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UCT-SAMLA COURSE 1: FOUNDATIONS OF MEDICO-LEGAL PRACTICE

2018 LECTURE TIMETABLE

SESSION 1: 27 January 2018			
SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 1: South African law applicable to personal injury litigation	OPENING ADDRESS	Prof Avinash Govindjee	2.5 hours
	A. <u>Introduction to medico-legal practice</u> Introduction to the foundations of medico-legal practice in personal injury litigation	Judge Neels Claassen	
	Transformational Objectives of the Course	Dr. Herman Edeling	
	B. <u>The personal injury claim</u> Civil litigation (for lawyers and experts)	Dr Henry Lerm	2.5 hours
	The cause of action (contract/delict/assault)	Dr Henry Lerm	
	What is the plaintiff entitled to claim?	Dr Henry Lerm	
	The RAF claim (introduction)	Prof Hennie Klopper	

	Medical negligence claims (introduction)	Dr Henry Lerm	
	C. <u>Grounds of justification when treating a patient</u>		2.5 hours
	Consent to medical treatment	Adv. John Mullins SC	
	When consent to medical treatment is not required: emergency, statutory authority, court order and others	Adv. Albert Lamey	
	Causation in medical negligence	Adv. John Mullins SC	

SESSION 2: 10 February 2018			
SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 1: South African law applicable to personal injury litigation	D. <u>Medical negligence litigation</u>		2.5 hours
	Grounds of medical negligence and proof thereof	Adv. Albert Lamey	
	Specific cases in medical negligence litigation	Dr Henry Lerm	
	E. <u>RAF claims</u>		2.5 hours
Understanding the RAF Amendment Act and Regulations Limitation of compensation for patrimonial and non-patrimonial damages Problems in practice The future	Prof Hennie Klopper		
	F. <u>Work Place Law</u>		2.5 hours
	The common law cause of action	Adv. Russel Beaton SC	

	A claim under the Statutory Provisions The role of the expert witness		
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SESSION 3: 24 February 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 1: South African law applicable to personal injury litigation	G. <u>General introduction to the law of evidence</u> General introduction to the law of evidence	Adv. Albert Lamey	2.5 hours
	Specific medical cases relating to evidence	Adv. John Mullins SC	
	H. <u>Proving your claim</u> Obtaining health records and other evidence	Adv. Natalie Lawrenson	2.5 hours
	The expert witness	Adv. John Mullins SC	
	I. <u>Mediation of medical disputes</u> Benefits and track record of mediation; pre-mediation meeting; role players in medico-legal mediation	Judge Neels Claassen and Ms Nomonde Keswa	2.5 hours

SESSION 4: 10 March 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
	A. Foundations of morality and ethics	Dr Willem Moore	2.5 hours
	B. Legal ethics	Dr Henry Lerm	2.5 hours

SUBJECT 2: Ethical conduct in medico-legal practice	C. Ethical rules / guidelines for the medical practitioner (HPCSA Ethical Guidelines)	Dr Malcolm De Roubaix	2.5 hours
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SESSION 5: 17 March 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 2: Ethical conduct in medico-legal practice	D. Ethical conduct in medico-legal practice concerning the medico-legal practitioner, or medico-legal ethics Ethical fees for medico-legal services (Ethical issues that confront the medico-legal practitioner that are not provided for in standard medical or legal ethical rules or guidelines)	Dr & Adv. Anton van den Bout	2.5 hours
SUBJECT 3: Psychology and communication in medico-legal practice	A. Ego states and their behavioural manifestation Understanding and managing Self	Dr Hannetjie Edeling	2.5 hours
	B. The psyche of the human being Dealing with the Other	Ms Mignon Coetzee	2.5 hours

SESSION 6: 14 April 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
	C. General communication skills	Dr Berna Gerber	2.5 hours

SUBJECT 3: Psychology and communication in medico-legal practice	Communicating clearly		
	D. Special communication skills Dealing with diversity and special circumstances	Prof Mark Tschaepe	2.5 hours
SUBJECT 4: Logical reasoning	A. Logical and illogical reasoning by experts, advocates and judges	Dr David Klatzow	2.5 hours

SESSION 7: 21 April 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 4: Logical reasoning	B. Introduction to logical reasoning – Part 1	Adv. Jimmy Kyriacou	2.5 hours
	C. Introduction to logical reasoning – Part 2	Adv. Jimmy Kyriacou	2.5 hours
	D. Logical and illogical reasoning by experts, advocates and judges	Adv. John Mullins SC	2.5 hours

SESSION 8: 5 May 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 5: Medical science applicable to medico-legal practice	A. Orthopaedics: a study of the musculoskeletal system and injuries Anatomy/physiology: complications and outcome of musculoskeletal injuries of the limbs	Prof Charles Lautenbach	2.5 hours
	B. Neurosurgery/neurology – essential anatomy/physiology of the brain; outcome of brain injuries (with references to logical reasoning; the scientific method in medicine; impairment of abstract but crucial functions)	Dr Herman Edeling	2.5 hours

	C. Obstetrics/gynaecology: complications; birth trauma	Dr Peter Koll	2.5 hours
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SESSION 9: 19 May 2018			
SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 5: Medical science applicable to medico-legal practice	D. Internal medicine; outcome of chest/abdominal injuries; life expectancy; influence of chronic disease, e.g. HIV, diabetes, etc.	Dr Andre Botha	2.5 hours
	E. <u>Symposium on Pain</u> Towards a better understanding of chronic pain (Inappropriate pain behaviour; real pain; acute and chronic musculoskeletal pain; failed back surgery syndrome; neuropathic pain; anatomical and non-anatomical pain distribution; referred pain; phantom pain; treatment of chronic pain; prognosis of chronic pain)	<u>Main Speaker</u> Dr Russell Raath <u>Panel</u> Dr Hans Enslin Mr Trevor Reynolds Ms Elzeth Jacobs	2.5 hours
	F. Impairment/disability – discussion of the medico-legal importance of human impairment and disability. Discussion regarding the narrative test and deficiencies found in the 6th edition of the AMA Guides	Dr Hans Enslin	2.5 hours

SESSION 10: 2 June 2018			
SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME

SUBJECT 6: Other sciences applicable to medico-legal practice	A. Assessment of physical functional status after a personal injury: a physiotherapy perspective	Ms Pip Jackson	2.5 hours
	B. The application of functional capacity evaluation results on all spheres of life The effect of physical limitations on earning capacity	Ms Elzeth Jacobs	2.5 hours
	C. Myths and misconceptions about clinical psychology's contribution to settling personal injury claims (psychological trauma; psychological sequelae of physical injuries)	Mr Trevor Reynolds	2.5 hours

SESSION 11: 9 June 2018

SUBJECT	LECTURE TITLE	LECTURER	TIME
SUBJECT 6: Other sciences applicable to medico-legal practice	D. From consulting room to courtroom: the role of the neuropsychologist in the quantification of personal injury matters involving brain damage	Mr Brian Mallinson	2.5 hours
	E. The role of the educational psychologist, including aspects of paediatric neuropsychology, in medico-legal practice	Ms Eleanor Bubb	2.5 hours
	The devil is in the detail - speech, language and communication considerations in TBI	Dr Odette Guy	
	F. Challenges regarding assessment of loss of earning capacity for the industrial psychologist A template of facts and opinions to be provided by other disciplines to assist the industrial psychologist	Dr Rita Kellerman	2.5 hours
	The calculation of capitalised losses in personal injury claims	Mr Alexander Munro	

EXAMINATION: 21 July 2018