

College of Law: 2023 Research Focus Areas

1. Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law (PCIL)

The Department of PCIL’s research focus area covers a wide range of subject matters, including constitutional law, fundamental and human rights (SA) and international human rights law, fundamental rights litigation, all fields of administrative and public law including education law, environmental law and natural resources law, all fields of public international law and comparative law Indigenous law or African customary law.

| Name | Research focus area |
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| 1. Dr A Anthony | Procurement law, admin law and human rights law |
| 2. Mr H Coetzee | Environmental law |
| 3. Ms N Dlamini-Ndwandwe | Customary / indigenous law |
| 4. Prof BA Dube | Public international law and international criminal law |
| 5. Ms M Ehrenbeck | Public international law and aviation law |
| 6. Prof BO Fagbayibo | Regional integration, public international law and international economic law |
| 7. Mr P Makama | Constitutional law, human rights law and Constitutional interpretation |
| 8. Prof AMB Mangu | Constitutional law, human rights law and international law |
| 9. Mr A Manthwa | Administrative law |
| 10. Mr D Metuge | International law, Marine law, Marine spatial planning law, and Environmental law. |
| 11. Dr L Mhlongo | international economic law and international investment law. |
| 12. Ms NC Malatsi | Interpretation of statutes, Education law and Administrative law |
| 13. MR R Lephoto | International Trade Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution. |
| 14. Ms M Mooki | Human rights law |
| 15. Mr Ntola | International Law, law of the sea and environmental law |
| 16. Ms M Mulaudzi | Human rights Law |

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| 17. Ms L Stone | Constitutional law and refugee law |
| 18. Mr P Mudau | Constitutional law |
| 19. Prof I Shai | Constitutional law |
| 20. Dr J Ramages | Company law, contract law and Broad-Based Black economic empowerment |
| 21. Mr S Sello | International law |
| 22. Ms T Kgobe | Citizenship, Participation and Democracy |
| 23. Ms L Padi | Fundamental rights |
| 24. Mr JST Mabala | My research focus is Constitutional law and Administrative law |

2. Department of Private Law

The Department of Private Law provides the underpinning rock on which the entire society of law stands. The research interests of its members vary widely and span the entire field of South African **private law**, including deceased estate; private & criminal law principles of the internet, and of course, customary law. The Department of Private Law aims to deliver innovative and transformative legal research and thinking, and fulfils this role at undergraduate level as well as its postgraduate offerings.

| Name | Research focus area |
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| 1. Prof J Heaton | Matrimonial Property Law, Maintenance law and Parental responsibilities and rights |
| 2. Prof J Jamneck | Contract law, law of succession and Sports law |
| 3. Prof A Roos | Privacy and internet law, Law of succession, Data Privacy protection/legal protection of personal information |
| 4. Prof M de Jong | Post-divorce spousal maintenance, children's maintenance, divorce and family mediation, family dispute resolution and matrimonial property law |
| 5. Prof P Bakker | Customary (indigenous) family law, religious family law, contemporary families and family law in Africa |
| 6. Prof S Eiselen | International commercial law harmonization, international sale and consumer law |
| 7. Prof IM Knobel | Property Law and Constitutional Property Law |

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| 8. Dr CS van der Westhuizen | Legal protection of neonates, medically assisted suicide, mediation, medical treatment of children |
| 9. Dr H du Plessis | Consumer law, law of sale and lease and law of contract |
| 10. Mr R Ismail | Law of contract and law of sale and lease |
| 11. Mrs R Mahomed | Personal injury claims, sports law, Islamic marriage law |
| 12. Mr K Seanego | Unjustified enrichment liability and estoppel, law of contract. |
| 13. Mr MT Skosana | Child law, delictual aspects of Information Technology Law |
| 14. Mr M Netshitungulu | Law of contract, law of damages |
| 15. Mr M Khumalo | Law of contract, law of damages |
| 16. Prof CJ Pretorius | Law of Contract, Law of Unjustified Enrichment and Estoppel |
| 17. Prof H Kruger | Family law, Child Law, Law of persons |
| 18. Prof J Knobel | Delictual claims, law of damages |
| 19. Prof T Floyd | Law of contract, Unjustified enrichment and Estoppel |
| 20. Prof M Wiese | Property Law, credit security law |
| 21. Prof MM Mokotong | Law of delict, Law of damages and customary marriages law |
| 22. Prof S Ferreira | Child law, law of persons, family law |
| 23. Dr R Ahmed | Law of delict, personal injury claims |
| 24. Mr MM Ratiba | Land and Housing law, deeds law and conveyancing |
| 25. Mrs D Ramwell | Deeds, transfer of movables and immovables |
| 26. Mr PO Matsemela | Law of Succession, Deceased Estate |
| 27. Mrs TH Nkuna | Notarial practice |
| 28. Ms M Seerane | Family law, women in customary marriages |
| 29. Mrs Contiliya Bayi | Law of contract, customary law and child law |

