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## Faculty of Law NEWS



### Dear Faculty Staff, Alumni and Friends

This year has predictably flown by, with UCT Law academic staff and students engaged in a wide range of exciting research initiatives, publications, fellowships, seminars, symposia and workshop events. Several academic staff members have received ratings from the NRF, indicating their excellence in research.

The Faculty has faced many challenges, along with the rest of the university, and 2017 has required considerable introspection. We are currently assessing the lessons learnt from our experiences with blended learning, to evaluate the lessons for future innovations in teaching and learning techniques.

In particular, we will explore more creative use of technology in our programme of legal education. These issues, amongst others, form part of the Faculty's strategic initiatives as

well as the Improvement Plan in line with the CHE requirements and our LLB accreditation. As shared in various communications, we are fully committed to working with the CHE to ensure that our accreditation is in place.

As Dean of Law, my priorities include the growth of student bursaries and scholarships, Faculty equity and transformation initiatives, support for Faculty research, growth in the Faculty's technology capabilities (in both learning and teaching), and professional career development for staff and students.

As part of the UCT Faculty of Law's community, you are central to our focus on excellence, transformation and equity, especially regarding teaching and research. I look forward to ongoing engagement with you all. I especially welcome comments from you about various issues that impact us in mutual ways, or where you may be able to guide and support UCT Law. I remain open to any questions that you may have about our strategic plan, LLB accreditation, or other relevant matters.

I am deeply grateful for your support of UCT Law.

*Penny Andrews*



### 2017 Alumni Reunion

The 2017 Alumni Reunion Weekend has happened! The Reunion took the form of a wonderful weekend of events at which we honoured long-time colleague and friend, Judge Dennis Davis - for his work as Judge, Scholar, and Teacher. [Page 2](#)



*Kaede Wildschut & Goksen Effendi - LPC*

### Legal Professionals Law Clinic

Law clinics and pro bono legal services are a core part of the legal profession's working day. So what about people who are unable to offer pro bono services during the week? [Page 3](#)

# The UCT Faculty of Law 2017 Alumni Reunion Weekend

## An overview of the Reunion

The 2017 Law Alumni Reunion took place on 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November, with the Class of 1967 celebrating their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the Class of 1977 celebrating their 40<sup>th</sup>, the Class of 1992 their 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and the Class of 1997 their 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary – amongst many others.

We hosted Mr Peter Butland and Mr Peter Pearson for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary; Mr Louis Rood for his 45<sup>th</sup>; Jonathan De Wet and Brendan Manca for their 35<sup>th</sup>; with Piet Wesselink representing the Class of 1987 for their 30<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

The Faculty was very pleased to have alums from across the board. From the Class of 1954 we hosted Mr Neil Jowell. Also with us were Mr Daryl Burman (Class of 1956), and Mr Alec Pienaar and Mr Neville Rubin (Class of 1960). Our youngest Alums were Nomalanga Gule (Class of 2014) and Darren Brookbanks (Masters 2015).

We were also delighted that Mr Benny Rabinowitz joined us for the Reunion Dinner. Mr Rabinowitz is a long-term friend and supporter of the Law Faculty, and kindly sponsored a table.

Many members of our South African law community have been taught by

Judge Davis, and no doubt many of you will have been influenced by his work over the last few decades. Judge Davis' impact - on the judiciary, and on research and teaching of law - is huge, and warrants appropriate recognition.



For this reason, the Faculty decided to use the 2017 reunion to honour Judge Davis as a long-time Law Faculty member and Judge at the Western Cape High Court (along with numerous other key appointments, including as the Chair of the Davis Tax Committee). Such recognition is in line with a series of events in the past year to honour UCT Law Academic staff: Prof Hugh Corder in October 2016; Profs Chuma Himonga and Tom Bennett in March 2017; and Profs Rashida Manjoo and Dee Smythe in August 2017.

The Reunion kicked off on Thursday 23rd November at 17h00 with the 2017 Ben Beinart Lecture, delivered

this year by Professor Antony Anghie of the National University of Singapore, author of *The Third World and International Order: Law, Politics and Globalization*.

The symposium comprised five panels (and a "Judge For Yourself" panel to quiz Judge Davis himself!), packed with the who's who of South Africa's legal fraternity, as well as professors and judges from elsewhere – all of whom paid tribute to Judge Davis' work, while also sharing memories of their work with Judge Davis and poking fun at the esteemed legal scholar and practitioner.

