



FORENSIC DNA PROFILING AND THE LAW

22 OCTOBER 2012 at 18:00

The Professional Development Project of the Faculty of Law, UCT in conjunction with inqaba biotec and the DNA Project are pleased to host a public seminar on Forensic DNA Profiling and the Law:

TOPICS:

1. "International Perspectives on the Changing Application of DNA Databases for Criminal Justice and Humanitarian Purposes" - **Mr Chris Asplen**
2. "DNA Forensics for the Protection of Children" - **Dr Maria Corazon De Ungria**
3. "Innocence Project Philippines: Putting Science and Law into Action to Address Wrongful Convictions" - **Dr Maria Corazon De Ungria**
4. "A Judicial Rule on DNA Evidence: the Philippine Experience" - **Attorney Jose M. Jose**
5. "The Impact of Forensic DNA Testing on the Legal-Judicial System" - **Mr Ed Huffine**

Who should attend? Judges, magistrates, prosecutors, attorneys, advocates, members of the police force and other crime related bodies.

SEMINAR PRESENTERS:

Chris Asplen

Mr Asplen is the Founder and Director of DNA 4 Africa, former Assistant U.S. Attorney and local Prosecutor specializing in the prosecution of sex crime and child abuse. He was also formerly the Executive Director of the National Commission on the Future of DNA Evidence for the U.S. Department of Justice and Director of the DNA Unit for the National District Attorneys Association. Currently, he consults with local, state, and Foreign governments and law enforcement agencies on the use of forensic DNA technology. Chris is also a member of the Crime Victim Bar Association. He has recently founded DNA 4 Africa, a non-profit, multipurpose Organization to help Africa maximize the potential of Forensic DNA. Joining with other non-profits organizations, Governments and private sector partners, DNA 4 Africa will advocate for the broader use of DNA Forensics to protect victims from the genocidal violence, government sponsored rape and other atrocities so prevalent on that continent.

Dr. Maria Corazon De Ungria

Dr. De Ungria currently heads the DNA Analysis Laboratory of the Natural Sciences Research Institute, University of the Philippines, Diliman, QC. This laboratory conducts research, training and actual



Mornè du Plessis, former springbok rugby player and manager, and a director of Sail (Pty) Ltd, a company primarily engaged in the sport and leisure environment, recently lectured at UCT Law@ Work's four-day Sports Law course. With him in the photo are, from left to right: Johann Viljoen, Liam Shirley, Mornè, Daniel Skinstad and Professor Rochelle le Roux. The pretty ladies standing in front are Tania Botes and Corinne Berg.

AN INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE - cont./

This course is an introductory course dealing with the following aspects of Administrative Law:

Day 1 - General introduction to the Bill of Rights and Administrative Law Outline of PAJA and section 33

Day 2 - Lawfulness and procedural fairness

Day 3 - Reasonableness, reasons and remedies

Details available [here](#).

ADVANCED RESIDENTIAL RENTAL

2 November 2012

Course fee: R6000.00

This seminar deals with landlord/tenant law on a comprehensive basis, including developing areas of the law, such as the Consumer Protection Act. We look into situations outside the run of the mill ones that arise during lease tenancies. Consideration is paid to dealing with often ignored lease provisions, such as those dealing with "fair wear and tear", and often uncomfortable situations such as tenant deaths as well as reconstruction of leased premises. Emphasis would be placed on practical application using real life examples where complex and often ignored areas of the law were applied. This course is directed towards answering all your questions on complex and unfamiliar legal issues relating to landlord/tenant law.

Details available [here](#).

casework on enhancing the country's capacity to conduct DNA analysis for forensic applications. In 2011, Dr. De Ungria was appointed as the Director of the Program on Forensic and Ethnicity of the Philippine Genome Center. In this new appointment, Dr. De Ungria is tasked to further expand her work in the development of DNA forensics as well as in studying Filipino ethnicities, to initiate projects with other scientists and universities in order to magnify the benefits of rigorous scientific research in the Philippines.

Jose M. Jose

Attorney Jose is a Supervising Lawyer at the Office of Legal Aid at the College of Law of the University of the Philippines in Manila from where he graduated in 1988. He is also practising at Jose Law Offices in Manila and handles various criminal as well as election cases. The Philippines might be the only country which implemented and repealed the Death Penalty twice; as well as promulgated a rule specifically on DNA Evidence apart from the Rules on Evidence. The Rule includes a specific section on post-conviction DNA testing which opened the door for a re-examination of possible weaknesses in the process of criminal investigation and trial in the Philippines. The Rule is very focused on DNA and will be a good springboard for discussion on its legal merit.

