

## College of Law: 2026 Research Niche (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
1. Dr S Ndlazi	Constitutional Law, artisanal and small-scale mining
2. Dr H Coetzee	Environmental law, Constitutional law and Citizenship, Participation and Democracy
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. Mr S Selelo	International Law and Administrative Law
7. Mr P Makama	Constitutional law, human rights law and Constitutional interpretation
8. Ms A Peterson	Environmental Law
9. Prof A Manthwa	Human rights Law, Customary Law and Family Law
10. Dr L Mhlongo	international economic law and international investment law.
11. Adv NC Malatsi	Interpretation of statutes, Education law and administrative law
12. MR R Lepphoto	International Trade Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution.
13. Ms M Mooki	Human rights law
14. Prof L Stone	Constitutional law and international law
15. Dr P Mudau	Constitutional law
16. Dr J Ramages	Company law, contract law and Broad-Based Black economic empowerment

## 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
1. Prof J Heaton	Matrimonial Property Law, Maintenance law and Parental responsibilities and rights
2. Prof J Jamneck	Law of succession
3. Prof A Roos	Privacy and internet law, Law of succession, Data Privacy protection/legal protection of personal information
4. Ms TI Munyai	Property Law and Law of Contracts
5. Prof P Bakker	Customary (indigenous) family law, religious family law, contemporary families and family law in Africa
6. Mr CC Bedeker	Financial regulation Law
7. Prof IM Knobel	Property Law and Constitutional Property Law
8. Ms Lezel Buttner	Family Law, Child Law, Law of Persons and Medical Law with special interest in surrogacy, divorce and medial negligence
9. Mr R Ismail	Law of contract and law of sale and lease
10. Mrs R Mahomed	Personal injury claims, sports law, Islamic marriage law
11. Mr K Seanego	Unjustified enrichment liability and estoppel, law of contract.
12. Prof L Kiewitz	Property Law
13. Mr M Netshitungulu	Law of contract, Law of damages
14. Prof CJ Pretorius	Law of Contract, Law of Unjustified Enrichment and Estoppel

15. Prof H Kruger	Child Maintenance, Children's rights, parental responsibility and rights, Law of Persons
16. Prof J Knobel	Delictual claims, law of damages
17. Mr LM Kutu	Property Law, Land Reform and Housing Law
18. Adv M Khumalo	Law of Contract, Family Law, Labour Law, Evidence and Procedural Law
19. Prof MM Mokotong	Law of delict, Personal injuries, Law of damages and (indigenous) marriages law
20. Prof S Ferreira	Child law, law of persons
21. Prof R Ahmed	Law of delict, personal injury claims
22. Mr MM Ratiba	Land and Housing law, deeds law and conveyancing
23. Ms BP Maboki	Law of Succession, Deceased Estates, Medical Law and Customary Law
24. Mr PO Matsemela	Law of Succession, Deceased Estate
25. Mrs TH Nkuna	Notarial practice and Conveyancing
26. Ms M Seerane	Family law, Customary marriages
27. Mrs Contilia Bayi	Law of contract, customary law and child law
28. Miss KN Monareng	Marriage Law, Divorce Law, Matrimonial Law and Customary Law
29. Ms S Motjopi	Deeds, Transfer of movables and immovables, Notarial Practice
30. Mr Motseta Mahlo	Family law, child law and parental rights and responsibilities.

### 3. Department of Corrections Management

Name	Research focus areas
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 Mullins	Youth and Female offenders, Comparative criminal justice; international corrections/prisons; unit management; correctional management; correctional strategic management;
5. Prof CH Cilliers (external) <a href="mailto:CharlCilliers27@gmail.com">CharlCilliers27@gmail.com</a>	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, Social Dimensions in Criminal Justice
8. Dr A Labane	Corrections and care, rehabilitation, assessment inmates and internal role-players in corrections, Social Dimensions in Criminal Justice, and admission in correctional centre
9. Dr 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. Mr J Hlatshwayo	Youth corrections, unit management and correctional administration/management, incarceration of youth offenders.
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
13. Ms NS Mbotshelwa	Corrective approach, Rehabilitation, Youth offenders, Youth corrections, Community corrections.
14. Miss LQ Malepa	Rehabilitation, recidivism, youth offenders
15. Dr T Mdlungu	Juvenile Justice, Rural Criminology, Victimology, Youth Corrections, Community Corrections, Offender Rehabilitation.