The Alumni Reunion Dinner, held in the grand Smuts Hall Residence Dining Room on Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2017, was a celebratory affair with classmates of old talking up a storm and enjoying the opportunity to reminisce. With former Finance Minister Pravin Gordhan as the dinner speaker, the evening was a fitting recognition and celebration of Judge Dennis Davis.



For photographs of the symposium and the dinner, visit the UCT Law facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/UCTLaw/>, our website at [www.law.uct.ac.za](http://www.law.uct.ac.za) or our UCT Alumni Connect platform at <https://uctalumconnect.com/Groups/PlatformGroup/11> (you need to join the Connect platform first!)



## The Legal Professionals Law Clinic: UCT Alumni Give Back

by Kaede Wildschut

The law can be used as a tool to give effect to social development as envisaged by the Constitution. With this in mind, many UCT alumni are using their legal education to contribute to supporting local communities.

With the backing of the UCT Law Clinic, two such alumni - Kaede Wildschut and Gökşen Effendi - have founded the *Legal Professionals Law Clinic* – a monthly law clinic which offers workshops on relevant legal issues and provides free advisory and referral services

The LP Law Clinic is based in Athlone in Cape Town, and serves community members from surrounding areas including Hazendal, Manenberg, Hanover Park and Gugulethu. Clients seek legal advice on a broad range of issues from the drafting of wills, to maintenance issues, divorce and property disputes.

Wildschut and Effendi facilitate each Clinic with the assistance of volunteers with diverse legal backgrounds. The Clinics are held on Saturdays for the convenience of clients and the volunteers who work during the week.

This model of legal engagement allows for those in the legal

profession to give back to communities and for the people from these communities to receive legal assistance from skilled advisors.

The Clinic has been running monthly since March 2017, assisting an average of 35 clients each month. “We are glad to do what we can to increase access to previously exclusionary legal systems and to provide relief to people who cannot afford legal services,” says Wildschut.

For further information on the Legal Professionals Law Clinic contact [yplclinic@gmail.com](mailto:yplclinic@gmail.com).



## Excellence in the Faculty - students, staff & alumni

Our staff and students continue to perform with excellence.

The 2016 Top Final Year (LLB) Students, published by the South African Law Magazine, Without Prejudice, featured six students from UCT. These students were identified for having graduated *Magna Cum Laude*. Our graduates are also involved in taking UCT Law's excellence to other parts of the world, raising the profile and presence of UCT Law Alumni internationally.

The Faculty congratulates all these outstanding alumni. We share with you below a few stories of success from amongst our many outstanding graduates and current students. The following postgrads have been accepted into programmes and

fellowships at prestigious universities in the US and UK:

**Kevin Minofu** (LLB 2014) has been accepted to Columbia and started his LLM in September.

**Ibtisaam Ahmed** (LLB 2015) has been accepted to read for the LLM degree at Cornell Law School.

**Imran Daniels** has been awarded the prestigious Joseph Carrere Fox International Fellowship and accepted into the Yale Graduation School in the Whitney and Betty MacMillan Center for International and Area Studies, at Yale University. Mr Daniels's research will focus on the compatibility of Controlled Foreign Company Legislation with Model-based bilateral tax treaties to aid emerging jurisprudence in fiscal policies for developing countries.

**Mikhove Maphiri** completed her LLM at UCT, and has gone straight on into a PhD. In July this year, Maphiri has returned from a 6-week fellowship at Cambridge, where she represented UCT Law at the *Visions For The Future Global Programme*, working with experts from the University of Cambridge on issues relating to the “future” and drawing on beliefs, astronomy, medicine, climate change, scientific discovery, international relations and development, financial crises, disease, war and space travel. Shortly thereafter, Maphiri departed for a 12-month fellowship at University of Michigan Law School's Center for International and Comparative Law to take her place as one of the School's prestigious Michigan Grotius Research Scholars. Mikhove Maphiri's research is focused on the place for internal corporate social responsibility (ICSR) as a mechanism for reducing corporate exposure to labour unrest in South Africa.

## Law Reform Essay Winner

**Nondu Phenyane**, an alum and a current Public Law LLM candidate in the Faculty, was the award recipient of the 2016 SALR Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Competition in the LLM category. The award ceremony was held on 15 September 2017.

