

The African University Shaping Futures in the Service of Humanity

Unisa is a leading contributor to the South African graduate pool, offering a wide range of quality programmes to a third of all higher education students in the country, as well as to other international students. At the forefront of this, is Comprehensive Open Distance e-Learning (CODEL + Business Model), the cornerstone of Unisa's unique positioning, giving accessibility of its programs to the remotest parts of South Africa, the continent and the world.

The blend of realism and human spirit not only describes Law as a discipline, it also aptly describes the core of UNISA. Uniquely positioned as a Comprehensive, Open and Distance eLearning (CODEL +) institution, this highly successful university spans the nation, the continent and the world. Courage, enthusiasm and a positive mental attitude drives the vision, mission, soul and essence of what UNISA is.

Academic Partners has been retained to identify and assess for outstanding talent driven to further both the essence of Law and UNISA as a whole.

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR: LEGAL SERVICES

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You thrive on providing leadership and strategic direction to a competent team making up UNISA's Legal Services Department. You achieve this in accordance with relevant legislation and an innate determination to further the institution's Comprehensive Open Distance e-Learning (CODEL +) platform. You understand the UNISA 2030 Strategy, and you are committed to their strategic transformation agenda.

Your operational leadership, people and process management style allows you to direct and align units with aplomb. You embrace forecasting, budgeting and financial management with deep conviction, while governance and reporting are second nature to you.

Your LL.M degree juxtaposed against being an Admitted Attorney or Advocate is underpinned by a minimum of 10 years' legal experience in a legal services environment where at least 5 years of this tenure has been in a senior management role. A PhD Degree will serve as an added advantage coupled with Higher Education exposure.

Our Head of Assessment, Genevieve Michel is keen to walk you through this key position and to assist you in making formal application. Please provide her with a letter of motivation, together with your Curriculum Vitae by emailing shireen1163@talenting.co.za before the closing date of 14 August 2026.

DIRECTOR: LABOUR LAW

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You pride yourself on your ability to provide a comprehensive range of legal services, including, but not limited to, legal risk management, litigation, legal representation in dispute resolution forums and tribunals, policy drafting, contract review and the provision of legal opinions and advice. Strategic leadership and expert legal counsel on all labour and employment law matters, legal compliance, mitigating legal and organisational risk, and promoting effective employee relations, good governance, and sound institutional decision-making, are all within your ambit of expertise.

In respect of research and tuition activities you are well positioned to support academic excellence and effectiveness, as you are in providing strategic development, implementation and governance advice. You are well-aligned with financial stewardship and sustainability frameworks, while you uphold the importance of stakeholder engagement and applicable legislation. At heart, you are a 'people's person', always ready to assist where you can. In particular, you are respected for your operational excellence and effectiveness.

As an LL.B graduate, you have gained admission as either an Attorney or Advocate and added a further 10+ post years of relevant work experience, of which at least 5 years has been in a management role. An LL.M Degree will serve as an added advantage coupled with Higher Education exposure.

Genevieve Michel is keen to receive your application, which must comprise a letter of motivation and your Curriculum Vitae. Please send these details to carmen1164@talenting.co.za before the closing date of 01 August 2026.

Appointments will be made in accordance with UNISA's employment equity plan and other applicable legislations. Incomplete applications will not be considered. Applicants who applied in response to the advertisement published on 16 and 17 July 2026 are not required to reapply, as their applications will still be considered.

For further information please visit: <https://www.executivetalenting.co.za/talent-registry/>

All applications will be treated as strictly confidential. We correspond with all our candidates.

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