



All Rise: A Judicial Memoir, reflections of Justice Dikgang Moseneke

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THE University of Zululand (UNIZULU) recently hosted the Department of Law webinar which was presented by former Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke. Its main focus was on his recently launched judicial memoir titled *All Rise*.

The best-seller, published by Pan Macmillan, is available in bookstores and on several digital platforms.

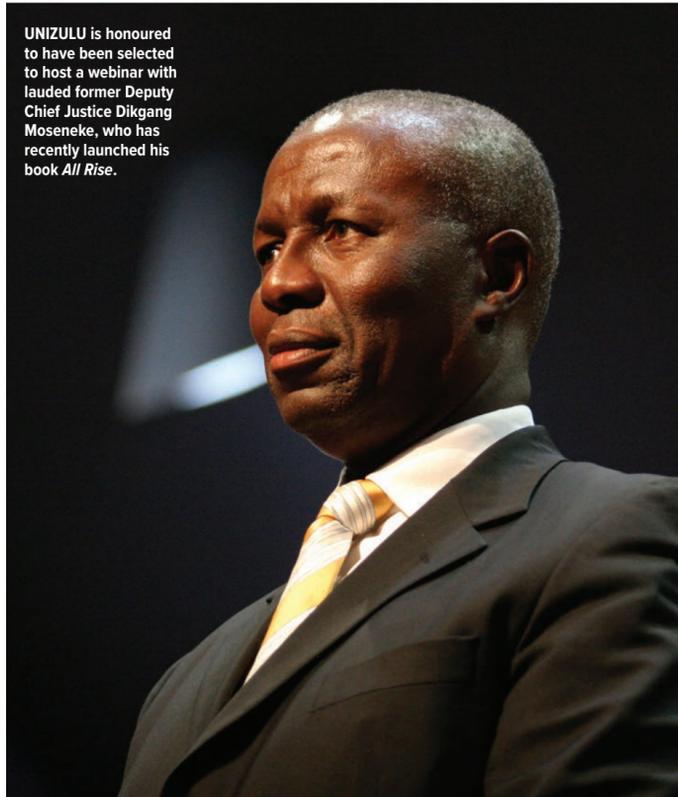
The webinar was aimed at reflecting on the judiciary's multiple history lessons, law and justice-related themes which were interrogated by the former deputy chief justice and discussants. The Head of the Department of Law, Dr Kanagie Naidoo, accepted the invitation extended by Justice Moseneke to launch this book at UNIZULU. Justice Moseneke donated 30 copies of his book to the Department of Law which, in its exclusive discretion, were to be given to senior LLB and LLM students as prizes for excellent performance and for the university Law Library.

In her opening remarks, Vice-Chancellor Professor Xoliswa Mtsoe commended the Department of Law academics for putting the university's name on the radar. Further, she welcomed Justice Moseneke by giving a preview of his upbringing and the difficult terrains he manoeuvred before occupying the prestigious Bench in the country.

"It always seems impossible until it is done. This judicial memoir book serves as a source of inspiration to all of us in the university community. Our students are inspired to be afforded this privilege of being addressed by a respected law guru," Prof Mtsoe said.

"The University of Zululand has produced multiple chief justices and deputies, (more) than any other university in the country. We do take pride that UNIZULU or Ongoye is a nest of South Africa's legal eagles. Your story is a story of hope, persistence and (an inspiration) to all of us to say it is possible," she added.

Dr Naidoo, who directed the programme for the webinar, said it was a positive step that Justice Moseneke had

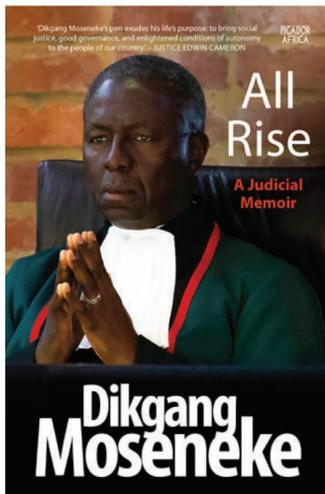


UNIZULU is honoured to have been selected to host a webinar with lauded former Deputy Chief Justice Dikgang Moseneke, who has recently launched his book *All Rise*.

taken the time, at the end of his Bench journey, to reflect on his profession and illustrative journey. She said it would inspire most people to write their stories in a genuine manner, something academics could learn from, as was the case with Justice Moseneke, while engaging on the topic of constitutional law.

In his presentation, Justice Moseneke said *All Rise* was a call to duty in the court as those were the words uttered when

court duties commenced. "*All Rise* has multiple meanings" he said. "As we know, it is a call to duty by lawyers, judges, prosecutors, academics, etc. It is an invitation to all of us to look at what our aspirations are within the Constitution and history and what we have done in the judicial space. This book is a chronicle for prosperity in the judiciary and the choices I have made to contribute in the legal discourse."



Law, as a profession, was not Justice Moseneke's first choice, however, at the age of 15, he was imprisoned for participating in anti-apartheid activities. During his 10 years of incarceration, he completed his schooling by correspondence and obtained two university degrees. Afterwards, he studied law at Unisa.

Practising law during apartheid South Africa brought with it challenges, especially to professionals of colour, within a fraught political climate. After some years in general legal practice and at the Bar, and a brief segue into business, Justice Moseneke was persuaded that he would best serve the country's young democracy by taking judicial office.