Nondu's submission was titled [State responses to Organised Protest Action in South African Universities: A Proactive Approach to Protest Action](#).

Nondu was encouraged by a good friend to submit one of her LLM course essays after finding out about the competition through the Faculty. As a student, organised protest at universities has deeply affected Nondu.

"I was forced to think about it every day and - thanks to the friends and academics around me - I was forced to think about it critically", says Nondu. Towards the end of 2016 Nondu put down some of her thoughts in writing, resulting in her award-winning essay. Nondu believes that, to preserve the integrity of our academic institutions, it is important to encourage dissent, and to avoid simplistic analyses of the issues that plague our country.

Importantly for Nondu, the competition was an affirming experience - as an aspiring scholar and as a student who felt the need to present a perspective that is contrary to what has become the 'dominant discourse'.

Along with Nondu's writing and research skills, evidenced by this award, and completing her LLM mini-dissertation, she also works as a Law Researcher at the Supreme Court of

Appeal, and plans to pursue further studies abroad. Already bitten by the teaching bug through her work as a Teaching Assistant at the UCT Public Law Department, Nondu has her sights set on an academic career, where she can pursue her love of research, writing and teaching.

The Faculty warmly congratulates Nondu Phenyane on winning the LLM prize for the 2016 SALR Ismail Mahomed Law Reform Essay Competition.



*Nondu Phenyane accepts her award*

## Linklaters African Clerkship

Excitingly, three UCT Law Faculty students were selected to participate in the 2017 Linklaters African Clerkship programme, in London UK from mid-November to mid-December 2017.

The programme comprises a well-supported one-month trainee clerkship at Linklaters, where the students will be involved in real work and will participate in a number of professional development sessions including workshops, seminars and skills sessions to learn about other areas of the firm. The trainees will be able to spend time (between 20 November and 15 December) in two departments.



The three students, selected from amongst 32 candidates from Cape Town, are Ruby Sam-Kputu (LLM), Vuyisile Ncube (final year LLB), and Nigel Patel (intermediate year LLB).

## The Schwarzman Scholarship

Law Faculty postgraduate student, Lindokuhle Ntuli, is one of 142 Schwarzman Scholars selected from a pool of 4,000 applicants from all over the world. Ntuli, a lawyer with a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) succeeded in the rigorous selection process for this third cohort of Schwarzman Scholars.

The Scholarship's [Class of 2019](#) comprises students from 39 countries and 97 universities. Scholars will enrol at Schwarzman College for a Masters degree programme on the Tsinghua University campus in Beijing in August 2018.

Ntuli's inclusion in this highly acclaimed [Class of 2019](#) demonstrates the calibre of UCT's law graduates and entrenches the institution's reputation as being among the finest in the world.

## Law Student Leadership

The 2017 UCT Student Leadership Awards saw Faculty of Law undergrads and postgrads taking home a few coveted accolades.

Gloria Chikaonda, awarded as a member of the Postgraduate Law Students Council, was also recognised with a personal Leadership Excellence Award for her work in international

student affairs - across a range of aspects related to international students in South Africa and at UCT!



*Gloria Chikaonda accepts her award*

Also awarded were Chanda Chungu for his student leadership, and the Altum Sonatur team who were recognized as the most outstanding student media team.

The Faculty wishes the Law Students Council (LSC) and the PostGraduate Law Students Council (PGLSC) – who took office on 1 November 2017 – a very good and productive 2018!

#### Members of the LSC are:

*President:* Naledi Mbaba  
*VP Internal:* Nthabiseng Selepe  
*VP External:* Kelly Sease  
*Secretary General:* Siyabulela Boto  
*Treasurer:* Adeeb Moosa  
*Academics:* Itumeleng Chaba  
*Media & Comms:* Thato Gololo  
*Transformation:* Luyulo Mfithi  
*Student Life:* Tanaka Dhombo

#### Members of the PGLSC are:

*Chair:* Gloria Chikaonda  
*Dep Chair:* Chimwemwe Bwalya  
*Sec Gen & Academics:* Shamila Mpinga  
*Treasurer:* Julieth Gudo  
*Events & Marketing:* Faith Tunde-Yara

## Staff Stories

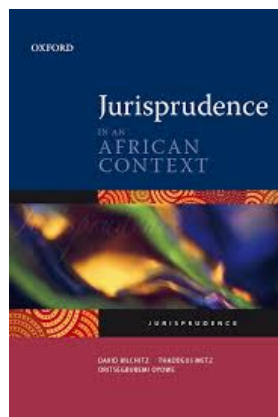
Our academic research and teaching staff are as busy and productive as ever, contributing journal articles, book chapters, books and other publications to the world of knowledge development in South African law and on related issues.

