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

As we approach the end of 2018, we wish to thank each individual and institution who has contributed to the continued success of the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria.

We gratefully reflect on the 2018 academic year and our collective accomplishments as a faculty in this newsletter - from our Class of 2018 completing their degrees to receiving confirmation that we have moved up the global ranking ladder from 92nd to 76th place by the 2019 Times Higher Education World University Rankings, and remaining the best law faculty in Africa. No small feat, and for us a culmination of the hard work over the years, in particular our current staff and student complement – from the most senior professor to our student bodies to those responsible for keeping our building clean.

We recognise the roles all of you have played and we thank you for the dedication, commitment and loyalty you have exhibited throughout the year.

Thank you for everything you have done to make today matter and for moving Law UP.

Wishing you and yours a happy, healthy, joyous, peaceful, and safe Festive Season as we bid farewell to 2018 and welcome 2019. May the year ahead hold great things in store for you all.

Dean André Boraine and Deputy Dean Birgit Kuschke



Make today matter

December 2018



University of Pretoria awards honorary doctorate to Justice Dikgang Moseneke

10 December 2018

Former Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke was awarded an honorary doctorate at the University of Pretoria's Centre for Human Rights Graduation Ceremony on Friday, 9 December 2018. The event, at which degrees were awarded to students in human rights, commemorated 100 years since the birth of former President Nelson Mandela, and 70 years since the adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights.

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Professor Dire Tladi puts UP Law on the global map again

07 December 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria (UP) is proud to announce that Professor Dire Tladi in the Department of Public Law has been awarded the very prestigious Fulbright Research Grant and will take up a position as Global Visiting Professor in Law at the University of California Irvine. During this period he will finalise his fourth report on *jus cogens* (a peremptory norm [Latin for "compelling law"] which refers to those rules of international law from which no derogation is permitted. In addition he will prepare the Commentary for the International Law Commission's Draft Conclusions on Peremptory Norms of General International Law which will likely influence the jurisprudence of international and national courts.

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UP Law academia promoted

04 December 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria extends hearty congratulations to the following staff members on their promotions effective 1 January 2019: Prof Monray Botha, Head of the Department Mercantile Law, from associate professor to full professor; Dr Reghard Brits from senior lecturer to associate professor; and Dr Tronel Joubert from lecturer to senior lecturer. Dr Charles Maimela in the Department of Private Law from lecturer to senior lecturer, and Dr Joel Modiri in the Department of Jurisprudence from lecturer to senior lecturer.

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UP Law says goodbye to Dr Isolde de Villiers from the Department of Jurisprudence

04 December 2018

On 4 November 2018 the Faculty of Law and in particular the Department of Jurisprudence at the University of Pretoria said goodbye to Dr Isolde de Villiers who has decided to pursue a post-doctoral fellowship at the University of the Free State as from February 2019. She is leaving the services of UP Law at the end of December 2018.

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A 'bull market' academic year for UP Mercantile Law

Posted by: Mercantile Law
02 December 2018

The Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that it has experienced a 'bull market' of a year.

[Find out more >>](#)



November 2018



Prof Christof Heyns to head drafting of UN guidelines on management of demonstrations 27 November 2018

Christof Heyns, professor in the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, was appointed by the United Nations Human Rights Committee, of which he is a member, to lead a two-year process to draft guidelines on the proper management of demonstrations. This will be the leading UN text setting out the international legal and other standards determining how States must approach mass protest and other forms of assembly.

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Dr Joel Modiri takes JUTA Prize-winning legal education paper to Columbia University and UCLA 21 November 2018

Dr Joel Modiri presented aspects of his award-winning research paper at Columbia University's Institute for Research in African-American Studies in New York earlier this month, and will talk about his research again at UCLA Law School in February 2019.

[Find out more >>](#)



UP Law student Ruvimbo Samanga reaches for the stars and beyond 21 November 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that one of its students, Ruvimbo Samanga, recently presented a paper at the 'African Leadership Congress in Space and Technology' in Abuja, Nigeria, where she became a member of the 'Space Generation Advisory Council for the United Nations' and that of the 'Women in Aerospace in Africa' Committee, promoting an African Space Agency.

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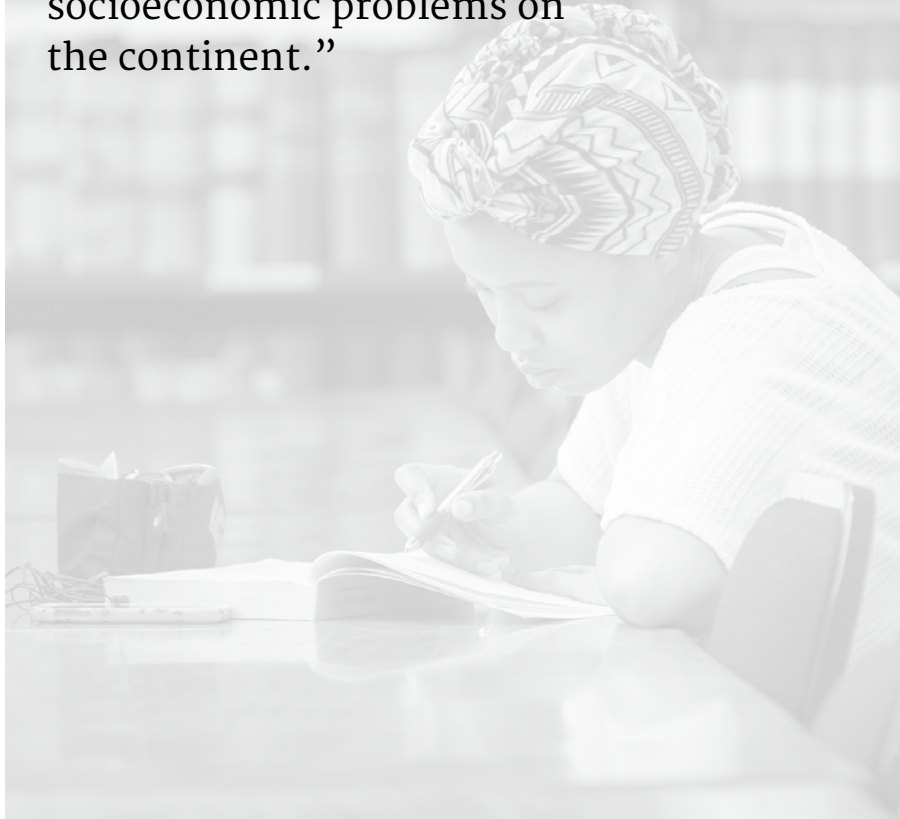


