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Dear Alumni and friends

At the Faculty of Law we are deeply engaged with emergency remote teaching and learning. While this has presented its own unique challenges – both foreseen and unforeseen - our academics, administrators and students are quickly learning to adapt to new formats, platforms, technologies and "classroom" dynamics.

Responsive Research

In amongst the challenges of remote teaching, our academic research continues with individuals and research units maintaining output, writing new publications, and developing new projects. Amongst many other examples of socially engaged work in the Faculty, our Democratic Governance and Rights Unit (DGRU) has continued to facilitate free access to case law across the continent. DGRU has a *COVID Corner* on the AfricanLII website, which includes regulations from 7 African countries as well as materials on the response of the Justice sector in South Africa. The team monitors the gazettes and updates the regulations daily. To find out more about these resources, have a look at the AfricanLII site at the button below left.



One way to keep in touch with some of DGRU's work is to subscribe to the Judicial Institute for Africa's weekly newsletter. Written by leading African legal journalist Carmel Rickard, each edition

includes analysis of judgments and other legal news relating to Covid-19. The newsletter reaches over 400 African judges and justice sector professionals, and you can subscribe by going to http://www.jifa.uct.ac.za/newsletter-2.

Alumni Events & Activities

At UCT Law, we are committed to being a resource in support of our broad Alumni community. It therefore makes me even more unhappy to confirm that we need to postpone our alumni gatherings and events to next year. In the meantime, we are always pleased to engage with our alumni on the UCT Alumni Connect platform (join at the button, below right), where you can share news and information – with us and with your fellow alumni - about your life in Law.

Excellence in Law

Many of you are familiar with, and contributors to, the Faculty's *Growing a Lawyer* fundraising campaign. Our current focus is *Excellence in Law*, which builds on the success of the Faculty's fundraising over the last decade as we seek to encourage our alumni to contribute to and invest in student development and student excellence at undergraduate and postgraduate levels. You will hear more from us in June about *Excellence in Law*.

I wish you and your families health and safety, wherever you are in the world – and I do look forward to seeing you in the not-too-distant future when we are able to socialise in person.

Warm regards Danwood

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