This newsletter can't include the volume of publications that have emanated from the academic research project in the Faculty during 2017 – but watch this space, and the Faculty website (at [www.law.uct.za](http://www.law.uct.za)) for more detail on the Faculty's 2017 research output.

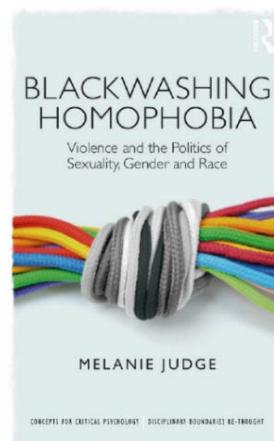
The Faculty has hosted numerous book launches this year, for our own academics, adjunct professors and for works related to the law. The Faculty is proud to include these scholars in its ranks!

Amongst numerous other titles published this year are the following four:

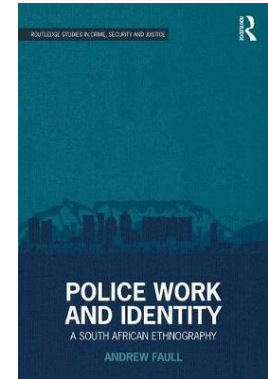
*Jurisprudence in an African Context* by David Bilchitz, Thaddeus Metz and Oritsegbubemi Oyowe



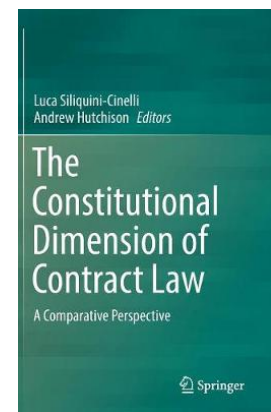
*Blackwashing Homophobia | Violence and the Politics of Sexuality, Gender and Race* by Melanie Judge



*Police Work and Identity | A South African Ethnography* by Andrew Faull



*The Constitutional Dimension of Contract Law | A Comparative Perspective* by Luca Silliquini-Cinelli and Andrew Hutchison (eds)



**Silindile Buthelezi** is a great representative of the Faculty's fantastic talent. A lecturer in the Department of Commercial Law, Ms Buthelezi is a recent recipient of the prestigious *Mandela Washington Fellowship*, a programme that was created in 2014 by former US president Barack Obama and named after former South African president Nelson Mandela. The highly prestigious and sought-after fellowship is for under 35s from sub-Saharan Africa who have been identified as future leaders within their respective sectors in their home countries. Fellows are placed in various academic institutions across the USA for six weeks of intensive academic and leadership training –

Ms Buthelezi spent her time at Georgia State University in Atlanta, Georgia, USA.

While Silindile describes her biggest challenge as being a young black woman and emerging academic, working in the male-dominated banking law space, she is clearly not afraid of the challenge. Not settling on her Mandela Washington laurels, Ms Buthelezi was also recognised this year as one of the M&G's 2017 200 Young South Africans.

With an LLB and LLM already completed, Silindile has just graduated with a second LLM, in international banking and finance law from University College London. Silindile was also recently selected from amongst hundreds of applicants, as one of ten academics to present a paper at the 10<sup>th</sup> Stanford-Penn International Junior Faculty Forum 2017 held at Stanford Law School, California, USA (26-28 October 2017). The title of Silindile's paper was *The Rising Cost of Twin Peaks for South Africa – The Financial Sector Levies Bill and Bank Levies*.

For more information on this young law academic, you can access Buthelezi's M&G recognition [here](#), and a recent UCT News article about Silindile's achievements [here](#).



Silindile Buthelezi, UCT Law

**Associate Professor Alistair Price**, in the Faculty's Department of Private Law, was recently awarded P-status by the National Research Foundation – a rating awarded to young researchers (40 years or younger) who have held their doctorate or equivalent qualification for less than five years at the time of application, and who are recognised as having the potential to establish themselves as researchers within a five-year period after evaluation, based on their performance and productivity of quality research outputs during their doctoral studies and/or early post-doctoral careers.

