

SAPNA MAYURI MESTHRIE

BA (distinction), LLB (magna cum laude), LLM (distinction)

Admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa

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Feb 2020

Work Experience

University of Cape Town

Lecturer in Public Law

Jan 2026 – present

Convenor and lecturer in Law of Evidence (final year LLB core course)

Co-lecturer in Criminal Procedure (final year LLB core course) and

Criminal Justice and the Constitution (final year LLB elective)

Supervision:

Currently supervising 5 registered LLM students

Successfully supervised 3 LLM dissertations and 3 LLB independent research paper to completion

Lecturer in Commercial Law

Jan 2022 – Dec 2024

Co-convenor and lecturer in Commercial Transactions Law (final year LLB core course)

Convenor and lecturer in Business Law I (service course to Commerce students)

Convenor and lecturer in Banking Law (final year LLB elective)

Lecturer in Banking Law and Regulation (LLM course)

Conferences:

Presentation of paper titled '*Consumer credit insurance: consumer friendly or unnecessary burden?*' at the 18th World Consumer Law Conference of the International Association of Consumer Law in Hamburg, Germany, July 2023

Presentation of paper titled '*The use of artificial intelligence in assessing creditworthiness: Gender biases and barriers to women's financial inclusion*' together with Sunita Menon at the UCT Interdisciplinary AI and Law Conference in Cape Town, July 2024

Presentation of paper titled '*Centering the Global South in Global Community: Sustainability Perspectives*' at the annual Law Schools Global League Winter Conference in Edinburgh, Scotland, February 2025

Presentation of paper titled '*Sexual Offences in the Constitutional Court: The Rule of Law, Retrospectivity and the Principle of Legality*' at the annual Constitutional Court Review conference in Johannesburg, South Africa, April 2025

Publications

Mesthrie, S 'Interpreting the child's right to protection from violence in the South

African context in line with international law obligations' *Journal of Human Rights Practice* 2025 17 43-57

Mesthrie, S 'Consumer credit insurance in South Africa: Consumer-friendly or unnecessary burden?' in M Louw & V Lawack *Contemporary Banking and Finance Law*, Juta: Cape Town 2025