#### 4. Department of Police Practice

Name	Research focus area
1. Dr B Lekubu	Fraud, Corruption and Anti-Corruption Reforms/Strategies.
2. Dr MM 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 Criminal investigation and policing

4. Prof A Mabudusha	Migration policing in South Africa, Cross border crimes and Law enforcement and Statelessness in Africa
5. Prof MS Manamela	Policing, Crime prevention, Forensic Investigation in Commercial Crimes and Transgressions
6. Dr LL Motsepe	Crime investigation (Fraud and Commercial Crime, White collar crime) and general policing
7. Dr T van Niekerk	Crimes against women and children – especially all domestic violence and GBV cases. Crime investigation and crime scene investigation. All serious and violent crimes. Forensic investigation.
8. Prof G Thenga	Forensic Investigation, Fraud and Corruption, Transnational Crimes and Commercial crimes, Human and economic rights violations
9. Dr MA Aphanze	Cybercrime, Cyber security, Police training and crime prevention
10. Prof J van Graan	Community Policing, Crime reduction and Prevention, Intelligence- Led Policing
11. Prof RJ Mokwena	Forensic Photography and Crime scene Investigation also include Fingerprints analysis
12. Prof B Benson	Cultural heritage crime, crime investigation, crimes against women and children, policing, corruption and ethics, online tuition pedagogies
13. Prof DQ Mabunda	Forensic Investigation and Policing
14. Dr P Machethe	Transnational crime, Criminal and forensic investigations, Illicit Drugs
15. Prof D Masiloane	Policing Crime Management
16. Mr MC Marakalala	Forensic Investigation, Intelligence, Corruption, Fraud and Commercial crimes, Adapting Anti-Fraud Practices in the Generative AI Age, Human Trafficking, Drugs and Substance Abuse, Money Laundering
17. Mr MG Makola	Geographic information systems, cell-phone record analysis, forensic investigation, policing, Fraud and Corruption
18. Dr M Maboja	Policing, Forensic investigation, Crime information management and analysis
19. Dr OJ David	Crime Prevention, Security-development Nexus,

	Terrorism, Decolonization and Climate Change.
20. Dr B Lebitso	Gender based violence, illicit mining activities, and Crime Prevention
21. Dr NC Dube	Policing, Forensic Investigation in SCM, HRM, Ethics and departmental cases including medical related cases involving doctors and nurses
22. Dr NI Zikalala	Fourth industrial revolution and digitization Policing
23. Ms R Hlungwane	Policing, Forensic Investigation, Organised Crime, Domestic violence, Gender Based Violence and Road freight transport crimes
24. Mr S Naicker	Policing, Investigation of Serious and Violent Crime, Investigation Sexual Offences, Whistleblowing, Internal Investigations, Certified Fraud Examiner, Corporate Investigations and Digital Forensics

## 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. Prof J Le Rour-Bouwer	General Principles of Criminal Law; Specific Offences; Child and Youth Misbehaviour.
3. Mr L Coetzee	Medical Law
4. Dr B Gordon	Internet Law, International Law, Criminal Law
5. Mr K Koza	Criminal Procedure
6. Dr TL Mabusela	Dispute Resolution
7. Mr B Mashabane	Techniques in Trial and litigation
8. Ms M Mkhabela	Civil Procedure
9. Mr G Mokoka	Communication Law, Media Law and Internet Law

10. Ms W Masuku	Family Law, Parental rights and responsibility
11. Dr T Mokoena	Criminal Procedure
12. Prof N Mollema	General Principles of Criminal Law, Specific crimes, Sexual Offences, Human trafficking, Human Rights, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Court interpreting, Forensic linguistics
13. 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 are measures in criminal justice system
14. Ms M Mothapo	Civil Procedure, Criminal law, Criminal Procedure, Corporate Law, Law of evidence
15. Ms P Museka	Criminal Law
16. Prof K Naidoo	Hate crimes, Racially & Ethnically Motivated Crimes, General Principles of Criminal Law
17. Prof B Naudé	Criminal Procedural Rights
18. Dr B Ndlazi	Civil Procedure
19. Mr P Nkoane	Organised Crime
20. Prof L Pienaar	Medical Law Mental Health Law Mental illness in the criminal justice system Child Justice
21. Ms U Poyo	Criminal Procedure, Cybercrime and Financial Crime
22. Ms L Sigotyana	Criminal Law, Communication Law, Media Law and Internet Law.
23. Mr M Teka	Criminal Procedure