Our constitutional duty-bearers must urgently deliver proper toilets to learners – UP's Centre for Child Law 19 November 2018

When nature calls, we need a toilet. But a significant number of South African learners don't have one or don't have a reliable one. Poor sanitation in schools is prevalent nationwide. Gauteng and the Western Cape, for instance, don't have enough suitable sanitation facilities due to the influx of learners and the subsequent overcrowding.

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“Ruvimbo explains her passion for Space law as follows: 'It is innovative and engaging. On the former, it provides creative and viable options solutions to our socioeconomic problems on the continent.’”





The Centre for Human Rights Launches Resolution 275 Guidelines at the 63rd Session of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights

31 October 2018

The Centre for Human Rights in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria on 26 October 2018 held a side event on Resolution 275 of the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights.

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UP Law's Deputy Dean Birgit Kuschke elected as Vice-President of Association International de Droit des Assurances (AIDA)

19 October 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that its Deputy Dean, Prof Birgit Kuschke, was elected as the Vice-President of the Association International de Droit des Assurances (AIDA) last week in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. She is also the representative of the South African Chapter.

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UP Faculty of Law climbs worldwide ranking ladder to position 76

17 October 2018

The University of Pretoria (UP) has ranked 76th in the world for law, according to the latest 2019 Times Higher Education (THE) Law subject ranking, released today. It is the highest ranked South African Law Faculty and an improvement from 92nd to place 76th, increasing with 16 notches. It remains the best ranked law faculty in Africa and in the top 80 in the world.

[Find out more >>](#)



UP Law House rocked the House!

16 October 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is very proud to announce that its student body, Law House, has won most of the awards at last night's (15 October 2018) Department of Student Affairs' award ceremony for UP student structures. Best of all, Law House won the Faculty House of the Year Award. Other awards included Community Service (shared with House Humanities), Student Involvement and Campus Awareness.

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Conference on 'Eligibility to participate in women's sport'

12 October 2018

Sport and Recreation South Africa, in collaboration with the Department of Private Law and the Centre for Sports Law in Africa in the Faculty of Law, University of Pretoria hosted a conference on 'Eligibility to participate in women's sport' from 11 to 12 October 2018.

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Silver for UP mooters at Kvsie First Year Moot Court Competition

12 October 2018

On 2 October 2018, the UP Law team representing the University of Pretoria left for Bloemfontein to take part in the 14th Annual Kvsie Moot Competition. The team, comprised of Lauren Webber and Kyle Cloete, both first year BA Law students, was accompanied by coach Devan Falconer, fourth year LLB.

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Faculty of Law at University of Pretoria produces two of the Top 10 university students in the country

12 October 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that two of its law students were selected by GradStar as part of the Top 10 university students in the country. They are Michelle Oelofse and Kirsten Dempsey. The Top 10 in the country were selected from the Top 100 GradStars, a programme which recognises the Top 100 university students in South Africa based on readiness for the workplace and leadership skills. DHL GradStar receives 3 500 annual entries which they narrow down to the Top 100 – and from there to the ‘Ten of the Finest’ in the country and connecting them with potential employers and business mentors.

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Dr Joel Modiri wins JUTA Prize for the Best Legal Education Paper at Society of Southern Africa Law Teachers Conference

12 October 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria congratulates Dr Joel Modiri, a lecturer in the Department of Jurisprudence, on winning the JUTA prize for the best legal education paper at the Society of Law Teachers of Southern Africa Conference held during mid July 2018 in Cape Town. The paper Dr Joel Modiri presented works at the intersection of a sociology of legal knowledge and Black radical political thought and critical race theory.

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UP students become first African team to win Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition

09 October 2018

For the first time in its 26-year history, an African team – made up of students from the University of Pretoria – has won the International Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition. The team, consisting of students Simon Motsweni and Simon Botha, under the guidance of coaches Ruvimbo Samanga and Lawrence-John Maralack, walked away with the Lee Love Winners Award at the world finals, held in Bremen, Germany, on 4 October. Simon Botha also won the Sterns and Tennen Award for Best Oralist.

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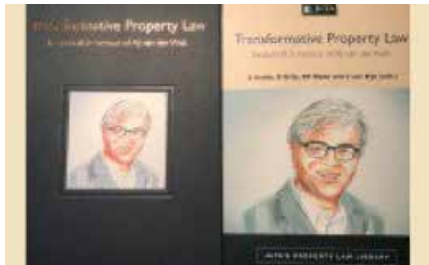


Another Doctorate of Laws in the UP Department of Mercantile Law

08 October 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria announces with pride that a doctorate degree was bestowed upon Tronel Joubert, which degree will be formally awarded on 31 October 2018.

