



The Black Lawyers' Association Student Chapter (BLASC) UCT Branch Chapter



About:

The Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter (BLASC), was founded as an organisation of students, committed to the ideals of democracy, freedom and peace. Membership of the BLASC is open to registered law degree students irrespective of colour, race, gender or creed, provided that they accept BLASC/s policies and principles. The BLASC seeks to play an active role in the struggles of the community and the building and defence of democracy. We strive to achieve fundamental social change for the benefit of all young people, women, previously disadvantaged persons, previously disadvantaged communities and disabled persons.

The Black Lawyers Association Student Chapter is committed towards a democratic society, an independent judiciary and the legal fraternity that is transparent, accountable, non-sexist, non-racial and seeks to promote academic excellence.

The BLASC UCT's aims, which are to be achieved through events and student and faculty engagement, can be found in s5 of our constitution and can be summarised as follows:

"The BLASC shall:

- 5.1 Be committed to social transformation, foster, protect and uphold the rights and interest of its members;
- 5.2 uphold, protect and advance human rights, civil liberties and the Rule of Law;
- 5.3 co-operate with bodies that have similar objectives;
- 5.4 fight and challenge all discriminatory practices;
- 5.5 be and remain non-sectarian politically;
- 5.6 actively develop programs to create a non-racial, non-sexist judicial and legal education system and or society;
- 5.7 be the national and international voice for its members;
- 5.8 strive for the empowerment of women;
- 5.9 strive for the empowerment of historically disadvantaged persons, previously disadvantaged communities and disabled persons ;
- 5.10 without limitation to its aims and objectives mentioned herein, do all or any of the things which advance its image."

Meet Your 21/22 Branch Executive Committee:

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