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DIRECTOR'S STATEMENT





Chrisna Landsberg Director: Law Clinic

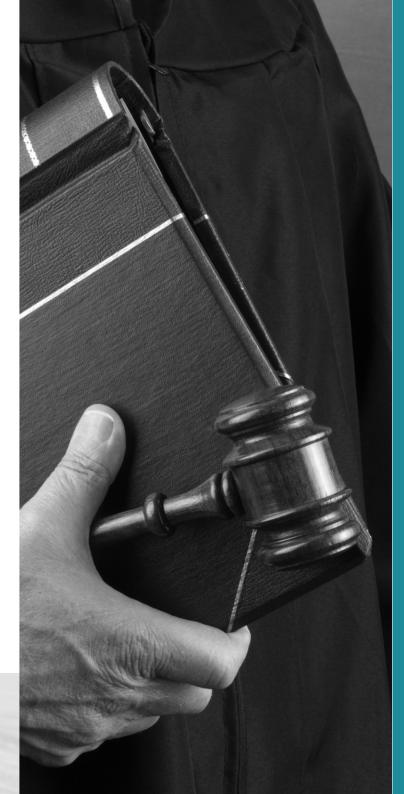
Potchefstroom Law Clinic (Law Clinic) forms part of the Faculty of Law of the North-West University (NWU) and is an organisation committed to legal education and access to justice.

The Law Clinic operates in the Provinces of the North-West and Mpumalanga and is involved in the following activities:

- Legal education: The Law Clinic facilitates the practical legal training of final-year law students within the LLB Programme of the NWU. The Law Clinic also presents short courses to legal practitioners, paralegals, social workers and others. In addition to this the Clinic undertakes training to members of the communities within the areas where the Law Clinic operates.
- **Legal aid services:** The Law Clinic renders free legal aid services to poor and indigent people in the provinces aforementioned.
- Capacity building programmes: These programmes are directed towards, inter alia, paralegals and members of the community to develop legal skills, capacity and to practice such skills in the communities where they operate.
- Advisory services: The Law Clinic furthermore renders advisory services to community members to enhance the concept of a "rightsbased" community and to, instead of taking the law in their own hands, use the law to enforce their rights.

Within the sphere of activities the Law Clinic cooperates with a number of organisations such as Legal Aid South Africa, government departments, provincial paralegal organisations, different NGOs and CBOs to be successful and fulfil its purpose.

Furthermore the Law Clinic receives funding from international and national donors, as described herein, to enable it to be involved in these activities. Without this funding the Law Clinic would not be able to conduct its activities.





PERSONNEL

The Law Clinic in Potchefstroom employs the following personnel:

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Ms Chrisna Landsberg :	Director Attorney	Ms Boipelo Mosepele:	Attorney Project Coordinator –	Mrs Rita Pretorius :	Receptionist and Administrative	Mr Simphiwe Gosa :	Candidate Attorney	Ms Lizeri Boshoff :	Student Assistant
	Lecturer – IURI 414, IURI 422 Principal Attorney – Candidate Attorneys		Child Justice Unit Lecturer – IURI 414, IURI 422		Assistant - MAJC	Mrs Agnes Lebona :	Paralegal Presenter (workshops)	Ms Magdel van : Schalkwyk	Student Assistant
				Ms Helanie Jonker :	Secretary – School			Ms Phindile :	Student Assistant
		Mr Jean Viljoen :	Attorney		for Legal Practice	Mr Tshepiso Masilo :	Paralegal	Mthimunye	
Mrs Zaida Essop :	Attorney		Project Coordinator –				Messenger	1	
	Project Manager –		North-West Access	Martine Laborations	Carian Candidata		Presenter	Ms Lieketseng :	Student Assistant
	Legal Services Mentor – Candidate		to Justice Cluster	Mr Jaco Labuschagne :	Senior Candidate Attorney		(workshops)	Mothata	
	Attorneys	Mr Tony Segodi :	Attorney – MAJC		Project Manager –			Ms Rachelle Strydom:	Student Assistant
	Lecturer – IURI 414,	,,	, ,		North-West Access	Mr Patrick Makate :	Paralegal		
	IURI 422				to Justice Cluster				
		Ms Nopasika Mnisi :	Attorney – MAJC					Ms Krischka Cloete :	Student Assistant
	***					Mrs Maggie Matsane :	Paralegal – MAJC		
Mr Schalk Meyer :	Attorney	Mys Limalla Du Disami	Convertant to Divertor	Ms Marisa Maloney :	Candidate Attorney			Ma Nicola Brotorius	Ctudont Assistant
	Project Manager – Outreach	Mrs Lizelle Du Pisani :	Secretary to Director			Mrs Elsie Sikhakhane :	Cleaner	Ms Nicole Pretorius :	Student Assistant
	Programmes			Ms Thabo Rose Teffo :	Candidate Attorney	With Eigle Sikitakitatie .	Cicarici		
	Lecturer – IURI 414,	Mrs Monique Botes :	Administrative		,			Ms Marzel Diedericks:	Student Assistant
	IURI 422		Assistant – Clusters,			Ms Petria Venter :	Student Assistant		
	Principal Attorney –		Students and	Mr Samuel :	Candidate Attorney				
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	Mpumalanga Access to Justice Cluster			Mr Matthys Coetzee :	Candidate Attorney				