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UP Law lecturers editors of 'Transformative Property Law - Fetschrift in honour of AJ van der Walt'

08 October 2018

Drs Gustav Muller and Reghard Brits in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria are the editors of the recently released authority on 'Transformative Property Law - Fetschrift in honour of AJ van der Walt' (Juta 2018). Dr Brits also contributed a chapter on 'Section 21 of the Insolvency Act and the final Constitution's property clause: Revisiting Harksen v Lane NO'.

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Statement by UP's Centre for Child Law on judgment protecting the identities of child victims, witnesses and offenders

05 October 2018

On 28 September 2018, the Supreme Court of Appeal handed down a judgment in a case dealing with the protection of the identities of child victims, witnesses and offenders. The case was initiated by the University of Pretoria's Centre for Child Law (CCL), with the aim to ensure that child victims of crime, previously not protected by the law, should not have their personal details published in any form of media. Furthermore, all children involved in criminal cases, whether as victims, witnesses or offenders, should have on-going protection even after they turn 18.

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October 2018 *(continued)*



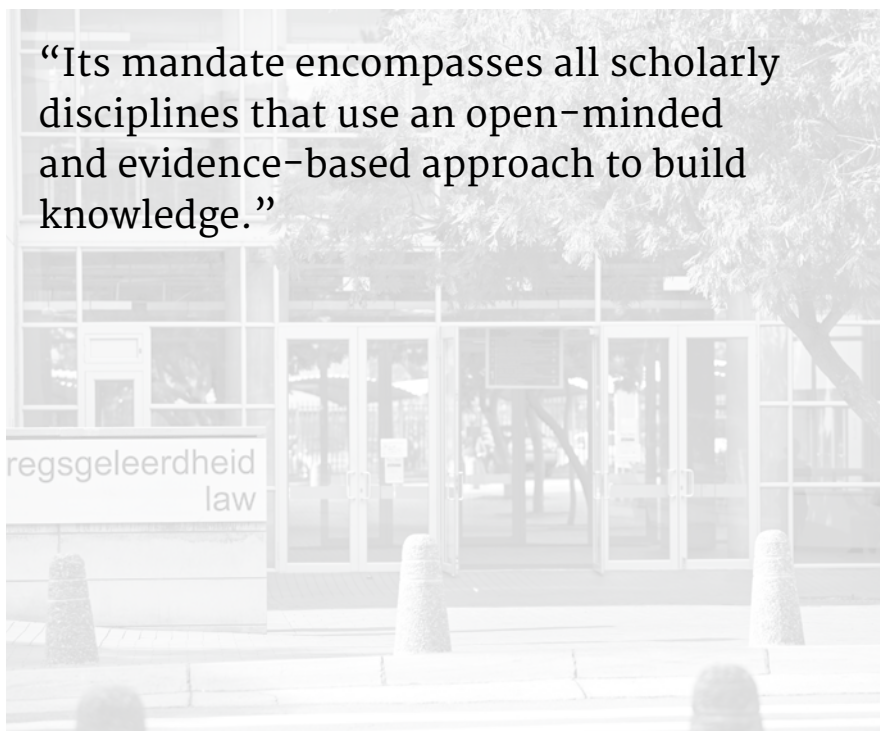
Three UP Law Professors elected as members of the Academy of Science of South Africa

05 October 2018

Hearty congratulations to Professors Charles Ngwena, Danny Bradlow and Erika de Wet in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria on their prestigious election as members of the Academy of Science of South Africa.

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“Its mandate encompasses all scholarly disciplines that use an open-minded and evidence-based approach to build knowledge.”



September 2018



President of Supreme Court of Appeal Maya delivers Helen Kanzira Lecture on maternal health at University of Venda

25 September 2018

President of the South African Supreme Court of Appeal on 19 September 2018 delivered the annual Helen Kanzira Memorial Lecture on maternal health at the School of Law at the University of Venda (UNIVEN). This event is co-hosted annually by the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, and one of the partner universities of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. Helen Kanzira, a graduate of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa, passed away in 2007 due to complications arising from giving birth. This year's Memorial Lecture addressed the theme 'Safe and voluntary motherhood a matter of human rights: We can do more'.

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UP Law students assist women inmates

20 September 2018

In 2017 a number of students in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria in the course "Law and Community" (CLW), taught by Dr Tshepo Madlingozi and Dr Isolde de Villiers in the Department of Jurisprudence, worked with inmates in Kgosi Mampuru 2 Correctional Centre. This had very positive results.

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Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies: Prof Christof Heyns and Dr Thomas Probert lecture on SDG 16

18 September 2018

The Faculty of Law recently hosted the latest in a series of Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) lectures at the University of Pretoria. For this lecture, talks were dedicated to SDG 16.

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UP Law research underpins resolution by European Parliament to ban killer robots 13 September 2018

On 11 September 2018, the European Parliament adopted a resolution calling for the elaboration of a binding international treaty to prohibit lethal autonomous weapons systems. One of the main sources cited by the resolution is research conducted by Prof Christof Heyns from the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria.

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UP Law publications ranked top 200 in the world 12 September 2018

The 2018 Academic Ranking of World Universities (ARWU), which was released on 15 August 2018 by Shanghai Ranking Consultancy, indicates that UP Law, based on publications, is ranked top 150 to 200 in the world. This is an impressive feat, given the fact that as of July 2018, there were 28 077 universities registered in the world.

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Pretoria University Law Press marks 200th publication with monograph by Prof Charles Ngwena 12 September 2018

The Pretoria University Law Press (PULP) on 11 September 2018 marked its 200th publication with the launch of a monograph by Charles Ngwena, titled 'What is Africanness: Contesting nativism in culture, race and sexualities'. This book has already been lauded as a significant contribution to ongoing discussions about race and identity.