## 6. Department of Jurisprudence

Name	Research focus area
1. Bauling A, Ms	Transformative legal education; Online learning in law; ODeL; visual learning in law
2. Bokaba KH, Adv	Critical Race theory, Pan-Africanism, Legal Philosophy, Law and Politics
3. De Villiers JH, Prof	Legal Philosophy, Jurisprudence, Legal Ethics, Animal Rights, Human Rights, Gender theory, Law and Literature.
6. Labuschaigne M, Prof	Medical law and Ethics; regulation of biotechnology law (stem cell and genomic/genetic research); legal regulation of human tissue; assisted fertilisation; law and literature
7. Mabeka NQ, Prof	Labour Law, Commercial Law.
8. Mahlobogwane FM, Dr	Child Law, Family Law and Medical Law
9. Mahomed S, Prof	Bioethics & Health law: international human tissue transfer; protection of personal information; and artificial intelligence.
10. Masilela M, Ms	Customary Law and Commercial Law
11. Mokomane R, Adv	Restorative Justice, Criminal Law, and Customary Law
12. Mswela M, Prof	Health Law, Bioethics, Human rights
13. Neke LDM, Dr	Human Rights; Clinical Legal Education; and Civil Procedural Law
14. Nkosi GS, Ms	Social Welfare Law; Child Law; Customary Law
15. Nyawo P, Ms	Feminist Legal Theory & Gender Policy and the Law
16. Nxokweni U, Adv	Cyber law, Privacy and Data Protection
17. Okoloise MC, Dr	African human rights system; Business and human rights; Environmental and social justice; Natural resources and extractive industries; Sustainable development
18. Raligilia H, Adv	International Law, Labour Law, Law, and Politics
19. Sebei MD, Mr	Labour Relations, Legal Philosophy, and Global Studies
20. Siphuma NS, Dr	Property Law and Constitutional Property Law

21. Slabbert M, Prof	Medical Law; Professional Ethics; Organ Transplants & the Law
22. Snyman MP, Prof	International Outer Space Law
23. Sono NL, Dr	Constitutional Property Law and Property Law
24. Swanepoel M, Prof	Medical Law
25. Vengesai P, Dr	Women's Equality Jurisprudence, Human Rights, Constitutional Law, customary law and Family Law
26. Wethmar-Lemmer M, Prof	Conflict of Laws; Private International Law; International Sales Law and the CISG
27. Wildenboer L, Ms	South African Legal History
28. Adeleke AV, Dr	Health law; Bioethics; Human rights
29. Oppong Peprah L, Dr	Conflict of Laws, Private International Law, International Arbitration, and the Fourth Industrial Revolution.

## 7. Department of Mercantile Law

Name	Research focus area
1. Mr K Bapela	Tax law, Labour Law and Commercial Law
2. Prof M Bekink	Company Law, Commercial Law, Insolvency Law, Child and Family Law
3. Prof R Cassim	Company Law, Corporate Governance
4. Prof F Cassim	Company Law, Business Rescue
5. Adv H De Ru	Child law, Aspects of contract law pertaining to children, Commercial law and Banking law
6. Prof M Du Bois	Intellectual Property Law and Constitutional Property Law
7. Dr S Ebrahim	Equal Pay Law; Employment Discrimination Law; Labour Law
8. Ms M Fuchs	Credit Law, Banking Law and Insolvency Law
9. Prof W Germishuys- Burchell	Labour Law, Commercial law, Specific Contracts and Law of Contract
10. Prof S Geyer	Intellectual Property Law
11. Adv N 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 B Khumalo	Labour Law, Commercial Law and Insolvency Law
15. Adv L Kubjana	Labour Law, Insolvency Law
16. Mr T Kunene	Labour Law (Collective labour law) and Occupational health and safety law, Pension fund Law.
17. Prof M Lombard	Company Law, Commercial law, Consumer contracts
18. Dr V Madlela	Company Law (with a focus on corporate governance, corporate political activities, corporate auditors, mergers and acquisitions, schemes of arrangement and asset disposals).
19. Mr D Mahhumane	Company Law, Labour Law, Commercial law and Corporate Governance
20. Mr P Makakaba	Commercial Law, Banking law and Company Law
21. Dr EM Maleka	Tax law and Commercial Law
22. Prof ME Manamela	Labour Law, Commercial Law and Pension Law
23. Prof TE Manamela	Labour Law, Commercial Law, Pension Law, Social Security Law
24. Mrs BM Masuku	Company Law & Commercial Law
25. Mr B Masuku	Intellectual Property Law, Commercial Law, Consumer Law and Company Law
26. Adv M Mathiba	Labour Law, Commercial Law and Company Law
27. Ms E Mbiriri	Insolvency law, Insurance law, and Company law
28. Adv MR Modiba	Company Law and Commercial Law
29. Ms MM Mulaudzi	Labour Law and Commercial Law
30. Adv N Ntsaluba	Intellectual Property Law, Company Law
31. Dr M Ncube	Banking Law
32. Dr D Rammila	Labour Law, International Trade Law, and Commercial Law
33. Dr RM Shay	Copyright law, transformative constitutionalism, constitutional law and legal theory.
34. Prof M Sigwadi	Company law and Pension Law
35. Prof C Stoop	Commercial law, Education Law, Child Law, Law of persons
36. Ms Z Taljaard	Insolvency Law and Commercial Law
37. Prof LG Tredoux	Income tax law, tax and emigration, corporate tax law, estate planning, international tax law, tax education,