Ed Huffine

Mr Huffine leads Bode's international sales and marketing efforts for the successful development of international projects at Bode as Vice President of International Development. In this role, Mr Huffine also advises and assists nations in developing or upgrading their forensic DNA systems. Mr Huffine has more than 22-years of experience in forensic science and human DNA identification. His forensic career began in 1990 with the Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) to develop a DNA laboratory to assist in the identification of fatal air crash victims. Mr Huffine served as the Director of the Forensic Sciences Program for the International Commission on Missing Persons (ICMP) from 1999 – 2004. From a central base of operations in Bosnia, Mr Huffine was the architect of the commission's Forensic Sciences Program which identified more than 15,000 individuals, and has served as a model for the development of similar systems in multiple nations throughout the world.

When:

18:00-20:00

Light refreshments will be served from 17:30.

Where:

Lecture Theatre 2, Kramer Law Building, Middle Campus, University of Cape Town.

Please **RSVP** by **Thursday 18 October 2012**

RSVP to:

Paula Allen on 021 650 5558 or Email

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(there will be no charge for attendance - the event will be sponsored by inqaba biotec)

AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAMIC FINANCE AND BANKING LAW

November 2012 (final date to be advised)

Course fee: R3500.00

The South African Income Tax Act 58 of 1962 has recognised the different treatment of interest income between the South African common law and Islamic Financing arrangements. The main difference lies in the treatment of money as a means of trade and not as a commodity in itself. In addition, Islamic law is part of the legal system of many African countries such as Nigeria, Morocco, Algeria, etc., and it governs commercial transactions in those countries, particularly with respect to the granting of finance. The secular legal aspects of Finance law are relatively complex and their interaction with the principles of Islamic law adds a further layer to the complexity. The course will provide an introduction to:

- The terms of the Islamic financing transactions;
- The interaction between the terms of Islamic financing transactions and other legal systems;
- Implications for commercial transactions.

Details available [here](#).

PRACTICAL BUSINESS RESCUE

16 November 2012

Course fee: R1800.00

Judicial management has been replaced by Chapter 6 of the new Companies Act, which has introduced a more modern and flexible business rescue procedure. It has been premised on international best practice and incorporates similar provisions to those found in the US, EU & Australia. The course will be presented in three stages:

- The Legislation and Regulations
- An analysis of the Case Law to date
- The Practicalities of Business Rescue and the methodology of Corporate Turnaround

Details available [here](#).

AN INTRODUCTION TO SOUTH AFRICAN OIL AND GAS LAW

20 to 22 November 2012

Course fee: R6000.00

This course is designed to give participants a basic understanding of the law relating to oil and gas and a broad understanding of the legal environment in which international transactions occur.

The course will benefit professionals looking to develop insight into the legal and regulatory framework for the oil and gas industry. This includes attorneys, advocates, legal advisors in government and employees of regulatory bodies.

Details available [here](#).

THE PROTECTION OF PERSONAL INFORMATION - A ONE-DAY SEMINAR ON THE BILL AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR BUSINESSES

28 November 2012

Course fee: R1800.00



Forthcoming Courses:

MEDICAL NEGLIGENCE LAW

3 to 4 October 2012

Course fee: R 3,500

Medical negligence law is a specialised and unique branch of the law which governs the rights/duties and legal basis pertaining to the doctor-patient-hospital relationship (also in context of health care users and health care providers). This two-day course is an overview of medical negligence law in South Africa with specific reference to principles, pleadings and precedents in context of litigation. Informed consent, as a ground of justification, will also be assessed. This course will benefit lawyers, legal advisors and advocates interested in, or involved with, dealing with or advising clients on medico-legal matters (e.g. medical negligence claims) as well as legal academics, prosecutors, magistrates and officials from the Department of Justice who would deal with these claims in court, insurers dealing with professional liability insurance, and hospital administrators.

Details available [here](#).

LEGAL WRITING

8 - 12 October 2012

Course fee: R8000.00

The course explores legal writing in a variety of contexts, from rule-driven to persuasive, through a study of various topics.