The Faculty is proud to have academics of this calibre in its ranks, and we await confirmation of other recent NRF ratings awarded to our academic staff. [For more on the Faculty's NRF rating, see below.](#)

## Promotions and Departures

The Faculty has seen a number of achievements this year in terms of promotions – and we are pleased to share the following advancements, amongst others achieved during 2017.

*Promoted to Senior Lecturer*  
Lauren Kohn (Public Law)

*Promoted to Associate Professor*  
Dr Lee-Ann Tong and Dr Jacqui Yeats (Commercial Law)  
Dr Kathy Powell (Public Law)

### *Leaving the Faculty*

To our colleagues moving on to new challenges – we wish them the very best for their chosen paths, and look forward to hearing news from them in the future:

*A/Professor Julie Berg* (Public Law) – takes up a post at University of Glasgow.

*Professor Helen Scott* took up her new post from October this year as Professor of Private Law at Oxford.

*Professor Chuma Himonga* (Private Law), is leaving the Faculty at the end of 2017, and shares the following with us:

*I have no immediate plans as to where I am going, but, primarily, my heart is into practical, evangelistic, medical missionary work. This is work aimed at relieving the physical suffering of humanity through simple natural lifestyle changes, health reform, and prevention and treatment of disease. Of course, I will not stop reading law and law books and research wherever opportunity arises. This has become second nature to me. What I need immediately is a good period of rest to recharge!!*

We wish Prof Himonga the very best for the future!

## International Participation

Faculty staff have participated widely in international initiatives during 2017 – essential to ensuring that the School is engaged in legal issues and the teaching and research of Law, at a global level. Just a few examples of this work are included below.

The 2017 International Association of Law Schools gathering was held in Pune, India, during the 2<sup>nd</sup> week in November. The Faculty was represented by the Dean, Professor Penny Andrews, and the Deputy Dean of Internationalisation, A/ Prof Waheeda Amien, who participated in the Deans' and Annual Meetings.

UCT will be hosting the African chapter of the Association's Dean's

and Annual meetings in March next year.

The [New Silk Road Law Schools Alliance](#) held its annual meeting in China in November 2017, focused on Legal Education Reform. A/Prof Tracy Gutuza participated in this forum.

The [BRICS Legal Forum IV](#), which took place in Moscow, Russia, from 30 November to 1 December 2017, was attended by A/Prof and Deputy Dean (Undergraduate), Tracy Gutuza; A/Prof and Deputy Dean (Internationalisation) Waheeda Amien, and Kershwyn Bassuday. The main goals of the Forum are to promote legal assistance of economic cooperation, to implement major infrastructure projects as well as to develop international financial and legal institutions, to increase the independence of national economies from negative processes of the world market.

The [Law Schools Global League](#), which took place in Mexico City in July 2017, was attended by Deputy Deans Tracy Gutuza and Waheeda Amien, and by Irena Wasserfall of Law@Work, the Faculty's professional education unit.

Dr Lee-Ann Tong attended the [2017 St Petersburg International Legal Forum](#). This Forum's primary mission is to promote ideas related to modernising the law in the context of global shifts and changes. The Forum is considered a foremost platform for discussing a broad range of urgent questions confronting the contemporary international community of legal professionals.

Khomotso Moshikaro participated in the [China-Africa Joint Arbitration Centre \(CAJAC\)](#) meeting held in Cape Town, November 2017. CAJAC is a landmark multi-lateral partnership between leading Chinese and African arbitral institutions created to ensure

a comprehensive dispute resolution mechanism acceptable to Chinese and African business, investment and legal communities.

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## THE CAJAC CONFERENCE ON CHINA-AFRICA ARBITRATION

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In addition to participation in CAJAC, Moshikaro presented a paper titled *Ibn Rushd and the Good of Friendship in Marriage* at the University of Trisakti's conference on *The Reconstruction of Culture, Just Law & Social Welfare*.

[UCT's Law Faculty](#) is known for our active participation in local and global law conferences and forums – the listing above is a small spotlight on some of the Faculty's contribution, as an indicator of the scope of work carried out in our endeavour to maintain our research output and excellence.

Professor Dee Smythe, Deputy Dean of Research in the Law Faculty, has recently received the Faculty's audited figures for our 2016 research efforts. During the 2016 period we produced 151 research outputs.