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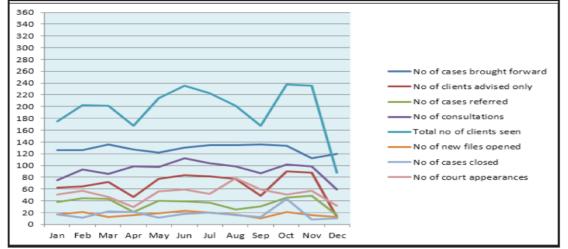
The Law Clinic in Potchefstroom employs attorneys, candidate attorneys and paralegals, inter alia, to provide free legal services to poor and indigent people.

The Law Clinic also operates from a satellite office of the Potchefstroom Magistrate's Court situated in Ikageng. This office is open from 09:00 to 13:00 from Mondays to Fridays.

We assist clients with:

Civil matters Evictions Divorce actions Family violence Division of property Money claims rehabilitation Spoliation

Labour matters Maintenance orders Children's court Delict Contract Criminal Mediation



STATISTICS FOR THE LAW CLINIC FOR 01 JANUARY 2017 – 31 DECEMBER 2017

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Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No of cases brought forward	126	126	136	127	122	130	135	135	136	134	112	120
No of clients advised only	62	65	72	47	77	84	82	77	49	90	88	13
No of cases referred	38	44	43	21	40	39	37	25	31	45	49	16
No of consultations	75	93	86	99	97	112	104	99	87	102	98	59
Total no of clients seen	175	202	201	167	214	235	223	201	167	237	235	88
No of new files opened	17	21	13	16	19	23	20	17	10	21	16	12
No of cases closed	17	11	22	21	11	18	20	16	12	43	8	10
No of court appearances	51	57	47	30	56	59	52	78	59	51	57	32

STUDENT TRAINING —





Mrs Zaida Essop and Miss Boipelo Mosepele acting as presiding officers during the first semester for the assessment of mock trials held between two student firms in the NWU, Potchefstroom Campus' Law Clinic

The Law Clinic places great emphasis on the practical legal training of our students. We believe that it is important for our students to have a good understanding of legal practice before they complete their degree. The Clinic conducts two practical legal training courses for LLB students in their final year of study. These courses are compulsory for all final year law students at the NWU.

We present the following modules during 2017:

- IURI 414 (Final year students, first semester) for which a total of 211 students registered for this module;
- IURI 422 (Final year students, second semester) for which a total of 212 students registered for this module;

Full time students for IURI 414 and IURI 422 have to attend a practical session at the law clinic of two hours per week during the course of these

modules. That amounts to approximately 20 hours per module. Students also have to attend a formal lecture of minimum one hour per week, which is approximately 10 hours per module.

Ms. Ninette Crous (Lecturer at the Faculty of Law of the NWU) is responsible for the theoretical component of these subjects, whilst Ms Chrisna Landsberg, Mr Schalk Meyer and Mrs. Zaida Essop are responsible for the practical training sessions at the Law Clinic. The entire Law Clinic team is involved with and committed to providing students with the opportunity to do practical legal training.

Practical sessions include:

- Simulated consultations with clients
- General file administration
- Correspondence
- Drafting of letters and pleadings
- Visits to court

- Trial advocacy
- Mock-trials
- Alternative dispute resolution
- Divorce, maintenance and domestic violence
- Bail applications
- Pleas
- General court proceedings and ethics

The practical work conducted by students constitutes 60% of their participation mark for these modules. Students are also required to write a written test and exam at the end of the semester.

