

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Education

LL.D.	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (2005) “The constitutional right to social assistance as a framework for social policy in South Africa: Lessons from India”
LL.M. (<i>cum laude</i>)	University of Port Elizabeth (2002) “The constitutional right of access to social security”
LL.B.	Rhodes University (2000)
B.A.	Rhodes University (1998)
Certificate	University of Oxford / George Washington International Human Rights Law Programme (New College, Oxford) (2006)

Experience (NMMU)

• Executive Dean: Faculty of Law	Since June 2016
• Acting Executive Dean: Faculty of Law	April-May 2016
• Head of the Department of Public Law: Faculty of Law	2013 - May 2016
• Professor of Law: Department of Public Law	Since 2011
• Deputy Head of the Labour and Social Security Law Unit	Since 2007
• Acting Head of Department: Department of Public Law	Jan – June 2011
• Associate Professor: Department of Public Law	Nov 2007 – Nov 2011
• Senior lecturer	Dec 2004 – Oct 2007
• Lecturer	Jan 2003 – Nov 2004
• Contract lecturer	2001 - 2002

Experience (CCMA)

• Served as a part-time Senior Commissioner	2009-2018
• Accredited as a Commissioner	Since 2005

Experience (Attorney)

• Admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa	2002
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- Consulting Attorney to Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc. Since Jan 2016
- Consultant to Burmeister de Lange Soni Inc. 2006 – 2015
- Candidate Attorney, Professional Assistant, Director, Soni Inc. 2000 - 2005

Recent Highlights

- Chair of the International Labour and Employment Relations Association (ILERA) working group on social protection Since 2017
- Appointed by the South African Law Deans' Association as its representative to serve on the new Legal Practice Council of South Africa 2018
- Appointed as a member of the International Scientific Committee: Labour Law Research Network 4th Conference, Chile, 2019 2018
- Appointed as a member of the Advisory Board of the South African Judicial Education Journal 2017
- Recipient of the Emerging Old Rhodian Award 2015
- Invited member of the African Leadership Network 2015 - 2019
- Appointed by the National Research Foundation of South Africa (NRF) to the Special Panel of Experts for Law 2015 - 2019
- NMMU Faculty of Law Researcher of the Year for five consecutive years 2011 - 2015
- Certificate of Recognition from the Law Society of South Africa for "a significant contribution to the development of the School for Legal Practice in South Africa" 2015
- One of three young South Africans nominated by the NRF to attend the *Science and Technology in Society Forum* (Kyoto, Japan) 2015
- Inducted as a member of the South African Young Academy of Science (SAYAS) 2014
- Finalist for CEO Communications' "Titans – Building Nations Award" in the Academic, Education and Training section 2014
- Rated by the NRF as an Established Researcher (C2 Category) 2014 onwards
- Selected to feature in the Mail & Guardian's list of "200 Young South Africans" 2013
- Nominated as one of the Nelson Mandela Business Chamber's "Top 40 under 40s" 2012
- Overall winner: Golden Key Society Lecturer of the Year - NMMU 2013 and 2008

Publications/Presentations

- Complete list attached.

Research Affiliations

- Consultant to the Institute for Social Law and Policy (ISLP) and the International Institute for Social Law and Policy (IISLP) (full details of research / policy documents produced contained in attached publications list) Since 2009
- Visiting Professor at the National Law School of India University's Centre for the Study of Social Exclusion and Inclusive Policy (CSSEIP), Bangalore, India 2011 – 2013
- Invited member of Juta's "Annual Labour Law Seminar" presentation team (along with Prof John Grogan and Mr Puke Maserumule) Since 2014
- Visiting Professor at the Indian Law Society Law College (ILS), Pune, India Jan – June 2010

Teaching and Supervision Experience

- Promoted six LLD theses, six LLM dissertations and five LLB final year treatises to successful completion 2007 to date
- Currently supervising / co-supervising approximately ten students As at 2018
- Extensive lecturing experience on LLM programmes, post-graduate diploma courses (also in SADC) and certificate courses run by various universities in South Africa Since 2001
- Invited lecturer: Port Elizabeth School for Legal Practice 2004 - 2015
- Trained / facilitated aspects of labour / social security law to CCMA Commissioner Candidates, various trade union members, shop-stewards, parliamentarians and government officials Since 2002
- Lecturing on the LLB programme at NMMU Since 2001

Recent Educational and Research Leadership

- Invited contributor to the *Revue de Droit comparé du Travail et de la Sécurité sociale* Since 2017
- Appointed as an external examiner at doctoral level, masters level and undergraduate level for a number of South African universities Ongoing
- Peer-reviewer for various accredited South African law journals Ongoing

- Member of the Coordinating Committee, *International Labour and Employment Relations (ILERA) 17th World Congress* (Cape Town) 2015
- Editorial Committee Member of law journals in South Africa, Nigeria and India Ongoing
- Member of Senate, NMMU Since 2005
- Member of Senate on the NMMU Institutional Forum Since 2011
- Member of Senate on the NMMU Sport Committee Since 2008
- Elected member of the NMMU Executive Committee of Senate (ECS) Since 2015
- Faculty of Law Member to the NMMU Honorary Degrees Committee Since 2015
- Council Member of the Society of Teachers of Law in Southern Africa 2008 - 2009
- Member of NMMU Student Disciplinary Investigation Committee (appointed by the Vice-Chancellor for student offences) 2003 - 2005
- Elected NMMU Senate Member on the Public Lectures Committee 2010 - 2013

Directorships / Advisory Board Memberships

- Independent Director: Cricket Eastern Cape (Pty) Ltd 2012 - 2016
- Advisory Board Member: Centre for Law in Action (CLA), Nelson Mandela University Since 2014
- Governing Council Member: St George's Preparatory School Since 2015

Pro Bono Community Involvement and Student Development Activities

- Assist Legal Aid South Africa (via Adv. Lilla Crouse, Senior Litigator) on an *ad hoc basis* in respect of impact litigation 2014 onwards
- Part of a South African Society for Labour Law (SASLAW) initiative to offer *pro bono* legal services at the premises of the Labour Court in Port Elizabeth 2011 - 2013
- Appointed mentor for the Business Women's Association 2009 - 2015
- Appointed mentor for Mandela-Rhodes Scholars 2008 - 2009
- Advisor to the University Black Lawyers' Student Association 2011 - 2015
- Honorary Member of the Golden Key International Honour Society Inducted in 2007
- Honorary President of the Law Students' Society 2005