This is a particularly pleasing result given that both 2015 and 2016 held enormous challenges for the Faculty and the university as a whole. Colleagues significantly raised the bar on publication output during 2016!

Further good news comes from the [National Research Foundation](#). As mentioned earlier in this newsletter, Alistair Price received a

coveted P-award. In addition, though, other colleagues received new ratings.

Two of our ranks improved their ratings: Prof Anton Fagan from C2 to B3, and Prof Hanri Mostert from B3 to B2, while Prof Danwood Chirwa was newly rated at B3.

This puts these colleagues in the category of *Researchers who enjoy considerable international recognition by their peers for the high quality and impact of their recent research outputs*. A number of other colleagues retained their B rating.



The NRF rating process is incredibly rigorous - entailing extensive peer review. Being based in South Africa and working in a discipline like law, it is a real challenge to meet the standard of "considerable international recognition".

It is therefore noteworthy that at the Faculty of Law we have 11 B-rated scholars at present, along with two A-rated scholars in Phillippe Salazar and Clifford Shearing. We also have six C-rated scholars, attesting to solid reputations as established researchers, and we are home to three early-career colleagues rated as Y.

This record of excellence is testimony to the quality of the scholarship that underpins our outputs.





# FACULTY OF LAW

## GROWING A LAWYER

### Fundraising for Success at UCT Law

One of the most important socio-economic rights in the Constitution is access to education. At universities across South Africa, this right is being hampered by many factors, including the cost of university education.

This was the key issue of rolling student protests across South Africa in 2015 and 2016. During the 2015/2016 protests, the constitution came under severe criticism by some students, suggesting its ineffectiveness in making a real difference in the lives of black and poor South Africans. This criticism reflects a lack of knowledge and appreciation about the possibilities of the constitution and how it may be used strategically to pursue the various goals of democracy and social justice.

The UCT Law Faculty has kicked off our central project, *Growing A Lawyer*, as part of the university's Distinguishing UCT campaign.

*Growing a Lawyer* seeks to address these key issues around access to university education, as well as the critical need to attract black South Africans to the study of Law.

*Growing A Lawyer* has three goals:

- To raise **educational awareness** among high school students, particularly at schools in low income areas, about the rights embedded in the constitution and the possibilities of a legal career with its various opportunities in a range of areas of law.
- To conduct **research** and produce reports on the changing nature of law practice resulting from constitutional imperatives, market forces, technology and globalisation, and how these changes may impact legal education, especially the curriculum, assessment / evaluation, and teaching methodologies.
- In line with the goals of the UCT Vice-Chancellor, the project intends to ensure that every student who qualifies for admission to UCT Law is not denied access because of lack of funds. The Law Faculty's plan is to significantly increase the number of available **bursaries** to students in need of financial support.

### Growing a Lawyer

### Wondering how you can contribute?

There are many ways that Alumni, Faculty and Friends can support the Faculty's campaign to build, improve and drive the continued excellence in all that the Faculty offers.

Contributions can be made to the Growing a Lawyer campaign by donating directly to UCT through:

- using the online donation site at [www.uct.ac.za/main/donating-to-uct/methods/online](http://www.uct.ac.za/main/donating-to-uct/methods/online)
- completing a pledge form (we can mail one to you!)
- a debit order facility
- or by EFT

or by contacting Cindi De Oliveira in the Development & Alumni Department on [cindy.deoliveira@uct.ac.za](mailto:cindy.deoliveira@uct.ac.za)

We hugely appreciate all support received in pursuit of the Faculty's goals! Thank you to all our supporters!





# In Memoriam

Professor Penelope Andrews, on behalf of the Faculty of Law, expresses her deep condolences to the families and loved ones of those Alumni and law greats to whom we have bid farewell over the last while.

## Pat Tebbutt (LLB 1944)



Judge Pat Tebbutt's association with UCT and the law was a life-long one, a central strand running through an enormous range of activities and interests.

His recently published memoirs, *A Life Spiced with Variety*, catalogue the extraordinary number and type of vocations and passions which he was able to pursue in his long career after leaving UCT.

These included naval service (towards the end of World War II), newspaper journalist, sports broadcaster (rugby and cricket), legal practice as an advocate, service as an acting judge, a lateral professional journey into the business world (which included the completion of an MBA at Harvard at the age of 50), a return to legal practice, appointment as a judge, and eventually service as a judge of appeal in Botswana, Lesotho and Swaziland, after retirement from the bench in South Africa. Tebbutt also chaired the commission of inquiry into the killings

resulting from the AWB invasion of the Bophuthatswana homeland in early 1994.