The Law Clinic believes that students should be involved in community engagement as part of their preparation for the legal profession. As such students are invited to take part in the activities of the Law Clinic during the semester or over holiday periods.

Students must be enabled to obtain the necessary knowledge of the different career opportunities available to them in the legal profession. As part of the Law Clinic's initiative to give students the true feeling of practice in the real world, local Magistrates, Attorneys, Prosecutors, Advocates and other legal professionals are invited to give lectures. This enables students to actively engage with different legal practitioners and to make an appropriate career choice.

SHADOW PROJECT

The Law Clinic provides students with the opportunity to "shadow" either an Attorney from Legal Aid South Africa or a Public Prosecutor working at the local Magistrate's Court.

This year the program took place during the weeks of 3 - 7 July and 2-6 October 2017.

During the July holiday 12 final year LLB students participated in the project and during the October

holiday 4 final year LLB students participated in the project.

CHILDREN'S COURT PROJECT & STUDENT INVOLVEMENT

The Children's Court Project did not take place in August 2017 as envisioned.

We will implement the project in 2018 after the relevant logistical issues have been sorted. The project will entail fourth year LLB students assisting in the Children's Court with the aim of instilling the importance social justice to the students.

STREET LAW PROJECT

During the first reporting period of 2017, the Law Clinic decided to reimplement the Street Law Project by extending invitations to various High Schools within the Potchefstroom area, inviting the schools to partake in the Street Law Project, 2017. A total number of 3 schools confirmed their participation in the program and 12 students took part in the project.

The Street Law Project officially commenced during the second term of the reporting period and ran for a period of 3 weeks in August 2017

A total number of 19 lessons were presented by the students

SCHOOLS INVOLVED:

NAME OF SCHOOL	GRADES
Boitshoko Secondary School	Grades 8, 9, & 11
Seiphemelo Secondary School	Grades 10 & 11
Resoloftetse Secondary School	Grades 9

A total of 472 school learners benefited from the project.

During the LLB review process conducted by the Council for Higher Education, the NWU decided to register Street Law as an elective Module for final year LLB students.

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Students will therefore be able to register for Street Law as an elective from 2018.

CHILD
JUSTICE UNIT----



The Child Justice Unit (CJU) forms part of the Law Clinic and has the following goals and objectives:

- Research on and advocacy for children's rights;
- Provision of legal services to children;
- The encouragement and promotion of accessible and child friendly Children's Courts;
- The protection of children found to be in need of care and protection;
- Provision of training and education to the community with a focus on children's rights;
- Encouragement and promotion of alternative dispute resolution in matters where children are involved;
- The development of collaborative partnerships with other organisations that share the vision of the CJU;

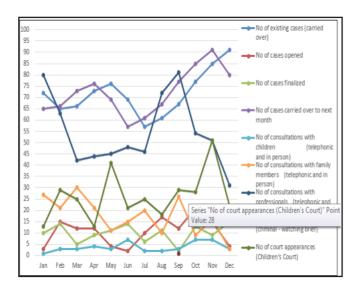
- Preventing or ending gross human rights violations and promoting positive changes in policies or actions of government or relevant non-state actors in the area of human rights;
- Educating and/or training human rights victims, workers or defenders;
- Monitoring, seeking redress for and/or reporting on human rights violations, including supporting victims of human rights abuses;
- Promoting observance and implementation of international human rights standards;
- Promoting and strengthening national or regional human rights institutions or mechanisms.

STATISTICS

"STATISTICS FOR THE CJU FOR 01 JANUARY 2017 – 31 DECEMBER 2017

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Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No of existing cases (carried over)	72	65	66	73	76	69	57	61	67	77	85	91
No of cases opened	3	15	12	12	4	2	10	17	12	21	15	4
No of cases finalized	10	14	5	9	11	14	6	11	2	13	9	15
No of cases carried over to next month	65	66	73	76	69	57	61	67	77	85	91	80
No of consultations with children	1	3	3	4	3	7	2	2	3	7	7	3
No of consultations with family members		21	30	21	11	15	20	10	26	9	16	3
No of consultations with professionals (telephonic and in person)	80	63	42	44	45	48	46	72	81	54	51	31
No of court appearances (criminal - watching brief)												
No of court appearances (Children's Court)	13	29	25	13	41	21	25	18	29	28	51	22
No of court appearances (Regional Court)												
No of court appearances (High Court)												

Currently there are **80 files** on the CJU's database. In some of the cases there are more than one child i.e. brothers and sisters; therefore the CJU is on record for **91 children** in total at the end of DECEMBER 2017.