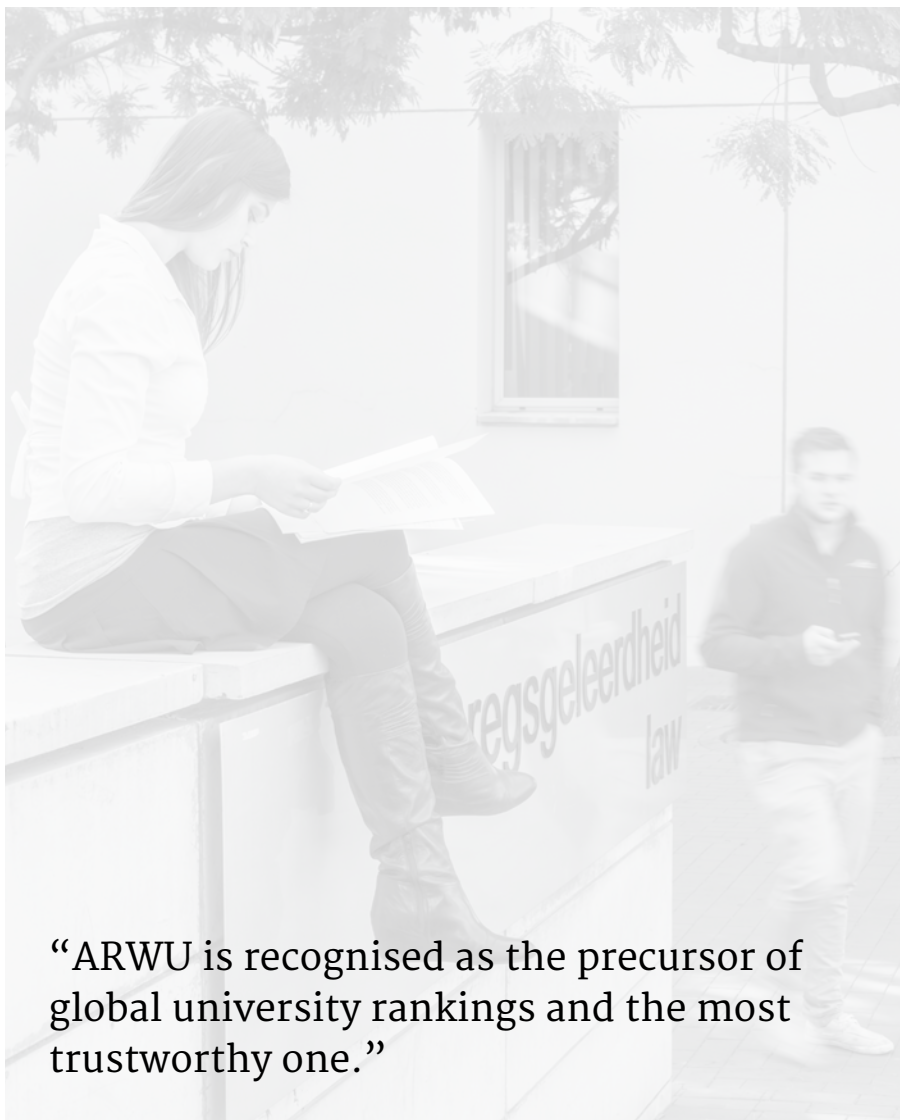
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Centre for Child Law requests Supreme Court of Appeal to protect the identities of child victims, witnesses and offenders 06 September 2018

In a media release dated 6 September 2018, the Centre for Child Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria asks the Supreme Court of Appeal to protect the identities of child victims, witnesses and offenders.

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“ARWU is recognised as the precursor of global university rankings and the most trustworthy one.”

August 2018



UP Law Professor Corlia van Heerden appointed as South African Research Chair of the IVZW Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht at Ghent University

23 August 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Professor Corlia van Heerden has been appointed as the South African Research Chair of the IVZW Tijdschrift voor Privaatrecht for the period 2018/19 at Ghent University in Belgium.

[Find out more >>](#)



Outranked, outmooted - UP Law victorious again

23 August 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that its African Human Rights Moot Court Competition team again outranked and outmooted other teams at the recent Competition held in Ghana. The UP Moot Society Team, consisting of Motlotleng Sebola, Nicholas Herd and Matikomborera Nyamadzi, was the overall winning team and Nicolas Herd was one of the Top 5 speakers.

[Find out more >>](#)



UP Law hosts 11th Annual Faculty Festival

22 August 2018

From 15 to 17 August 2018 the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria hosted its annual 11th Faculty Festival themed 'Year of the Womxn', celebrated and enjoyed by students and staff.

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SARCHI Professor Awarded DAAD Scholarship

22 August 2018

Prof. Erika de Wet, SARCHI Professor of International Constitutional Law, has been awarded a prestigious German Academic Exchange Service (DAAD) scholarship.

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Alumni Diaries 2000 to 2017 publication highlights the achievements of HRDA Alumni

21 August 2018

This publication commemorates 18 years of the Master's programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA).

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UP Law SARCHI doctoral candidate on the right of donor-conceived children to information concerning their genetic origins

13 August 2018

Rani Pillay, a SARCHI doctoral candidate at the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria, whose specialisation is in Child Law, Bioethics and Medical Law, was interviewed by the Sunday Times on 12 August 2018. Her press commentary was on domestic and foreign legal positions relating to the right of donor-conceived children to information concerning their genetic origins.

[Find out more >>](#)

August 2018 *(continued)*



Extraordinary professor at UP Law receives extraordinary recognition - Dr Gustav Brink, a Who's Who Legal's Thought Leader

07 August 2018

It is with great pride that the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria announces that one of its extraordinary lecturers in the Department of Mercantile Law and a specialist in International Trade Law issues, Dr Gustav Brink, has been elected as a Who's Who Legal's (WWL) 'Thought Leader' in the 'Trade and Customs Law' component. Although Who's Who Legal has included more than 600 people in the regular WWL list, only 27 persons have been identified worldwide as "Thought Leaders" in Trade and Customs Law.