Amid all these professional activities, Judge Tebbutt was very active in charitable causes, delivered countless after-dinner speeches, played a central role in the unification of rugby in the Western Cape after 1994 and was president of the Rondebosch Golf Club for some years.

His association with UCT was, however, one of the most sustained and intense involvements. It began when he was a 16-year-old enrolled for a BA degree, which he obtained in 1942. His LLB followed in 1944.

Judge Tebbutt was involved, later in life, with UCT Rugby and the UCT Foundation, and was President of Convocation from 1982 to 1996. During this period he travelled the length and breadth of this country, reviving and maintaining healthy relationships with alumni. Professor Hugh Corder, Deputy Vice-Chancellor and former Dean of Law describes Tebbutt as a very keen and regular participant in UCT Law gatherings from 1999, always willing to give advice and to speak at important occasions.

"He had a great gift for delivering amusing, intelligent and eloquent speeches, never stumbling over his words, witty and yet serious in his central message: 'Do unto others as you would wish them to do for you.' His presence lent both seriousness of

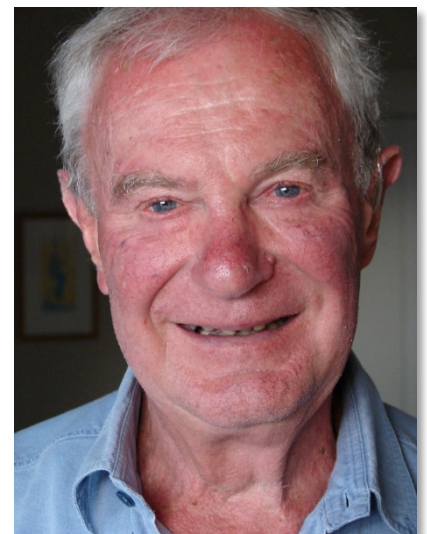
purpose, mixed with well-chosen humour, to all such occasions – he was able to find common cause with people of all ages and diverse backgrounds."

## Paul Finnemore (LLB 1952)

'Smelly cheese, fine wine and opera. These were the penchants that defined one of Oxford's leading solicitors and a man with a strong sense of social justice,' writes Paul Finnemore's son Giles.

Paul Unwin Finnemore was born in Port Elizabeth in 1930. He attended Grey High School and went on to the University of Cape Town where he stayed in Smuts Hall, edited the 1952 *Sax Appeal*, was active in SHAWCO - and took part in the crowd scenes in the Ballet School's *Petrouchka*.

'I met Paul about half a dozen times over the past 15 years or so, on visits



to UCT,' writes Professor Hugh Corder. 'He was always utterly on the ball, humble, humorous, and deeply concerned. It mattered to me that he remembered my own father, an attorney in Cape Town from about 1927 till 1997 - but Paul's great generosity and evident delight in the changes which had occurred in the Faculty after 1994 were much more important.'

Paul was actively involved in the Defence and Aid Fund and his covert involvement continued for many years after moving to the UK and settling in Oxford. Paul retrained in English law and worked for Cole & Cole, then Blake Morgan, for the rest of his professional life.

### **John Nicholas Boydell (LLB 1967)**

Nick Boydell was born in England and immigrated to South Africa with his parents. Nick studied at University of Cape Town where he obtained a BA degree and a LLB degree – and then worked as a lawyer for Mobil South Africa's head office in Cape Town.

In 1977 he studied for the Master of Business Leadership degree at the University of South Africa, and focused his thesis was on "Forecourts of Fuel stations offering food and groceries - a Business Model", now a norm in South Africa. In 1986 Nick was offered a position in the London office of Mobil Europe, where he worked for a number of years before moving to Singapore in 1992 as Mobil's Legal Counsel for Asia. After spending eight years in Singapore he returned to London to take up a position as Legal Counsel for Europe and Africa. He occupied that position until the merger between EXXON and Mobil. Nick retired in 2015 and lived

on a small holding south of London with his wife Sharon.

