

4TH ANNUAL JOHANNESBURG
FAMILY LAW CONFERENCE
28-29 SEPTEMBER 2017

DAY 1:

08:00 - 08:30	Registration and coffee	
08:30 - 08:40	Chair's welcome	Beverley Clark, Clarks Attorneys, Johannesburg
08:40 - 09:10	Keynote address	The Honourable Deputy Judge President Ledwaba, High Court of South Africa, Gauteng Division, Pretoria
09:10 - 09:50	An overview of attachment and its application to family law	Francois de Marigny, clinical psychologist, de Marigny & Howlett, Durban
09:50 - 10:20	Where the law, religion and culture meet The intersection between religious and customary marriage practices and the law, focusing on Jewish ecclesiastical practices and South African customary law	Professor Billy Gundelfinger, UNISA, attorney, Billy Gundelfinger Attorneys, Johannesburg
10:20 - 11:00	My life, my choice? The principles of dying with dignity and the influence of the Stransham-Ford judgment	Kwanele Asante, lecturer, lawyer and bio-ethicist, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
11:00 - 11:20	Coffee	
11:20 - 11:50	A review on iLobolo and the Recognition of Customary Marriages Act, with a focus on the question: Must iLobolo be returned upon divorce?	Thulani Nkosi, attorney, Socio-Economic Rights Institute of South Africa, Johannesburg Sithembiso Mabaso, attorney, Clarks Attorneys, Johannesburg



11:50 – 13:20	The rise in access to and use of pornography. An analysis of when this becomes a risk factor in care and contact matters	Dr Phil Watts, clinical and forensic psychologist, University of Canberra, Australia
13:20 – 14:20	Lunch	
14:20 – 15:50	Victimisation of the victim A panel discussion on dealing with gender based violence in the South African legal context, focusing on practical implementation in our courts	Chair: Dr Robyn Fasser, clinical and forensic psychologist, Johannesburg Lisa Vetten, PhD Fellow, Wits City Institute, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg Professor Mzi Nduna, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg Sheena Swemmer, Centre for Applied Legal Studies, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg Lindsay Henson, researcher, Executive Director, Lawyers Against Abuse (“LvA”), Johannesburg
15:50 – 16:10	Tea	
16:10 – 16:50	Crossing the bridge between the law and practice in the Children’s Court: The Human Factor	Presiding Officer of the Children’s Court Herman van der Merwe, Cape Town
16:50 – 17:30	Ethics and Social Media – Important tips on the use of social media by lawyers and other professionals	Professor Tana Pistorius, UNISA, Pretoria
	End of Day 1	
17:30	Drinks reception at the bar at The Capital Empire	ALL WELCOME



DAY 2:

08:00 - 08:30	Registration and coffee	
08:30 - 09:30	Annual case law update	Advocate Tanya Eichner-Visser, Group 21, Sandown Village, Johannesburg
09:30 - 10:00	Evaluation of the “debt” created by the rules of the Government Employees Pension Fund when a member spouse is divorcing	Clement Marumoagae, senior lecturer, attorney, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
10:00 - 10:25	KOS v Minister of Home Affairs: An “intersectional debate on issues related to same-sex relationships, marriage and sex alteration” or a tale of prejudice?	Dr Lize Mills, senior lecturer, Faculty of Law, Stellenbosch University
10:25 - 10:40	A presentation by S4Cloud: How the latest technology can save you at least two work days a month per client, for family law attorneys	Angela Mallory, co-founder, S4Cloud, Johannesburg
10:40 - 11:00	Coffee	
11:00 - 11:35	Case-law based guidelines for pleading forfeiture in divorce matters	Advocate Elsabe Steenhuisen, ProBono.Org, Johannesburg
11:35 - 11:40	Introduction to Probono.Org	Nomaswazi Malinga, Head of Family Law, Labour Law and Wills, ProBono.Org, Johannesburg
11:40 - 12:00	How to be a high-functioning, values-based lawyer: A look at world-wide trends of lawyers recalibrating to be higher-functioning, healthier and happier	Amanda Lamond, Centre for Integrative Law, Cape Town
12:00 - 12:40	Attacking a trust on divorce: Known knowns and known unknowns	Professor Bradley Smith, University of the Free State, Bloemfontein
12:40 - 13:00	No place to hide - the uses, benefits and limits of hair follicle testing in care and contact matters	Riaan De Vries, Counter Narcotics Specialist, Drug Detection Technology, Johannesburg
13:00 - 13:20	Educating parents – a more effective, constructive and less costly option than forensic assessments for families without serious pathology	Dr Ken Resnick, Founder and developer of Smartchoiceparenting programme, Johannesburg



13:20 - 13:30	Close	Beverley Clark, Clarks Attorneys, Johannesburg
13:30	End of Day 2	

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