[Find out more >>](#)



African Moot kicks off with opening address by President of Ghana

07 August 2018

27th African Human Rights Moot Court Competition started on an illustrious note!

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UP Law Mooters win award for 'Best Overall Respondent Memorial' at largest international moot court competition

06 August 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria announces with great pleasure and pride that its 2018 Philip C Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition team, who ranked fifth in the world at this competition, also won the Richard R Baxter Award for Best Overall Respondent Memorial. This announcement was made on 1 August 2018 by Lesley Benn, the Executive Director of the International Law Students Association (ILSA).

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July 2018



CHR, IHRDA, LHRC sue Tanzania before African Court for failing to protect persons with albinism

28 July 2018

The Centre for Human Rights - University of Pretoria (CHR), the Institute for Human Rights and Development in Africa (IHRDA), and the Legal and Human Rights Centre (LHRC) have sued the United Republic of Tanzania before the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights for its failure to ensure adequate protection of persons with albinism (PWAs).

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UP Centre for Child Law leads 'institutions' pillar of the global study on children deprived of liberty

26 July 2018

The Centre for Child Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is, together with UNICEF HQ, hosting a UN Global Study on Children Deprived of Liberty - Consultation on Children in Institutions in Pretoria from 26 to 27 July 2018. The main purpose of this event is international thematic consultations on children in institutions. The Centre for Child Law is leading the 'Institutions' pillar of the Global Study.

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Law House's Pads for Dignity Drive (PDD)

20 July 2018

You have classes to attend, university fees to be paid, textbooks to be bought, assignments to be printed, and all of this on an empty stomach. You are running low on cash and it is that time of the month. What to do? Unfortunately you forgot to carry a backup, or generally you do not even have a sanitary pad to begin with. As female students we have been caught off guard by our period on campus countless times' says the Vice Chairperson of Law House, Caroline Letsoalo.

[Find out more >>](#)



UP Laws young lawyers receive recognition on M&G 200 Young South Africans 2018 list
12 July 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce and congratulate its Centre for Child Law's senior attorney, Anjuli Maistry, and lecturer in the Department of Jurisprudence's, Dr Joel Modiri, for being featured on the prestigious 'Mail&Guardian's 200 Young South Africans 2018' list.

[Find out more >>](#)



Director of Centre for Child Law appointed as International Ambassador of BSC
10 July 2018

Prof Ann Skelton, Director of the Centre for Child Law, has been appointed an International Ambassador of The British Society of Criminology (BSC). The BSC's role is to maintain close links with the international criminological community and to spread the work of the society and its members globally.

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Centre for Child Law responds to the article on IOL titled Abused, orphaned children go hungry after R7 million 'disappears'
10 July 2018

In a media release dated 10 July 2018, the Centre for Child Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria expresses 'grave concern about the conditions reported in an IOL article dated 8 July 2018 regarding the treatment of the children housed at Father Smangaliso Mkhathshwa Child and Youth Care Centre ("CYCC").'

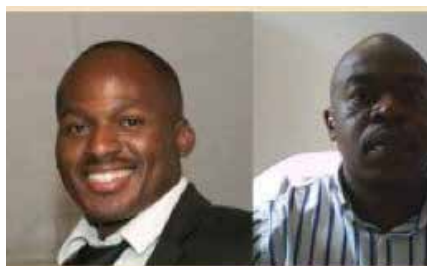
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Increasing child marriages in South Africa a reason for grave concern - Centre for Child Law
10 July 2018

The Centre for Child Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria, in a media release on 9 July 2018, expressed grave concern about the increasing incidences of child marriages in the South Africa and the impact that this has on children and children's rights. Child marriages deny the rights of children and subject them to a multitude of abuses.

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Department of Mercantile Law says goodbye to Doctors Carias Chokuda and Benjamin Kujinga
06 July 2018

In June 2018, the Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law said goodbye to Drs Carias Chokuda and Benjamin Kujinga who have decided to pursue other career avenues. Dr Carias started his employment on 1 January 2012 and Dr Kujinga on 1 July 2014.

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Space law in Africa not UP Law's final frontier
02 July 2018

On 28 June 2018, a UP Law moot court team consisting of two speakers, Simon Botha (LLB III) and Simon Motshweni (LLB II), coached by Ruvimbo Samanga (BA Law, LLB IV) and Lawrence-John Maralack (LLB IV) participated in the 2018 African Regional Rounds of the Manfred Lachs Space Law Moot Court Competition held at the Department of Trade and Industry. The teams' preparation included the drafting of Memorials or written arguments in time for submission deadline, along with preparations in presenting oral arguments.

[Find out more >>](#)



Dr Charles Maimela in the Department of Private Law obtains Doctor of Law degree in less than four years

22 June 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Charles Maimela in the Department of Public Law received confirmation of his successful completion of a Doctor of Laws through Unisa on 'Legal issues relating to the treatment of cancer' in middle June 2018. He was supervised by Prof MN Slabbert and co-supervised by Dr MM Mswela.

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CHR celebrates Albinism Awareness Day in eMalahleni and calls for the rights of persons with albinism to be realised

18 June 2018

On 13 June 2018, the Centre for Human Rights (the Centre) joined the Minister of Arts & Culture Nathi Mthethwa, Commissioner Nomasonto Mazibuko, Commissioner for Gender Equality and the Albinism Association of South Africa in the 5th commemoration of the International Albinism Awareness Day. The theme for this year's commemoration was "Shining Our Light to the World."

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Joint Press Statement: Centre for Human Rights and Centre for Child Law call for no child to be left behind

15 June 2018

On 16 June 2018, Africa commemorates the Day of the African Child 2018 under the theme "Leave No Child Behind for Africa's Development".