Nick kept in contact with his colleagues in Cape Town and regularly visited the city, and played an important role in sponsoring law students at UCT. "Nick responded really early on in our fundraising work for the faculty, and was probably the most consistently generous donor to our work, always with a smile and a positive outlook, and always intensely interested in the welfare and successes of "his" students,' recalls Prof Corder. 'There are more than several LLBs who owe their passage through the degree to his support.'

Nick passed away at the beginning of June 2017 after a long fight with cancer. He will be missed by all his friends especially for his knowledge of the English language and his forthright expressions.



*John Nicholas Boydell, with colleagues from left to right: Stefan Hrabar, Roland Chute.*

### **Nic Swart, CEO of the Law Society of South Africa**

Law Society of South Africa CEO Nic Swart died unexpectedly in August at the age of 63. Although not a UCT Alumnus, we want to acknowledge the enormous role Nic played in South Africa's law profession through his various leadership roles at the Law Society (and its predecessor).

In tribute to Nic, the society said they were deeply shocked and saddened, and had "lost a colleague, a dear



*Image: Facebook/LexisNexis South Africa*

friend, a mentor, a leader and an innovator passionate about the legal profession in general and legal education in particular." Swart joined the Association of Law Societies (LSSA's predecessor) in 1989 to initiate a pilot school for legal practice. Starting out with 51 candidate attorneys, the project has grown into one of the premier legal education institutions in the country. The LSSA credits this to Nic's vision, unstinting dedication and hard work.

Nic leaves his wife Mariette and two daughters. The LSSA's message stated the wish that Nic's family "find solace in the knowledge that Nic was loved, appreciated and admired in the profession and beyond."

*Article on Nic Swart based on a Times*

*Live article sourced from:*

<https://www.timeslive.co.za/news/south-africa/2017-08-10-law-society-ceo-dies-while-attending-conference-in-botswana/>

## Law Research in Action

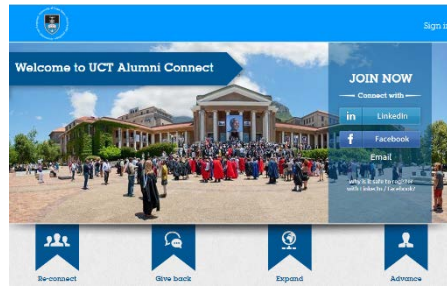
In addition to our three main departments (Public Law, Private Law and Commercial Law) UCT's Law Faculty has a wide range of research units active in specific legal focus areas. The Centres and Units all play a key role in the Faculty's teaching and research, contributing significantly to the Faculty's research output.

For more information on each of the units, have a look at the links below:

- [Centre for Comparative Law \(CCLA\)](#)
- [Centre of Criminology](#)
- [Democratic Governance & Rights Unit \(DGRU\)](#)
- [Institute of Development & Labour Law \(IDLL\)](#)
- [Intellectual Property Unit](#)
- [Centre for Law & Society \(CLS\)](#)
- [Institute of Marine & Environmental Law \(IMEL\)](#)
- [Land and Accountability Research Centre \(LARC\)](#)
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*Judge Dennis Davis - 2017 Alumni Reunion Dinner*



## The UCT Alumni Connect platform

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Colleagues.*



*Giles White of Webber Wentzel with Prof Dee Smythe, Deputy-Dean of Research*



*Professor Antony Anghie delivers the 2017 Ben Beinart Memorial Lecture*

## A new Development & Marketing Manager for the Law Faculty

The Faculty is pleased to welcome Gabrielle Ritchie into the post of Faculty Development & Marketing Manager. Gaby follows in the footsteps of Pauline Alexander and Abigail Calata, in support of our Law Alumni, and of the Faculty in general.

Gaby has been involved in the philanthropy sector for 10 years, and in the non-profit sector for far longer. As a co-founder of Inyathelo: The South African Institute for Advancement in 2002, Gaby was instrumental in the conceptualisation and design of the organisation – now widely known for its work with universities and non-profits in the areas of resource mobilisation, alumni relations, communications and related institutional and organisational functions. However, she continued her work in the heritage sector before joining Inyathelo in 2007, where she worked as Programme Director until 2014.

Gaby freelanced for a few years in the NPO Sector before taking on her new role in the Faculty of Law. For information about the Law Faculty's Alumni Relations, and to share stories and updates about our Alumni across the globe, please contact Gaby on +27 21 650 5602 / [gaby.ritchie@uct.ac.za](mailto:gaby.ritchie@uct.ac.za)