

INVITATION & CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE NWU FACULTY OF LAW CORPORATE & FINANCIAL MARKETS LAW CONFERENCE 28-29 OCTOBER 2021 AND *SPECULUM JURIS* JOURNAL SPECIAL EDITION



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Dear colleague/participant

INVITATION TO PRESENT AT NWU FACULTY OF LAW 1st CORPORATE & FINANCIAL MARKETS LAW CONFERENCE 28-29 OCTOBER 2021

The corona virus (covid-19) pandemic has certainly affected all of us in one way or the other. For instance, gatherings are currently banned, universities, colleges, schools and most businesses are closed or partially opened. Notwithstanding the current negative impact and challenges of the covid-19 pandemic on all persons and businesses, the North West University (NWU) Faculty of Law wishes to invite you to present a paper at the NWU 1st Corporate & Financial Markets Law Conference, **virtually on 28-29 October 2021**, owing to the current covid-19 challenges. The theme of the conference is: **confronting the effects of the covid-19 pandemic on corporate governance, corporate insolvency and financial education measures in practice**. For the past two years, the NWU Faculty of Law has successfully hosted the 1st and 2nd Annual Corporate & Financial Markets Law Colloquiums. This year we are excited that the annual colloquium has grown into a full conference. The conference focuses, *inter alia*, on the influence and effects of the covid-19 pandemic on corporate governance, corporate insolvency and financial education measures and strategies of corporations, companies and other juristic persons in practice. This follows the fact that the covid-19 pandemic has adversely affected most economies of the world, as companies and corporations are struggling to adhere to good corporate governance practices, promote financial education and corporate social responsibility as well as to maintain viable liquidity levels and remain profitable. Companies, corporate creditors, debtors, employers, employees and other stakeholders have been affected by the covid-19 induced lockdowns, closure of borders and movement restrictions in all countries and jurisdictions. As such, it is important for companies, corporations and all relevant persons to adopt innovative ways of conducting their businesses and corporate practices such as corporate governance, corporate insolvency and financial education measures and related strategies so as to circumvent the negative effects of the covid-19 pandemic and effectively protect the interests of all stakeholders. Good corporate governance practices, better corporate insolvency strategies, business rescue practices, robust corporate social responsibility policies and adequate financial education measures should be adopted by companies, corporations and all relevant persons to curb the effects of the covid-19 pandemic on business activities and global economies, especially in developing countries.

The **sub-themes of the conference** include the following:

- implementation of the relevant OECD documents to promote good corporate governance measures
- the effect of the covid-19 pandemic on the promotion of contemporary corporate governance practices
- the covid-19 pandemic and corporate governance challenges
- the covid-19 pandemic and corporate insolvency challenges
- the covid-19 pandemic and corporate social responsibility challenges
- the covid-19 pandemic and financial education challenges
- corporate insolvency and the ranking of stakeholders' claims during business rescue
- the protection of various corporate stakeholders' interests during corporate insolvency proceedings
- corporate liquidation versus business rescue
- corruption versus corporate governance measures
- the importance of financial education in maintaining profitability of companies
- corporate social responsibility and the role of financial education

NB: The stated sub-themes do not constitute a closed list for purposes of this conference. Any other contributions that are related to the sub-themes and suitably identified by participants are more than welcome.

The conference will provide a platform for academics, students and other relevant persons to interrogate the aforesaid matters and come up with ideas that could be utilised by policy makers in the future. All good papers will be published after peer review in the ***Speculum Juris Journal*** special edition on: **"confronting the effects of the covid-19 pandemic on corporate governance, corporate insolvency and financial education measures in practice"**.

Abstract deadline: 31 August 2021

Full papers deadline: 30 September 2021

Conference dates: 28-29 October 2021

Venue: VIRTUALLY

Email address for abstracts: rieette.venter@nwu.ac.za

Registration fees: Free

Please kindly let me know by **31 August 2021**, whether you are available in principle to participate on these dates. We trust that this conference is going to be a meaningful meeting for academics, students and all relevant participants.

Yours sincerely



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