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Appointment of new Deputy Dean: Teaching and Learning at UP Law

14 June 2018

The University of Pretoria (UP) is pleased to announce the appointment of Professor Birgit Kuschke as Deputy Dean: Teaching and Learning in the Faculty of Law with effect 1 July 2018.

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Doctoral student Kenneth Sithebe awarded scholarship by prestigious Max Planck Institute in Luxembourg

14 June 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that one of its doctoral students affiliated with the SARChI Professorship in International Constitutional Law, Khulisumuzi Kenneth Sithebe, 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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Centre for Human Rights celebrates International Albinism Awareness Day by #CelebratingWomenWithAlbinism

13 June 2018

#CelebratingWomenWithAlbinism is a campaign by the Disability Rights Unit at the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria. The campaign aims to celebrate the achievements and to highlight the stories and experiences of women with albinism. The campaign was launched in 2018 on International Albinism Awareness Day on 13 June.

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June 2018 *(continued)*



Official Launch of the Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections in Africa

11 June 2018

In a landmark acknowledgement of the importance of the normative elaboration of the obligation of Member States with respect to the right of access to information in electoral processes, the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights (African Commission) adopted the Guidelines on Access to Information and Elections for Africa (the Guidelines).

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Pan African Parliament adopts a Resolution on Persons with Albinism in Africa

01 June 2018

On 18 May 2018, the Pan African Parliament (Parliament) adopted a Resolution on Persons with Albinism in Africa (Resolution).

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May 2018

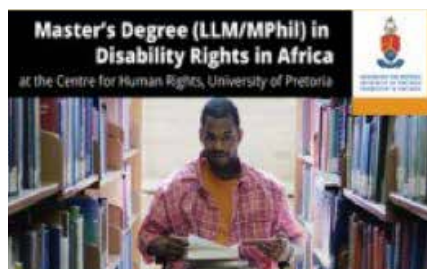


Pan African Parliament takes a strong stance on violence against persons with albinism in Africa

22 May 2018

On 16 May 2018 Ms Ikponwosa Ero, the UN Independent Expert on the enjoyment of human rights by persons with albinism, addressed the Pan Africa Parliament during its Sixth Ordinary Session which ended on 18 May 2018.

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Centre for Human Rights launches its Master's programme on Disability Rights in Africa (DRIA)

17 May 2018

The Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria is launching in 2019 a LLM/ MPhil (Disability Rights in Africa) degree.

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CHR kicks off its #AgeWithRights campaign by visiting Eersterust Welfare Organisation for the Aged

16 May 2018

"We teach our old people to be proud. Not to bend their head in shame or stoop because they paid to be here. They worked hard to be here!"

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May 2018 *(continued)*



Dr Reghard Brits a real asset to UP Law with his book on 'Real Security Law'

14 May 2018

On the evening of 10 May 2018 the University of Pretoria (UP) paid tribute to its 2017 exceptional academic achievers at an annual gala event. The Faculty of Law is proud to announce that Dr Reghard Brits in the Department of Mercantile Law received the Vice-Chancellor's Scholarly Book Award 2017 (page 16) at this event.

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Centre for Child Law representing University of Pretoria at Continental Conference on Access to Justice for Children in Africa

10 May 2018

The Centre for Child Law in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria is currently attending and representing UP at the Continental Conference on Access to Justice for Children in Africa held in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia. The Centre is represented by the Deputy Director, Karabo Ozah and Senior Project Coordinator, Zita Hansungule.

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PULP launches book on Mandela-appointed Constitutional Court Judges

10 May 2018

PULP launches a collection of essays dealing with the lives and judgments of the first Con Court Judges.

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Centre for Human Rights attends the opening ceremony of the Pan-African Parliament

10 May 2018

The Centre for Human Rights established a partnership with PAP through a Memorandum of Understanding which was signed on 27 October 2017.

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UP Law's academic stars shine bright at annual Recognition of Achievement Function

07 May 2018

On the evening of Monday, 16 April 2018, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria hosted its annual Recognition of Achievement Function to celebrate its 2017 academic achievers. This event, which is one of the highlights on the Faculty's calendar for staff, students and young graduates alike, creates a platform for bursars and donors, consisting of law firms and legal institutions, to be present at the handing over of awards and prizes to the top performers.

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April 2018



UP Law expert resigns from the IAAF Tribunal over new hyperandrogenism policy 29 April 2018

Prof Steve Cornelius, Sports law expert and Head of the Department of Private Law resigned from the International Association of Athletics Federations (IAAF) Disciplinary Tribunal in protest against the hyper-androgenism-rule that could result in female athletes being banned from international participation unless they undergo testosterone-reducing treatment.

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Record year for UP Faculty of Law Posted by: University of Pretoria 25 April 2018

In many ways, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria experienced a remarkably successful year in 2017. The Faculty conferred no less than 35 doctorates in law and 179 master's degrees in law at the three graduation ceremonies in September and December 2017 and April 2018, held for students who fulfilled the requirements for their respective degrees during the 2017 academic year.

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A law legend celebrates a sixty year legacy of teaching and lawyering

The Faculty of Law proudly extends hearty congratulations to Prof Johan van der Vyver, I. T. Cohen Professor of International Law and Human Rights and Senior Fellow at the Centre for the Study of Law and Religion and an Extraordinary Professor in the Department of Private Law at UP Law, who has recently been honoured for his sixty years of dedication to teaching and lawyering.

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UP Law mooters execute another successful siege on the Africa continent 20 April 2018

The Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that another UP Law Mooting team has walked away with mooting laurels from a recent regional 'Beyond Research FCTC Moot Court Competition' in Lusaka in the Republic of Zambia from 4 to 7 April 2018. The team consisted of oralists Palesa Serumula and Tebello Mosweu and Coach Ashley Makgatho.

