sessions for a number of international moot court competitions scheduled for the first semester of 2021. They are the Willem C. Vis International Commercial Arbitration Moot; Monroe E. Price Media Law Moot Court Competition; International Children's Rights Moot Court; and Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition.

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UP Law's Prof Piet Delpont publishes latest book on 'New Entrepreneurial Law'

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) congratulates Prof Piet Delpont in its Department of Mercantile Law on the publication of his latest book update, New Entrepreneurial Law (Second edition, 2021).

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UP Law's Dr Melanie Murcott selected as participant in DHET Future Professors Programme Phase 1: Cohort 2.

Please join the Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) in congratulating Dr Melanie Murcott in the Department of Public Law on her selection as a participant in the DHET Future Professors Programme Phase 1: Cohort 2.

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**Statement of support for Professor Diala: Candidate of Nigeria for the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent**

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, wishes to support its alumnus, Professor Anthony Chima Diala on his recent recommendation to the Working Group of Experts on People of African Descent by the United Nations Consultative Group on the mandate on 22 January 2021. Professor Diala is one of the two candidates put forward by the Consultative Group out of 10 initially selected candidates. The election will take place during the 46th session of the Human Rights Council, between 22 February and 23 March 2021.

[Find out more >>](#)**UP Law's Dr Lorette Arendse selected as fellow of University of Michigan African Presidential Scholars (UMAPS) Programme**

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) extends hearty congratulations to Dr Lorette Arendse in its Department of Jurisprudence on her selection as a fellow of the University of Michigan African Presidential Scholars (UMAPS) Programme for the 2021/22 term.

[Find out more >>](#)**UP Law's Professor Zozo Dyani-Mhango joins Pan-African Scientific Research Council as inaugural fellow**

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Professor Zozo Dyani-Mhango in its Department of Jurisprudence has been selected to join the Pan-African Scientific Research Council as an inaugural fellow.

[Find out more >>](#)**Press Statement: Data Protection Day 2021 - Convention 108 Turns 40**

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, joins the commemoration of Data Protection Day, celebrated worldwide on 28 January. This year, it is the 40th anniversary of the Convention for the Protection of Individuals with regard to Automatic Processing of Personal Data, also known as Convention 108. On 28 January 1981, the treaty opened for signature by the member states and for accession by non-member states.

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Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights commends President Ramaphosa's signing of Political Party Funding Act

The Centre for Human Rights, Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria, welcomes and commends the signing of the South African Political Party Funding Act by President Cyril Ramaphosa. The Act will come into operation on 1 April 2021. The adoption of this law follows the ruling of the Constitutional Court on private political party funding in the case of *My Vote Counts NPC v Minister of Justice and Correctional Services and Another*, in which the Court reiterated that funding disclosure is part of the right to make informed political and electoral decisions.

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UP Law's Clireesh Joshua obtains Doctorate of Laws degree

The Faculty of Law (UP Law) at the University of Pretoria (UP) extends hearty congratulations to Clireesh Joshua (nee Cloete) in the Department of Private Law on obtaining her LLD, titled "The proprietary consequences of a successful estoppel defence".

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