In July 2011 the CJU signed a co-operation agreement with Legal Aid South Africa pertaining to children's legal assistance in the North-West Province. During 2015 the cooperation agreement was extended for a period of three years.

We have the goodwill of and access to the skill and expertise of highly committed attorneys, candidate attorneys and administrative staff, ensuring that we can assist the children of the North-West Province with this much needed service.

Children, the community and social workers are trained and educated on promotion of children's rights, the legal processes involved in matters regarding children and the protection of children found to be in need of care and protection.

When children are removed from their families after found to be in need of care and protection, the CJU strives to provide these children with the basic means of life, including clothing and food, to ease the emotional and physical pain.

After closing a file where a Child was placed in Foster Care we still keep the file on our system as

a passive file and make follow ups with the Social Workers to ensure that the services as per the order is rendered and the CJU reopen these files before the order lapse to make sure the matter is brought before court again.

TRAINING

The CJU conducted training for social worker's from various organisations in August 2017. The training was rendered to the following organisations:

- 1. 08 August 2017: NG Welsyn: 39 Attendees;
- 2. 10 August 2017: Child Welfare & Rata Social Services: 15 Attendees: and
- 3. 25 August 2017: CMR Brits, CMR Daspoort & FAMSA Potchefstroom: 11 Attendees

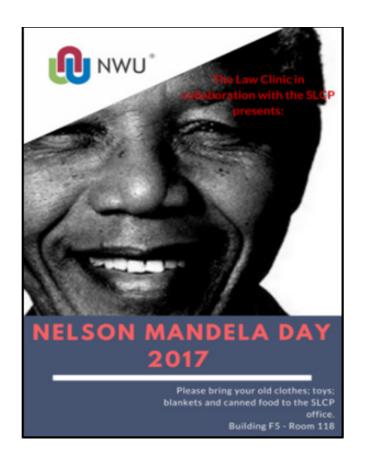
The CJU intends to continue to provide more training to social workers in 2018 with the goal of reaching as much social workers as possible.

NELSON MANDELA DAY 2017

The Law Clinic in collaboration with the Student Law Council of Potchefstroom (SLCP) visited



Tshepiso Masilo, Rose Teffo and Marisa Malonev at Mponeng Primary School







Mponeng Primary School, during which food, clothes and toys were donated to the school.

During this visit we explained the activities of the Law Clinic, specifically that of the CJU. The School Principal expressed some of the challenges she is confronted with on a daily basis. These challenges included substance and alcohol abuse of learners. parents misusing social grants meant for the care of the children, as well as the children being exposed to domestic violence.

The CJU promised to keep in touch with the Principal and also to return to the school to come and raise awareness with regards to the issues she hiahliahted.

16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM

For the 16 Days of Activism we returned to Mponeng Primary School with the aim of raising awareness regarding women and child abuse in the community. The CJU went to the school on 24 November 2017 which marked the eve of the start of the 16 days of activism. The school was having their prize giving ceremony and the parents of the pupils were invited.



The Project Coordinator of the CJU, as well as two candidate attorneys addressed the pupils and the parents on children's rights, substance abuse and domestic violence. The pupils and the parents were given an opportunity to ask questions regarding the topics that were presented.

MARCH AGAINST WOMEN AND CHILDREN ABUSE ON 30 JUNE 2017

The Law Clinic attorneys, Boipelo Mosepele and Jean Viljoen, attended a peaceful march against women and children abuse on the 30th of June 2017. This March was organised by the Community Safety Forum of the North West 405 Municipality.

The March began at the Ikageng Memorial Park and the supporters marched from there to the Ikageng staduim. Upon arrival there were various speakers who spoke to the need to end violence against women and children in the Ikageng community.

Part two of the programme was the march back to Ikageng Memorial Park, where the crowd was





led by a brass band which created a positive vibe throughout the streets of Ikageng and various community members joined the march to back to Memorial Park. The response from the community members were positive and the intended message was spread to the community.

The programme continued at Memorial Park where the executive Mayor Cllr Kgotso Khumalo addressed the community.

NORTH-WEST ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTER





The Law Clinic, in co-operation with Legal Aid South Africa and various NGO's and CBO's operates an Access to Justice Cluster in the North-West Province.