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UP Faculty of Law says goodbye to Professor Linda Schoeman-Malan 20 April 2018

On Wednesday, 18 April 2018, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria said goodbye to Professor Linda Schoeman-Malan from the Department of Private Law after years of loyal service to the Faculty of Law and the University of Pretoria.

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South Africa should lead effort to ban slaughterbots as no country would be safe from fully autonomous weapons 16 April 2018

As nations convene at the United Nations in Geneva this week (16 April to 20 April 2018) to continue deliberations on "lethal autonomous weapons systems" or "killer robots", it is clear that the diplomatic process is moving too slowly. - Thompson Chengeta, a fellow at the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa in the Faculty of Law of the University of Pretoria, warns against killer robots and urges South Africa to join other African countries like Algeria, Egypt, Ghana, Uganda and Zimbabwe who are calling for a ban on killer robots.

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April 2018 *(continued)*



UP Law students top five in the Olympic Games of legal education 12 April 2018

The Philip C. Jessup International Law Moot Court Competition is the largest and most prestigious Moot Court Competition in the world, and the most direct way in which law faculties' students measure their strength against each other. From 1 to 7 April 2018 the UP Law team, consisting of Mary-Ann Gettliffe (LLM), Rohula Bilankulu (LLB III), Thomas White (LLB IV), and Sohela Surajpal (LLB II) competed against 680 law faculties representing 100 countries from around the world. The UP Law Team was one of the top eight teams that made it to the quarter-finals of the 'Jessup', hosted in Washington D.C., and was ultimately placed fifth overall.

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Faculty of Law says goodbye to Prof Danie Brand 02 April 2018

On Thursday, 29 March 2018, the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria officially said goodbye to Professor Danie Brand from the Department of Public Law who has taken up the position of Director at the Free State Centre for Human Rights at the University of the Free State.

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March 2018



CHR celebrates human rights at the inaugural Human Rights Festival 28 March 2018

From 23 to 25 March 2018, Constitution Hill in partnership with the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria, alongside other civil society organisations presented the first edition of the Human Rights Festival.

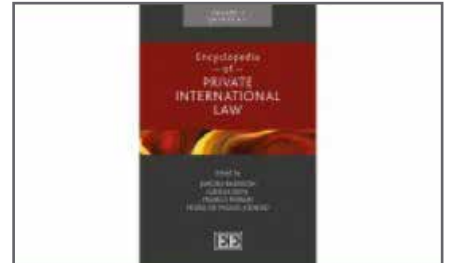
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Two UP Law Professors are again Exceptional Academic Achievers 26 March 2018

The Faculty of Law is proud to announce that Professors Ann Skelton (Director of the Centre for Child Law) and Christof Heyns (Director of the Institute for International and Comparative Law in Africa at the University of Pretoria and a member of the United Nations Human Rights Committee) have been selected as recipients of the Exceptional Academic Achiever's Award. These awards are based on their sustained excellent performances in their roles as Professors at the University of Pretoria. The formal awards will be made on 10 May 2018.

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UP Law professor a contributor to Encyclopedia of Private International Law which has won American Society of International Law merit award 19 March 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that Professor Elsabe Schoeman in its Department of Private Law has contributed to the Encyclopedia of Private International Law which has recently won the 2018 ASIL Certificate of Merit for High Technical Craftsmanship and Utility to Practicing Lawyers and Scholars.

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March 2018 *(continued)*



Centre welcomes 58 human rights students at its annual Master's Programmes Welcoming Ceremony

19 March 2018

On Friday 16 March 2018 the Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria welcomed the 2018 cohort of its Master's degree students.

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Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa alumnus appointed as Dean of Faculty of Law, University of Zimbabwe

14 March 2018

The Centre for Human Rights congratulates Dr Innocent Maja on his recent appointment as Dean of the Faculty of Law at the University of Zimbabwe effective from 1 April 2018 for a period of four years.

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Faculty of Law Teaching Award goes to Dr Carika Fritz in the Department of Mercantile Law

12 March 2018

Warm congratulations to Dr Carika Fritz on being the recipient of the University of Pretoria Faculty of Law Teaching Award for 2017. The evaluators had high praise for Dr Fritz in the Department of Mercantile Law, and for the runner-up, Prof Steve Cornelius, Head of the Department of Private Law.