	education law, comparative tax law, tax policy.
38. Prof MD Tuba	Banking Law, Commercial Law, and Insolvency Law, and Property law (Registration of Transfers).
39. Dr B Vambe	Labour Law, Commercial Law, Insurance Law, Cyber Law and International Law
40. Mr R van Niekerk	Commercial Law, Company law and Labour Law
41. Ms AN Wagener	Banking Law, Commercial Law, and Labour Law
42. Prof C Singh	Banking Law and Intellectual Property Law
43. Dr S Sibiya	Labour Law and Tax Law
44. Prof J Tladi	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 TD Ngoveni	SAPS & CPF's collaboration in crime prevention; Police and private security officers in crime prevention, multidisciplinary crime prevention approach, Security risk control measures
2. Dr M Barkhuizen	Victimology (domestic violence; theories; hate crimes), Gender Based Violence (GBV)
3. Prof MI Schoeman	Child justice, children in conflict with the law, victimology, victim-offender overlap, restorative justice
4. Prof K Pillay	Private security industry – Legislation, Regulations, oversight, training and professionalization of private security officers, crime prevention, research methodologies, security risk management.
5. Prof 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. Dr S Kader	Safety and security in society; house robberies: security measures, victims of house robberies
9. Mr TE Banda	Psira as the regulatory body. Regulation of unregistered security service providers
10. Mrs L Van Schalkwyk	Security risk control measures, safety and security at schools, event security
11. Dr DF Monyepao	Drug addiction in relation to crime (female focused)

12.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
13.Prof SK Jansen Van Rensburg	Cybercrime, information security, social engineering, cyberstalking, contemporary crime, women in security, research methodology
14.Mrs C Doorewaard-Janse van Vuuren	Offender risk assessment; explanation of offending behaviour; rural crime with specific focus on livestock theft
15.Mr CM Kgoale	Social media and cybercrime
16.Dr N Bougard	Victimology Risk assessment of offenders Service delivery within the criminal justice system Pre-parole reports
17.Mr M Panyapanya	An evaluation of safety and security at OR Tambo International Airport
18.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). Evaluation of existing security measures and the implementation of cost-effective counter security measures to address the shortfall. Security measures through environmental design and the implementation thereof before construction starts at a new site/premises. Therefor building security measures first into the project and not afterward.
19. 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
20. Mr A Mahambane	Corporate investigation, Safety and security, Retail security, Security risk Management, Crime risk, Risk assessment
21.Prof TO Magadze	Green Criminology, Corrections, Community Policing, Border security, Investigation of Crimes
22. Ms AL Makatu	Security Vetting, Border security, Integrity Management, Intelligence, Military security

	Security Management, Community safety and security
23.Mr TP Maja	Safety and security measures.
24.Ms NP Magagula	Explanation of offending behaviour  Youth and female offending,  Criminological profiling needs and risk assessments.
25.Dr E Reddy	Cryptocurrency Crime/Fraud, DeFi crime, Corporate Investigations, Cybercrime, Cybercrime investigations, Legal and regulatory aspects of cybercrime investigation
24.Prof SM Mkhize	Victims, Police culture, community and school violence, Womanist/Feminist Bosadi
25.Mr T Bogopa	Explosive control, Organised crime prevention, CIT robberies, Safety and security measures