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Current position

Lecturer, Department of Public Law, University of Cape Town

Areas of specialisation

Constitutional Law • Administrative Law • Constitutional Theory

Appointments held

2023–2025 *Senior Researcher*

Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution

2021–2023 *Research Officer*

Council for the Advancement of the South African Constitution

2022 *Teaching Assistant*

Department of Public Law, University of Cape Town

2019–2021 *Candidate Attorney*

DLA Piper South Africa

2018 *Law Clerk*

Justice Mbuyiseli R. Madlanga, Constitutional Court of South Africa

Education

2025 LLM (distinction), University of Cape Town

2017 LLM in Corporate Law (incomplete), University of Pretoria

2016 Bachelor of Laws, University of Pretoria

Publications

Journal articles

2023 Mafora, Dan (2023), “Whose Constitutional Jurisdiction is it Anyway: Courts of a Similar Status to the High Court and Other Tribunals”, *Constitutional Court Review* 327–362

Book chapters

2026 Brickhill, Jason & Mafora, Dan (forthcoming), “Constitutional Law” in M Tait (ed) *Yearbook of South African Law* Vol 6

2025 Brickhill, Jason, Bishop, Michael & Mafora, Dan (2025), “Constitutional Law” in M Tait

(ed) *Yearbook of South African Law* Vol 5

2025 Nxumalo, Sfiso Benard & Mafora, Dan (2025), "Courts as sites of Political Contestation: A South African Perspective" in N Reayat and H Yusuf (eds) *Constitutionalism in Africa and Beyond: Challenges and Opportunities* part of *Ius Gentium: Comparative Perspectives on Law and Justice* Vol 127, 199–237

2024 Brickhill, Jason, Bishop, Michael & Mafora, Dan (2024), "Constitutional Law" in M Tait (ed) *Yearbook of South African Law* Vol 4

Books

2023 Mafora, Dan (2023), *Capture in the Court: In Defence of Judges and the Constitution*, Cape Town: Tafelberg, ISBN 9780624093916

Conferences, Lectures & Talks

2025 "Celebrating and Interrogating 30 Years of the Constitutional Court's Jurisprudence" held at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law, University of Johannesburg (23-24 April 2025) [C]

2022 "Whose Constitutional Jurisdiction is it Anyway? Courts of a Similar Status to the High Court and Other Tribunals" at the Constitutional Court Review Conference held at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law, University of Johannesburg (1-2 December 2022) [C]

2022 "Courts as sites of Political Contestation: A South African Perspective" at the Socio-Legal Studies Association Conference held at the University of York, United Kingdom (6-8 April 2022) [C]

2024 "Decolonisation: from politics of knowledge to politics" at Centre for Social Science Research, University of Cape Town (5 November 2024) [T]

2024 "Beyond the Bench – Judicial activism under transformative constitutionalism" Arthur Chaskalson Memorial Lecture, Equal Education Law Centre (10 October 2024) [L]

2024 "The Balancing Act of Combating Judicial Corruption while Respecting the Independence of the Judiciary in Sub-Saharan Africa" at the African Centre for Transnational Criminal Justice, University of the Western Cape (4 October 2024) [T]

Professional affiliations

2025

Research Associate

Centre for Law and Society, University of Cape Town

2023 – to date

Member

African Judiciaries Research Network

Editorial activities

2025 Reviewer:

South African Journal on Human Rights (Taylor & Francis)

South African Law Journal (Juta & Co.)

Stellenbosch Law Review (Juta & Co.)

2023 – Editorial Assistant: *South African Constitutional Law*

2023 – Contributor: *Juta's Quarterly Review of South African Law*

Teaching

- Administrative Law (PBL4001W)
- Constitutional Law (PBL2001W)
- Constitutional Litigation (PBL4601S)
- Judging in a Constitutional Democracy (PBL4662S)
- Litigating the South African Bill of Rights (PBL5661S)