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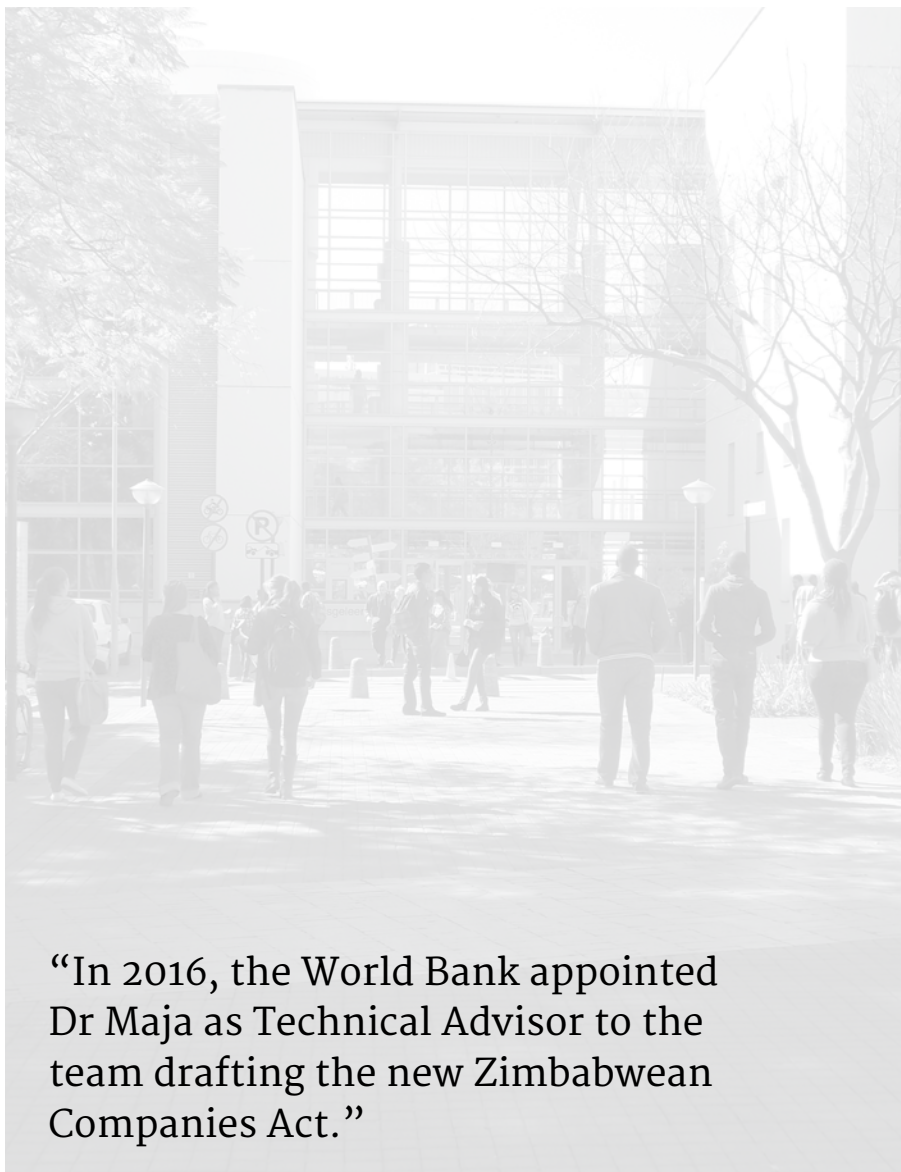


The sky is not the limit for Space Law pioneer Prof Stephan Hobe and UP Law Master's students

08 March 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria takes great pride in the fact that international Air and Space Law expert and extraordinary professor in the Department of Public Law at UP Law, Prof Stephan Hobe, has just completed his eight annual academic visit to UP Law since 2011. The purpose of these annual visits is to present a two-week lecture to UP Law's Master's students enrolled for its Air, Space and Telecommunications Law programme.

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“In 2016, the World Bank appointed Dr Maja as Technical Advisor to the team drafting the new Zimbabwean Companies Act.”

February 2018



UP to represent South Africa in Jessup International Moot Court Competition

Posted by: University of Pretoria
27 February 2018

The University of Pretoria (UP) has for the 14th time won the South African round of the Philip C Jessup International Moot Court Competition, held in Cape Town recently.

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Doctor of Philosophy tackles the relationship between law, race and power in post-1994 South Africa

15 February 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that one of its staff members has, at the age of 26, qualified as a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) on Thursday, 15 February 2018. Dr Joel Modiri's thesis, titled "The Jurisprudence of Steve Biko: A Study in Race, Law and Power in the Afterlife of Colonial-apartheid" addresses the relationship between law, race and power in post-1994 South Africa.

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Global public health issue of patient safety under the spotlight in Doctor of Laws thesis

14 February 2018

The Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria is proud to announce that another one of its staff members has qualified as a Doctor of Laws on Monday, 12 February 2018. Dr William Oosthuizen's (29) thesis, titled 'Reconciling patient safety and liability: Lessons from a Just Culture' deals with the serious global public health issue of patient safety.

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Centre for Human Rights welcomes the adoption of the Joint General Comment on Ending Child Marriage

12 February 2018

The Centre for Human Rights welcomes the adoption of the Joint General Comment on Ending Child Marriage by both the African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights of the Child.

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Centre for Child Law serves on Expert Group on Parentage/Surrogacy Project of the Hague Conference

05 February 2018

The Centre for Child Law's Deputy Director and attorney, Karabo Ozah, has been invited to take part in the third meeting of the Expert Group on Parentage/Surrogacy Project. The meeting will take place in The Hague from 6 to 9 February 2018.

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Alumna appointed to UN Working Group 30 January 2018

The Centre for Human Rights congratulates Ms Meskerem Geset Techane, an alumna of the Class of 2011 of the LLM/MPhil in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa (HRDA) programme, who was recently appointed into the United Nations Working Group on the issue of discrimination against women in law and in practice (Working Group). She is among four other experts that make up the Working Group.



TuksLaw launches new authority on Consumer Protection Law in South Africa 30 January 2018

On 25 January 2017, the Department of Mercantile Law in the Faculty of Law at the University of Pretoria launched the highly-anticipated Consumer Protection Law in South Africa Second Edition by Evert van Eeden and Jacolien Barnard, an associate professor in the Department of Mercantile Law. The Consumer Protection Act 68 of 2008 has had a major impact on the way in which suppliers and consumers do business. This publication provides essential commentary to the legislation and case law, highlighting the main issues of consumer protection law from both a business and legal perspective. The key speaker at this event was Advocate Neville Melville, Legal Consultant and former Consumer Goods and Services Ombudsman.



Centre for Human Rights granted observer status with African Children's Committee 15 January 2018

During the 30th session of the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (African Children's Committee) held in Khartoum, Sudan, from 6 to 16 December 2017, the African Children's Committee granted observer status to the Centre for Human Rights.

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Visit www.up.ac.za/en/faculty-of-law/article/2706801/jessup-fun for more details on the competition and how to make a contribution.

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