All Rise offers an insider's view of how the judicial system operates at its best and how it responds when it is under fire. From the Constitutional Court of Arthur Chaskalson to the Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng era, Justice Moseneke's understated but astute commentary is a reflection on the country's ongoing but not altogether comfortable journey to a better life for all.

Law academic co-authors new book

PRECIOUS SHAMASE

UNIVERSITY of Zululand academic Dr Kanagie Naidoo has co-authored a book titled *Criminal Procedure*.

The senior lecturer and head of the Department of Law in the Faculty of Commerce, Administration and Law wrote the book with academics from various higher education institutions, among them the University of the Witwatersrand, the University of KwaZulu-Natal and the University of Cape Town.

The book highlights the law of criminal procedure and details how criminal trials are conducted at the various levels of the criminal justice system. It also looks at the rights of accused, detained and arrested persons during the pre-trial, trial and post-trial stages. In addition, it looks at decided cases that are relevant to the sections covered.

Dr Naidoo's aspiration is that the readers of *Criminal Procedure* will become confident litigators in the field of criminal law and criminal procedure and will find ways to ensure justice is seen to be done. She says students, candidate legal practitioners, attorneys, advocates, magistrates and judges will find the information useful in their day-to-day practice.

"Whilst writing this book I realised that in as much as I joined academia some 15 years ago, my heart is still in the courtroom prosecuting criminal trials. I am glad that I had been in practice before joining academia, because now I have the advantage of teaching both theory and practice to the students, thereby giving them opportunity to become the knowers that they need to be to succeed in the practice of criminal law," Dr Naidoo said.

Criminal Procedure is the second book in the field of criminal procedure the academic has co-authored and she is hoping she will have an opportunity to author and co-author more academic books. The first book is titled *Pieter du*



Toit & Kanagie Naidoo Law Lifeline: Law of Criminal Procedure (2010) LexisNexis. The manuscript focuses on the practical application of the Criminal Procedure Act and Criminal Law and contains examples of documents that will be drafted during trial, as well as examples of question papers and questions that usually form part of assessments.

Published by Oxford University Press, Criminal Procedure is available at all major bookstores and online.

NALEDI HLEFANE

ACADEMICS in the humanities and social sciences fields will convene next month to engage in a dialogue around the multi-layered effects of the Covid-19 pandemic during the University of Zululand's 11th Humanities and Social Sciences Virtual Conference (HSSVC).

The weeklong event, from November 23 to 27, is the brainchild of the Faculty of Arts. The theme for this year is Covid-19: Challenges, Controversy, Commitment and Community Response.

Unpacking the theme, the conference organising committee, in its call for papers, cited that the lockdown period

Humanities and social sciences scholars to scrutinise global Covid-19 impact

had "exposed institutional deficiencies across society and the economy globally". Countries under authoritarian and inadequate leadership were, by far, the most affected in terms of the number of fatalities. Social insurance had also proved insufficient to meet the basic social needs of its clients.

"Infection-related deaths among the elderly in so-called developed societies have come under the spotlight. Poor and working classes have borne the brunt of inadequate supplies of critical medical materials, facilities and care. Political differences have been accentuated with democrats arguing for saving lives and

conservatives arguing for a return to economic normality," the call read.

According to the HSSVC organising committee, the humanities and social sciences play a "critical role in articulating the effects of social disruption, while also exploring solutions and revealing opportunities". The conference will see national and international scholars presenting reflection, review or research papers on a variety of sub-themes which include trauma and gender-based violence in the home; the relationship between plague and social upheaval; opportunities and challenges presented by Covid-19 in the South African higher education sector; and challenges to state of disaster laws.

On her expectations for the upcoming conference, Dr Simangele Cele, a member of the conference organising committee, said: "It is almost eight months or more since the pandemic has ruthlessly invaded our country, South Africa, and the African continent; much has been articulated and written so far about the pandemic. This is the opportunity for us to narrate our sentiments and experiences about the novice Covid-19 pandemic, using the academic platform through research; consolidating our voices in partnership with participants from the other parts of the continent, including renowned keynote speakers and guest speakers."



The 11th Humanities and Social Sciences Virtual Conference, taking place next month, promises to be an appropriate platform for academics to further investigate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic.

UNIZULU gearing up for its 2020 graduation period



THE University is pleased to announce that, with the advent of restrictions being further lifted under Alert Level 1, the opportunity to host a traditional graduation ceremony has become a reality.

The university intends to host the ceremony, albeit partly on a virtual platform, at the KwaDlangezwa Campus between December 7 and 12. More than 4 000 graduands are expected to ascend the highly-anticipated graduation stage. Students will be advised of the exact date of their graduation in due course.

Regrettably, due to the Covid-19

restrictions on the number of occupants at a venue, no guests will be allowed to attend the ceremony in the King Bhekuzulu Hall. A restricted number of guests will be accommodated in an adjacent sports ground.

The Disaster Management Act strictly regulates the movement, spatial management and health precautionary measures. The university will adopt a zero-tolerance approach to indiscipline and non-compliance in order to ensure that the graduation ceremony is held in high esteem, respecting the dignity of its graduands.

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