

Abbreviated *Curriculum vitae* – Dr Vhonani Sarah-Jane Neluvhalani-Caquece
(pronounced Khakhesi)

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

PERSONAL AND CURRENT EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Name	Vhonani Sarah-Jane	Surname	Neluvhalani-Caquece
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SHORT OVERVIEW OF RESEARCH AND SCIENTIFIC BACKGROUND/EXPERIENCE/TRAINING

Dr. Vhonani Neluvhalani-Caquece is an attorney of the High Court (admitted in December 2000) with extensive legal and academic experience. She holds a B. Proc (1996) and a Postgraduate LLB (1997) from the University of Durban Westville (now UKZN) and an LLD from NWU Potchefstroom (2021). She completed her articles with Meumann White Attorneys (1998-1999) and worked as a Professional Assistant at Matlala Inc. in Pretoria (2000). Dr. Neluvhalani-Caquece has occupied senior roles in corporate and worked for companies such as Mossgas (Pty) Ltd now PetroSA, Randwater as Contracts Manager (2003-2004) and Schlumberger Logelco (2004-2009), Nuclear Energy Corporation as Senior Legal Counsel. She began part-time lecturing at the University of Limpopo in 2013, becoming a full-time lecturer in 2016, in the Mercantile & Labour Law Department. She was awarded the Vice-Chancellor Teaching & Learning Award (2017) and has chaired the University of Limpopo Women's Solidarity Association. She also received the NRF-FRF Sabbatical Award (2019-2020) and holds a PgDHET from the University of Fort Hare. She is currently a Senior Lecturer at the University of the Free State. Her research focuses on intersections of human rights and mercantile law and how they impact on marginalised communities.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

- University of the Free State: Senior Lecturer- (1 January 2025 to date).
- University of Limpopo: Senior Lecturer – (1 September 2021 to 31 December 2024).
- University of Limpopo: Lecturer – (2016 to 2021).
- University of Limpopo: (Part-time Lecturer) 2013 to 2015.
- Prior to joining academia served articles of clerkship at Meumann White Attorneys (1998),
- Professional Assistant at Matlala Inc (1999).
- Admitted Attorney of the High Court (December 2000).
- Assistant Company Secretary & Legal Advisor at Mossgas which later became PetroSA (2000-2004).
- Contracts Manager West & Southern Africa- Schlumberger (2004-May 2008).
- Senior Legal Counsel at the Nuclear Energy Corporation (2008-2011).

HIGHEST ACADEMIC QUALIFICATION(S)

LLD, North-West University - supervised by Prof Marita Carnelley and Co-supervisor Dr Francois van den Berg (June 2021)
CREST online training course for Doctoral Supervisors at African Universities Stellenbosch University (2024).

Trial Advocacy, *BLA- LEC* April 2023

PGdHET Fort- Hare University (2019).

Curriculum Development, Rhodes University (2014).

Certified Assessor and Moderator, Inkwazi Learning Network (2014).

LLB University of Durban-Westville (UDW) (1997).

B. Proc, University of Durban-Westville (UDW) (1996).

Admitted Attorney of the High Court (2000).

CONFERENCE AND WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

South Africa Sweden Collaboration Conference (SASUF): Presented a poster at the SASUF Conference 13-17 May 2024, Malmo -Sweden.

VS Neluvhalani-Caquece South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC) 2024 Conference

Theme: Democracy, Exclusion and Participation

Paper title: How can the Constitutional Rights of those excluded from Voting be protected?

Date: 9-12 June 2024.

Neluvhalani-Caquece VS & Mukhithi MA *"The duty of Institutions of Higher Learning (IHE) to integrate sexual orientation into an inclusive curriculum and institutional policies. Southern African Law Teachers Colloquium, Venue: University of Pretoria. 04-05 September 2024.*

Neluvhalani-Caquece VS & Mukhithi MA *"Employer's prerogative to name and shame Gender Based Violence (GBV) Offenders in Institutions of Higher Learning.*

Turf Law Conference: Theme: Legal philosophy, human rights, child justice, and international law, Venue: The Protea Hotel Ranch Resort 3 - 4 October 2024

Chihera B & Neluvhalani-Caquece VS *"The conundrum of courts of law and the political landscape: A comparative perspective of South Africa and Zimbabwe"*

Comparative Constitutionalism in Africa: A Conference Celebrating the Scholarship of Prof Charles Manga Fombad. Future Building, University of Pretoria, 21-22 October 2024.