The cluster is a co-operation between various legal service providers and other organisations with the aim of providing access to justice and services to poor and marginalised people in rural and remote

The main activities of the cluster include backup legal services to paralegal advice offices, community workshops, networking and advocacy. The Potchefstroom Law Clinic is acting as the secretariat of the North West Access to Justice Cluster (NWAJC) and handles all the administration and financial management of the Cluster.

BACK-UP LEGAL SERVICES

The NWAJC provided back-up legal services from January – June 2017 to 11 communitybased paralegal advice offices, namely: Bojanala, Jouberton, Lebaleng, Leeudoringstad, Lethabong Drop-in Centre (Jericho), Lethabong, Letlhabile, Orkney, Tlhaofalo, Tlhokomelo and the Ventersdorp Human Rights Legal Network (a subcluster consisting of 4 Non-Profit Organisations).

Since 01 July 2017 the NWAJC provided back-up legal services to 9 community-based paralegal advice offices, namely: Bojanala, Jouberton,

Lebaleng, Leeudoringstad, Lethabong Drop-in Centre (Jericho), Lethabong, Letlhabile, Orkney and the Ventersdorp Human Rights Legal Network (a sub-cluster consisting of 4 Non-Profit Organisations).

In the case where a file is opened the paralegals assist in obtaining outstanding information from the client, and forward it to the Clinic. The paralegals also play an important role in providing feedback to clients when it is difficult to reach

COMMUNITY WORKSHOPS

Community workshops conducted by the NWAJC are planned in cooperation with Traditional Leaders and/or Paralegal Advice Offices throughout the North-West Province. During 2017 the NWAJC conducted 6 community workshops. A total of 202 members of the community attended these workshops.

The main objective of these workshops is to educate members of communities on their basic rights. The topics for the workshops depend on the need identified by the community advice



Mrs A. Lebona, presenting a workshop at the Leeudoringstad Paralegal Advice Office.

STATISTICS OF THE NWAJC FOR 01 JANUARY 2017 - 31 DECEMBER 2017

2017												
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No of cases brought forward	58	60	56	71	69	62	59	70	71	66	65	59
No of clients advised only	14	6	13	6	32	1	32	0	58	1	56	0
No of cases referred	1	0	3	1	5	0	1	0	1	0	7	0
No of consultations (Files not opened yet)	19	10	35	0	31	0	40	0	26	0	22	0
No of new files opened	2	4	19	2	5	3	16	5	1	0	5	0
Total no of clients seen	34	16	51	7	68	1	73	0	85	1	85	0
No of cases closed	0	8	4	4	12	6	5	4	6	1	11	1
No of court appearances	0	0	1	0	3	3	2	3	3	3	4	1

office in that specific community and we usually focus on addressing pressing issues experienced by the community.

The themes that were discussed were the following: Eviction, Divorce, Maintenance, Domestic Violence, Custody, General Rights of Women & Children, Pension, Civil Marriages, Money Claims, UIF and Labour.

SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

During 2017 the NWAJC held 1 school workshop at Resolofetse Secondary High Schools in the



School, Ikageng, Potchefstroom

Ikageng (Potchefstroom area) where 91 learners were reached. Topics discussed were amongst others: Sexual Abuse / Assault, Domestic Violence and Maintenance.

PRISON ALERT PROJECT

The NWAJC hosts this project as part of our Crime Prevention Community Outreach Programme. School leaners are taken to the Wilgeboom

Correctional Services. Potchefstroom for a one day visit. The learners are taken on a tour of the prison and prisoners give motivational speeches.

Number of Learners from different schools that went to Wilgeboom Correctional Services:

- Seiphemelo Secondary School 20
- Boitshoko Secondary School 18

A total of 38 learners participated in the Prison Alert Project during 2017. The Prison Alert Project is an ongoing project of the Law Clinic and will be implemented in 2018.

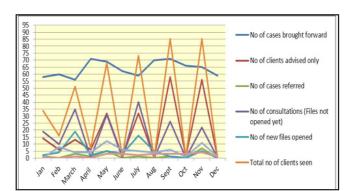
The Law Clinic extended an invitation to the SLCP during 2017 to introduce the prison alert project to LLB students of the NWU.



May 2016 where substance abuse, peer pressure and signs of a teenage smoker were discussed.

During the first reporting period of 2017, the Law Clinic took 4 members of the student's council for a one day tour of the prison.