3. Department of Corrections Management

| Name | Research focus areas |
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| 1. Prof WFM Luyt | Comparative criminal justice; international corrections/prisons; community corrections and parole; correctional legal matters, unit management; correctional management; correctional strategic management; HIV and AIDS in corrections; correctional research ethics |
| 2. Prof P Muthaphuli | Corrections, Criminal Justice, Offender Rehabilitation, Offender's Rights and Sentencing |
| 3. Prof TD Matshaba | Community corrections, youth corrections, unit management and correctional administration/management. |
| 4. Prof N du Preez | Youth and Female offenders, Comparative criminal justice; international corrections/prisons; unit management; correctional management; correctional strategic management; |
| 5. Prof CH Cilliers (external) CharlCilliers27@gmail.com | Sentencing. Prison policy. Electronic monitoring of prisoners, Parole |
| 6. Prof L Fitz | Profiling and Assessment of Offenders, Risk Profiling, Gangs, Security Threat Groups, Rehabilitation of Offenders |
| 7. Dr FCM Louw | Community Corrections, Correctional Officer Safety and Wellness, Restorative Justice, Victimology, Recidivism, and Correctional Programmes |
| 8. Dr A Labane | Corrections and care, rehabilitation, assessment inmates and internal role-players in corrections |
| 9. Ms DC Jonker | Social Dimensions in Criminal Justice, Restorative Justice in Correctional environment, Special Needs Offenders, Social work in Corrections, Vulnerable victims of crime, Role of social work programmes in rehabilitation of offenders |
| 10. Ms C Dlamalala | Youth offenders, children in conflict with the Law, community corrections, community-based sentencing, electronic monitoring |
| 11. Mr WJ Clack | Livestock Theft; Rural Crime, Corrections Management, Correctional Skills |
| 12. Prof EK Sibanyoni | Human trafficking/Albino killings for body parts to create traditional medicine (<i>muthi murder</i>), gender-based violence, sexual offenses committed by children against other children, male on male sexual violence in correctional services, victim profiling, and offender profiling, violence against vulnerable group such as disabled children, children, women and grandparents |

4. Department of Police Practice

| Name | Research focus area |
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| 1. Dr B Lekubu | Fraud, Corruption and Anti-Corruption Reforms/Strategies. |
| 2. Mr M Matlala | Policing Technologies, Crime Prevention, Post-modern Policing and Police Service delivery |
| 3. Prof JS Horne | Human trafficking, Crimes against women and children, Forensic investigation, Serious and Violent crimes and Fraud and Corruption |
| 4. Prof A Mabudusha | Migration policing in South Africa, Cross border crimes and Law enforcement and Statelessness in Africa |
| 5. Dr Manamela | Policing, Criminal Investigation and forensics |
| 6. Dr Motsepe | Fraud, Policing detective and Crime |
| 7. Ms I Sinclair | Community Policing , Social crime prevention and gender based violence and decoloniality |
| 8. Mrs T van Niekerk | Crimes against women and children |
| 9. Dr G Thenga | Forensic Investigation , Corruption, Fraud Transmission Crime and Commercial crimes |
| 10. Mrs MA Aphane | Cybercrime and cyber security |
| 11. Prof van Graan | Community Policing, Crime Prevention, Intelligence- Led Policing |
| 12. Prof R Snyman | Police Professionalism, demilitarising of the police, corruption and ethics in policing |
| 13. Mr RJ Mokwena | Crime scene photography and fingerprints |
| 14. Prof B Benson | Cultural heritage crime, crime investigation, crimes against women and children, policing, corruption and ethics, online tuition pedagogies |
| 15. Dr DQ Mabunda | Forensic Investigation and Policing |
| 16. Mr P Machethe | Illicit Drugs |
| 17. Mrs Berning | Policing and crime prevention |
| 18. Mr MC Marakalala | Forensic Investigation, Intelligence, Corruption, Fraud and |