Details available [here](#).

NEGOTIATION SKILLS

17 - 18 October 2012

Course fee: R3500.00

The aim of this course is to introduce delegates to the negotiation framework and to equip delegates with the skills needed to negotiate effectively.

Everyone has at some stage had to negotiate for or about something, irrespective of who they are or where they work. We use negotiation to achieve our goals, realize our expectations, protect our interests, work out a compromise, to avoid trouble with others or to help others solve their problems. Negotiation is a give and take bargaining process that when conducted well, leaves all parties feeling satisfied with the result. When you can negotiate effectively, you should be able to resolve situations where what you want conflicts with what someone else wants..

Details available [here](#).

AN INTRODUCTION TO ADMINISTRATIVE JUSTICE

29 - 31 October 2012

Course fee: R6000.00

Course fee: R1800.00

Most businesses collect, and use personal information for one reason or another. The processing of personal information will soon be subject to the Protection of Personal Information Act. The Act will place many new obligations on businesses ranging from obtaining the consent of the data subject before utilising personal information to ensuring that personal information is secure. A new Information Regulator will be.

At the time of writing this invitation the Protection of Personal Information Bill was just passed by the National Assembly. This means that only the National Council of Provinces and the signature of the President are needed for it to become law. It now seems likely that this will be before the end of the year. All companies will have one year from the commencement of the Act to ensure that they comply.

This course is aimed at management, attorneys, in-house legal advisors and compliance officers.

Details available [here](#).

In the increasingly competitive **South African legal industry**, it is more important than ever for senior law professionals to spend their time wisely. Ensuring that your support team has the knowledge and skills to fulfill their roles will not only give you peace of mind, but it will also allow you to delegate more in order to free up your own valuable time.

Increase the capability of your support team with the University of Cape Town (Law@Work) Paralegal Practitioner short course, presented part-time and entirely online throughout South Africa.

About the course

- 16-week online short course, therefore no travelling or study leave required
- Participants will understand how to perform various legal tasks, provide advice to clients and internal members of staff and perform administrative duties
- Gain an introduction to general South African law and a foundation on which to build the knowledge and expertise required for specific paralegal work
- Results in a Paralegal Practitioner certificate from the University of Cape Town

Course starts: 22 October 2012

[Download course information](#)

For more information contact Nazley on +27 (21) 447 7565 or email nazley@getsmarter.co.za.

Alternatively, visit www.getsmarter.co.za.



MEET OUR PRESENTER:

Dr Luke Havemann, the founding director of Havemann Inc, is a practicing attorney of the High Court of South Africa. Luke is a member of the Maritime Law Association of South Africa and the Environmental Law Association of South Africa.

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Havemann Inc is a specialist energy law firm, with Luke being a practising attorney who holds the degree of LLB in the field of oil and gas law. Luke's passion for and unparalleled knowledge of his particular field of expertise has led to his being invited to present papers regarding topical legislative developments at various international oil and gas conferences (such as the East African Petroleum Conference and Exhibition and Offshore West Africa). Luke has recently completed a chapter for the second edition of Greg Gordon and John Paterson's Oil and Gas Law: Current Practice and Emerging Trends, wherein he critically analyses the enviro-legal regime governing the United Kingdom's offshore industry. Luke also holds the position of Consulting Editor: Oil & Gas for Energy Forecast, an African publication focusing on economic, political, social and other issues relating to the energy sector.

Prior to founding Havemann Inc and addressing the obvious need for a specialist energy law firm in Southern Africa, Luke practiced in the commercial litigation departments of both Cliffe Dekker and Bowman Gilfillan, two of South Africa's most prestigious corporate law firms.

Luke began his tertiary education at the Federal University of Minas Gerais (UFMG), Brazil, following which he attended the University of Cape Town (UCT), South Africa, where he successfully completed an accelerated BA LLB programme, which included elective courses in Maritime and Commercial Law, respectively. Luke went on to obtain a Master's Degree (LLM) in Marine and Environmental Law from the University of Cape Town's Institute of Marine and Environmental Law (IMEL), with his chosen curriculum including courses in Marine Resources Law, International Environmental Law and Marine Pollution Law, respectively. Finally, Luke studied for and obtained the degree of PhD in law from the University of Aberdeen, Scotland, where he was awarded the CB Davidson scholarship.

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