The Law Clinic received positive feedback from the Student Law Council of Potchefstroom and will officially launch a pilot project in this regard during 2018.



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ACCESS TO JUSTICE CLUSTER —

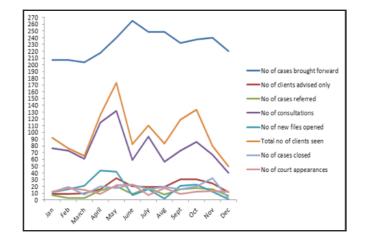


The Law Clinic, in co-operation with Legal Aid South Africa and various NGO's and CBO's operates an Access to Justice Cluster in Mpumalanga.

BACK-UP LEGAL VISITS

The Mpumalanga Access to Justice Cluster provides back-up legal services to the following Paralegal Advice Offices:

- Masisikumeni (Tonga)
- Leandra
- Ukuthula (Kwaggafontein)
- Nkomazi
- Bohlabela (Bushbuckridge)
- Kwa-Guga (Witbank)



STATISTICS OF THE MAJC FOR 01 JANUARY 2017 - 31 DECEMBER 2017

2017												
Activity	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	Jul	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec
No of cases brought forward	207	207	204	217	240	265	249	249	232	237	240	220
No of clients advised only	9	9	10	16	32	20	19	19	30	30	24	11
No of cases referred	7	3	3	14	20	9	17	8	16	17	16	6
No of consultations	76	73	61	114	132	59	94	56	73	86	67	40
No of new files opened	11	16	21	43	42	7	16	2	21	23	12	1
Total no of clients seen	92	76	65	126	173	82	110	83	119	133	80	49
No of cases closed	11	19	18	8	20	17	23	16	19	20	32	2
No of court appearances	12	17	15	9	22	23	7	17	9	12	13	12

OTHER TRAINING

The Law Clinic is committed to legal education and access to justice. As a result the Law Clinic has developed and conducts a number of Short Learning Programmes and Short Courses which have been registered at the North-West University. The Law Clinic offers the following Short Learning Programmes and Short Courses to paralegals, administrative staff, candidate attorneys and attorneys:

Code	Name
T33 1001	Introductory Short Learning Programme for Paralegals – Phase I
T34 100 1	Advanced Short Learning Programme for Paralegals – Phase II
T48 100 1	Short Learning Programme on the Law of Contract for Paralegals
T49 100 1	Short Learning Programme on the Consumer Protection Act for Paralegals
T50 100 1	Short Learning Programme on Mediation Skills for Paralegals
T51 100 1	Short Learning Programme on Labour Law for Attorneys
T52 100 1	Short Learning Programme on Alternative Dispute Resolution for Paralegals
T53 100 1	Short Learning Programme on Basic Legal Training for Administrative Staff
T 54 100 1	Short Learning Programme on the Children's Act for Paralegals

T55 100 1	Short Learning Programme on the Consumer Protection Act for Attorneys
T81 100 1	Short Course on Administration of Estates
T84 100 1	Short Learning Programme on Legal Aspects of Governance and Compliance
J19 100 1	Introductory Short Course on Legal Aspects of Governance and Compliance
J20 100 1	Short Course on Community Engagement and Access to Justice

These courses aim to improve the practical skills required by a paralegal to effectively resolve disputes in their communities, whether by negotiation, mediation or referrals to government departments, tribunals, courts, etc.

STATISTICS: TRAINING CONDUCTED

The Law Clinic presented the following short learning programmes / short courses during the reporting period:

Short Course on Legal Aspects of Governance and Compliance (J84 100 1) to community based paralegals affiliated with the Association of University Legal Aid Institutions Trust (the AULAI Trust):

REGIONS	VENUE	NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	NUMBER OF DAYS
North-West	Potchefstroom	Conducted in 2016	-
Mpumalanga	Nelspruit	Conducted in 2016	-
Limpopo	Polokwane	12	4
Western Cape	Cape Town	11	4
TOTAL		23	8







Introductory Short Course on Legal Aspects of Governance and Compliance (J19 100 1) to community based paralegals, management committee and staff members of communitybased paralegal advice offices:

Region	venue	of attendees	of days
North-West	Jouberton Orkney Leeudoringstad Makwassie Groot Marico Tlhaofalo Lethabong Bonjanala Letlhabile Jericho Venterdorp	21 7 15 5 8 8 11 6 10 8 31	1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
Mpumalanga	Bohlabela Masisikumeni Nkomazi Kwa-Guqa Leandra Ukuthila	11 15 15 5 13 7	1 1 1 1 1 1
Northern Cape	Marydale Douglas Hopetown Danielskul Hartswater Kuurman	9 28 10 11 10 17	1 1 1 1 1
Limpopo	Mankweng Matlala Relemogile Ga-Mamadi Mokopane Manthata Sekhukhukhune	19 43 29 17 10 8 22	1 1 1 1 1 1
Western Cape	Hedeveld Athlone Bonteheuwel Langa	13	1 1 1
	Mitchell's Plain Gugulethu	13	1
TOTAL		455	32

The Introductory Short Learning Programme for Paralegals – Phase I (T33 100 1) and Advanced Short Learning Programme for Paralegals – Phase II (T34 100 1) at the Dullah Omar School for Paralegalism held in Johannesburg on 23 – 27 October 2017:

REGIONS	VENUE		NUMBER OF ATTENDEES	NUMBER OF DAYS
National	T33 100 1	Johannesburg	30	5
National	T34 100 1	Johannesburg	18	5
TOTAL			48	10



Community-based Paralegals conducting their final written assignment during the Dullah Omar Summer School.

SCHOOL FOR LEGAL PRACTICE -



The Faculty of Law of the NWU and the Law Clinic host the School for Legal Practice for the North-West Province in association with the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) and other major role players in the legal profession.

The School for Legal Practice is situated on the Potchefstroom Campus of the NWU and caters mainly for law graduates of the North-West University (Mafikeng and Potchefstroom Campuses). The medium of instruction is English in order to accommodate all learners from the province. Students have the option to write their exams in Afrikaans.

Students who complete the school programme successfully receive one-year reduction from their articles and may write the Attorneys Admission Examination immediately after completion of the school programme.

The school is administered as prescribed by the Policy Statement of the LSSA and students are issued with the training material developed by the LSSA. Assessment is also in accordance with the Policy Statement. Instructors are legal practitioners with appropriate experience in a specific legal field.

38 Students were enrolled in the School for Legal Practice during 2017.

The module programme includes the following subjects:

Module 1

- Criminal Court Practice
- Constitutional Practice
- Professional Conduct
- Trial Advocacy

Module 2

- Magistrate's Court Practice
- High Court Practice
- Matrimonial and Divorce matters
- Personal Injury Claims
- Insolvency Procedures
- Legal Costs
- Alternative Dispute Resolution

Module 3

- Commercial Contracts
- Commercial litigation
- Forms of Business Enterprises
- Labour Dispute Resolution
- Wills, Estates and Trusts

Module 4

- Attorneys Bookkeeping
- Aspects of Business Management

INVOLVEMENT IN OTHER PROJECTS



√ South African University Law Clinic Association (SAULCA) (formerly known as the Association of University Legal Aid Institutions (AULAI)

SAULCA is a voluntary association of all South African university law clinics, established in approximately 1982 to promote and protect the interests, values and goals of its members. SAULCA's vision is to be a professional and efficient organisation committed to democratic values and human rights, and dedicated to promoting excellence in clinical legal education and access to justice.

Ms Chrisna Landsberg and Mr Schalk Meyer serve on the Executive Committee of SAULCA.

√ AULAI Trust

AULAI Trust is a fund created for the benefit of all university based legal aid & clinical legal educational institutions in South Africa.

Mr Schalk Meyer, is the Programme Manager for the Trust, and the Law Clinic handles the programme management of the Trust.

√ National Alliance for the Development of Community Based Advice offices (NADCAO)

NADCAO is a forum of different stakeholders that share the interest and commitment to ensure the sustainability of the paralegal sector. The stakeholders, including service providers, donors, membership based organisations, and national NGOs, represent a new and fresh partnership model of different role players and interests, tied together by common concerns and commitments.

These common concerns and commitments include:

 Expansion of access to social justice in South Africa:

- Sustainability of the sector;
- The need for advocacy to help advance processes related to the recognition by government;
- Professionalisation of the sector.

Mr Schalk Meyer, is a board member of NADCAO.

√ Legal Aid South Africa

The Law Clinic has two cooperation agreements with Legal Aid South Africa, one for the provision of legal assistance to children (the Child Justice Unit) and another for the provision of access to justice to the poor and marginalised people in rural and remote areas in the Mpumalanga province (the Mpumalanga Access to Justice Cluster).

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