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| | Commercial crimes |
| 19. Mr G Makola | Geographic information systems, cell-phone record analysis, forensic investigation, policing, Fraud and Corruption |

5. Department of Criminal and Procedural Law

| Name | Research focus area |
|---------------------|---|
| 1. Prof A. Saurombe | International economic law, Investment law, Indigenous knowledge systems (IKS) Intellectual Property Rights |
| 2. Landi Bouwer | General Principles of Criminal Law; Specific Offences and Child and Youth Misbehaviour. |
| 3. Mr L Coetzee | Medical Law |
| 4. Prof T Deane | Communication Law, Media Law, Criminal Law, Labour Law, Human Rights |
| 5. Dr B Gordon | Internet Law, International Law, Criminal Law |
| 6. Mr K Koza | Criminal Procedure |
| 7. Kumwenda, Jushua | Criminal Law |
| 8. Dr TL Mabusela | Dispute Resolution |
| 9. Mr B Mashabane | Techniques in Trial and litigation |
| 10. Ms M Mkhabela | Civil Procedure |

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| 11. Mr B Mnguni | Criminal law, child offenders |
| 12. Mr G Mokoka | Communication Law, Media Law and Internet Law |
| 13. Dr T Mokoena | Criminal Procedure |
| 14. Prof N Mollema | General Principles of Criminal Law, Specific crimes, Sexual Offences, Human trafficking, Human Rights, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Court interpreting, Forensic linguistics |
| 15. Prof M Monyakane | Law of Evidence; Constitutional Criminal Law; Criminal Law; Criminal Procedure; Individual labour law; Constitutional Labour Law; Indigenous knowledge recognition as intellectual property; Forensic measures in criminal justice system |

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| 16. Ms M Mothapo | Civil Procedure |
| 17. Prof K Naidoo | Hate crimes, racially & ethnically-motivated crimes, Criminal law |
| 18. Prof B Naudé | Criminal Procedural Rights |
| 19. Adv B Ndlazi | Civil Procedure |
| 20. Mr P Nkoane | Organised Crime |
| 21. Prof L Pienaar | Medical Law Mental Health Law Mental illness in the criminal justice system Child justice |
| 22. Mr M Pittelele | Communication Law, Media Law and Internet Law |
| 23. Ms U Poyo | Legal Research Methodology |

6. Jurisprudence

| Name | Research focus area |
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| 1. Bauling A, Ms | Transformative legal education; Online learning in law |
| 2. Bokaba KH, Adv | Critical Race theory, Pan-Africanism, Legal Philosophy, Law and Politics |
| 3. Chembe PK, Mrs | International Human Rights Law, International Law on Human Trafficking; Migration, Climate Change, Regional integration |
| 4. De Villiers JH, Prof | Legal Philosophy, Jurisprudence, Legal Ethics, Animal Rights, Human Rights, Gender theory, Law and Literature. |
| 5. Jacobs A, Mrs | Fundamentals of South African Law; Roman Family Law |
| 6. Kroeze IJ, Prof | Legal Philosophy; Women's Rights |

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| 7. Labuschaigne M, Prof | Medical law and Ethics; regulation of biotechnology law (stem cell and genomic/genetic research and assisted fertilisation specifically) |
| 8. Mabeka NQ, Dr | Labour Law, Commercial Law. |
| 9. Mahlobogwane F, Mr | Skills for Law Students; Child Law; Family Law |
| 10. Mahomed S, Prof | Bioethics; Artificial intelligence and health law |
| 11. Mswela M, Prof | Health Law, Bioethics, Human rights |
| 12. Nkosi GS, Ms | Social Welfare Law; Child Law; Customary Law |
| 13. Nyawo P, Ms | Feminist Legal Theory & Gender Policy and the Law |
| 14. Nxokweni U, Ms | IT Law |
| 15. Raligilia H, Mr | International Law, Labour Law, Law and Politics |
| 16. Sebei MD, Mr | Labour Relations, Legal Philosophy, and Global Studies |
| 17. Siphuma NS, Dr | Property Law and Constitutional Property Law |
| 18. Slabbert M, Prof | Medical Law; Professional Ethics; Organ Transplants & the Law |
| 19. Snyman MP, Prof | International Outer Space Law |
| 20. Swanepoel M, Prof | Medical Law |
| 21. Wethmar-Lemmer M, Prof | Conflict of Laws; Private International Law; International Sales Law and the CISG |
| 22. Wildenboer L, Ms | South African Legal History |