Neluvhalani-Caquece VS *"Revisiting access to legal education through academic literacy" 9th Annual International Mercantile Law Conference: Venue: University of Free State November 2024.*

VS Neluvhalani-Caquece South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights and International Law (SAIFAC) 2023 Conference

Theme: The Right to Citizenship in South Africa

Paper title: Beyond the prevention of statelessness, what should be the content of the right to citizenship, in South Africa and internationally?

Date: 18-19 September 2023.

Reflections on Teaching a law module to non-law students – presented at the 8th International Mercantile Law Conference hosted by UFS Bloemfontein 2023.

AWARDS AND RECOGNITION

British Academy Mentorship program (2024 up to a maximum of 2 years)

NRF-Thuthuka Post Phd Fund (2024 up to a maximum of 3 years)

NRF-BAAP Sabbatical Award (2018 & 2019)

Best Overall Upcoming Teacher in the University of Limpopo's VC's Teaching & Learning Awards (2017)

Outstanding Student Award School for Legal Practice, University of Natal now University of Kwazulu Natal (1999)

RESEARCH PUBLICATION OUTPUTS IN THE LAST FIVE YEARS

Peer-reviewed journal articles

Journal Article: Neluvhalani, VS (2022). "Statelessness and COVID-19 in South Africa" *Southern African Public Law* 37 (1):28 pages. <https://doi.org/10.25159/2522-6800/10244>

Book Chapter: Chayya, S. Rakubu, M. **Neluvhalani-Caquece, V.** & Tladi, S. (2024). A Legal Perspective on Exposing Women's Intimate Images Online 'Revenge Porn' to Score Political Points. in Mpofu, S. & Aiseng, K (Eds.), *Social Media and Gender in Africa: Discourses on Power and Politics of Everyday Life*. Lexington Books. pp: 151-172.

Blog: Neluvhalani-Caquece (2024) Defining the content of the right to citizenship through ubuntu. <https://www.africanlawmatters.com/blog/defining-the-content-of-the-right-to-citizenship-in-south-africa-through-ubuntu>.

Works submitted which are under review with editors.

Book Chapter

Juta Legal Education Book Project (2024/25)

Tentative Book Title: Teaching Methodologies of Legal Education: Some New Perspectives.

Neluvhalani-Caquece V.S. "*Reflections on Teaching Commercial Law: Insights and Challenges with Non-Law Students*".

Book chapter collaboration with Swedish partners

Migration and Global Childhoods -Palgrave volume

Neluvhalani-Caquece V.S. "*Addressing the challenge of migrant children who are stateless in South Africa through the socio-legal tool of Ubuntu*".

Special journal edition from Law teacher's colloquium held at the University of Pretoria (2024)

Neluvhalani-Caquece V.S., Mukhithi M.A.I., "*The Duty of South African Higher Education Institutions to Integrate Sexual Orientation as part of an inclusive pedagogy in the university classroom: A Legal and Policy Perspective*".

ACADEMIC CITIZENSHIP

- Member of UFS Faculty Research Committee 14 February 2025 to date
- Collaborated and hosted an online webinar aimed at building capacity of the Law Clinic together with Lawyers for Human Rights and the Scalabrini Centre on Statelessness and access to nationality held 15 August 2024
- Appointed as mentor for the HERS-SA mentor/mentees project (2024)
- Member of the Postgraduate Evaluation Committee, University of Limpopo (2023)
- Member of the School of Law Wellness Committee, University of Limpopo (2023)
- Chairperson of University of Limpopo University of Limpopo Women's Solidarity Association (ULWASA), (2015)
- Peer Reviewer of articles for the Potchefstroom Electronic Law Journal (PER).
- Invited to teach Child Law to Educational Psychology Masters students at UKZN (2023)
- Served as external examiner of LLD thesis, University of Pretoria (2023)
- Served as an internal examiner of LLM thesis, University of Limpopo (2021-2024)
- External examiner for LLB University of Kwazulu Natal (2017)

CONTACTABLE REFERENCES

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Prof Marita Carnelley - LLD promotor, North-West University marita.carnelley@nwu.ac.za