7. Department of Mercantile Law

| Name | Research Focus Areas |
|------------------------|---|
| 1. Mr K Bapela | Tax law, Labour Law and Commercial Law |
| 2. Prof Mildred Bekink | Company Law, Commercial Law, Insolvency Law, Child and Family Law |
| 3. Prof R Cassim | Company Law, Corporate Governance |
| 4. Adv H De Ru | Child law, Aspects of contract law pertaining to children, |

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| | Commercial law and Banking law |
| 5. Prof M Du Bois | Intellectual Property Law and Constitutional Property Law |
| 6. Adv Shamier Ebrahim | Labour Law and Commercial Law |
| 7. Ms M Fuchs | Credit Law, Banking Law and Insolvency Law |
| 8. Prof J Geldenhuys | Labour Law, Corporate Law and Contract Law |
| 9. Ms W Germishuys-Burchell | Labour Law, Commercial law, Specific Contracts and Law of Contract |
| 10. Prof S Geyer | Intellectual Property Law, Tax Law, and Corporate Law |
| 11. Adv Nomagugu Hlongwane | Commercial Law, Intellectual Property Law and Labour law |
| 12. Prof E Hurter | Intellectual Property Law and Information Technology Law (Cyberlaw) |
| 13. Prof W Jacobs | Insurance law (in particular the contractual aspects of insurance law; field of specialty: liability insurance) |
| 14. Mr Bongani Khumalo | Labour Law, Commercial Law and Insolvency Law |
| 15. Prof MM Koekemoer | Consumer protection law, Real security law, Secured transactions law |
| 16. Adv L Kubjana | Labour Law, Insolvency Law |
| 17. Mr T Kunene | Labour Law (Collective labour law) and Occupational health and safety law |
| 18. Prof P Letete | Tax Law and Labour Law |
| 19. Dr M Lombard | Company Law, Commercial law, Consumer contracts |
| 20. Ms Z Mabe | Insolvency Law and Commercial Law |
| 21. Dr Vela Madlela | Company Law, Commercial Law and Labour Law |
| 22. Mr P Makakaba | Commercial Law, Banking law and Company Law |

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| 23. Dr EM Maleka | Tax law and Commercial Law |
| 24. Prof ME Manamela | Labour Law, Commercial Law and Pension Law |
| 25. Prof TE Manamela | Commercial Law, Labour Law, Pension Law, Social Security Law |
| 26. Mrs BM Masuku | Company Law & Commercial Law |
| 27. Mr Boaz Masuku | Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Law, Consumer Law and Company Law |
| 28. Adv M Mathiba | Labour Law, Commercial Law and Company Law |
| 29. Ms E Mbiriri | Insurance law, Insolvency law and Corporate law |
| 30. Dr Vuyo Peach | Labour Law, Company Law and Insolvency Law |
| 31. Mr M Phosa | Commercial Law, Corporate Law and Competition Law |
| 32. Prof WG Schulze | Banking Law, Insurance Law and Commercial Law |
| 33. Mr RM Shay | Intellectual Property Law and Commercial Law |
| 34. Prof M Sigwadi | Company law, Labour Law, Commercial Law, pension Law and Insolvency law |
| 35. Prof C Stoop | Commercial law, Education Law, family Law Child Law, Consumer Protection Law |
| 36. Ms Z Taljaard | Insolvency Law and Commercial Law |
| 37. Dr LG Tredoux | Income tax law, tax and emigration, corporate tax law, estate planning, international tax law, comparative tax law, tax policy. |
| 38. Mr MD Tuba | Banking Law, Commercial Law, and Insolvency Law, and Property law (Registration of Transfers). |
| 39. Mr R van Niekerk | Commercial Law, Company law and Labour Law |
| 40. Ms AN Wagener | Banking Law, Commercial Law, and Labour Law |

8. Department of Criminology And Security Science

Research focus areas:

1. Security risk Management
2. Crime risk
3. Risk assessment
4. Femicide
5. Domestic violence
6. Cybercrime
7. Corporate investigation
8. Polygraph
9. Victimology
10. Crime reduction and control
11. Research methodologies
12. Security risk management
13. Crime risk
14. Risk assessment
15. Domestic violence
16. Cybercrime
17. Corporate investigation
18. Polygraph
19. Victimology
20. Crime reduction and control
21. Research methodologies

| Name | Research focus area |
|----------------------|---|
| 1. Dr M Barkhuizen | Victimology (domestic violence; theories; hate crimes), Gender Based Violence (GBV) |
| 2. Prof AE Hesselink | <p>Explanation of criminal behaviour: male, female and juveniles</p> <p>Offenders: profiling of offenders and unknown persons, needs and risk assessment, pre-parole assessment, victim impact statements female offenders and crimes, criminological assessments, violent and aggressive offenders, sex offenders, sexual offending, serial killers, youth offenders and crimes, gangs (prison and community gangs),</p> <p>Victimology: intimate partner violence, domestic violence, child abuse and neglect, prostitution, crime causation.</p> <p>Children and youth at-risk assessments</p> |
| 3. Prof MI Schoeman | Child justice, children in conflict with the law, victimology, victim-offender overlap, restorative justice |

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| 4. Prof K Pillay | Private security industry – Legislation, Regulations, oversight, training and professionalisation of private security officers, crime prevention, research methodologies, security risk management. |
| 5. Dr MS Thobane | Cash-in-Transit robberies, Armed robberies, bank-related robberies, Gender-based violence (GBV), Contemporary crime issues, Victimology, African/Critical Criminology, Decoloniality |
| 6. Dr M Zitha | Children in conflict with the law , Diversion, Violent Crime and Profiling of Foreign nationals offending |
| 7. Prof BW Haefele | Rhino poaching and organised crime |
| 8. Mrs S Kader | Safety and security in society; house robberies: security measures, victims of house robberies |
| 9. Mr TE Banda | Regulation of unregistered security service providers |
| 10. Prof FJW Herbig | Forensic psychophysiology, conservation crime |
| 11. Mrs NP Msimang (Cebekhulu) | Security risk management, risk assessment and crime reduction and control |
| 12. Mrs L Van Schalkwyk | Security risk control measures, safety and security at schools, event security |
| 13. Mr DF Monyepao | Drug addiction in relation to crime (female focused) |
| 14. Mr TD Ngoveni | Police and CPF's in crime prevention; Police and security officers in crime prevention, Security risk control measures |
| 15. Mrs E Joubert | Explanation of offending behaviour (male, female), needs and risk assessment, pre-parole assessment and female offenders' assessment and crimes; youth at risk |
| 16. Prof SK Jansen Van Rensburg | Cybercrime, information security, social engineering, cyberstalking, contemporary crime, women in security, research methodology |
| 17. Mrs C Doorewaard-Janse van Vuren | Offender risk assessment; explanation of offending behaviour; rural crime with specific focus on livestock theft |
| 18. Mr CM Kgoale | Social media and cybercrime |
| 19. Mr N Bougard | Victimology Risk assessment of offenders Service delivery within the criminal justice system Pre-parole reports |
| 20. Ms CS Mkandla | A narrative inquiry on the lives and experiences of black rapists The impact of substance abuse on children in South African families |
| 21. Ms NE Mnisi | Correctional services, offender rehabilitation, offender |

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| | reintegration, community corrections, recidivism, youth offenders, parole and probationers and restorative justice. |
| 22. Mr M Panyapanya | An evaluation of safety and security at OR Tambo International Airport |
| 23. Ms NZ Mnguni | Transnational organised crime, female criminality, gender-based violence |
| 24. Mr J Schoeman | Competencies and skills required for security managers. (Physical) The conducting of effective risk analyses at clients' sites. Residential security control measures, do's and don'ts. (Private and gated neighbourhood communities). |
| 25. Prof M Buthelezi | Community safety in general, Role of local municipalities in community safety, Role of community in crime prevention, Policing policies, and Role of private security in community safety |
| 26. Mr A Mahambane | Corporate investigation, Safety and security, Retail security, Security risk Management, Crime risk, Risk assessment |
| 27. Ms KM Mokgoko | Victimology, Farm Murder, Criminal Profiling, Restorative Justice, Human Rights, Gender Based Violence (GBV). |