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*Adv. Paul Hoffman SC*

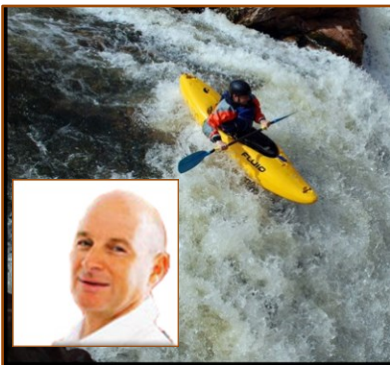


*Prof. Wouter de Vos*



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*The Constitutional Court 'Bread Case' team*



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**Advocate Paul Hoffman SC** completed his BA LLB degree at the University of the Witwatersrand in 1974. In 1975 he was admitted as an attorney practising in Johannesburg. He practised as a litigation attorney between 1975 and 1980. He was admitted as an advocate in 1980 and practised as a junior at the Cape Bar until 1995. As a jurist, Paul was the Founding Editor of *Current Law Cassettes* and a part-time lecturer in law of contract and public international law at the University of the Western Cape. He took silk in 1995 and continued to practice at the Cape Bar where he headed its advocacy skills training program. Three successive Judges President of the Cape High Court invited him to grace their Bench as an Acting Judge. In 2006, after twenty six years of membership, he left the Cape Bar in order to take up an appointment as Director of the Centre of Constitutional Rights. As Director Paul wrote widely on threats to the Constitution and appeared in the Constitutional Court as *amicus curiae*. Since January 2009 Paul has been pursuing his passion for exacting accountability via setting up and working with The Institute for Accountability in Southern Africa (IFAISA) and pursuing various human rights and constitutional matters – including the ‘Glenister Case’ (*Glenister vs President of RSA 2011 (3) SA 347*); the ‘Arms Deal Case’ and the ‘Bread Case’ (*Imraahn Ismail Mukaddam and Pioneer Foods (Pty) Ltd, Tiger Consumer Brands Limited, Premier Foods Limited and Legal Resources Centre – CCT 131/12 [2013] ZACC23*).

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**Professor Wouter de Vos** holds a BA LLB; LLM and LLD degree, the latter in Class Actions. He taught civil procedure and other procedural courses at LLB and LLM levels over a period of 32 years, including Professor of Law at Rhodes University; Head of Department at RAU and the University of Stellenbosch; Editor of Stellenbosch Law Review and the Chairperson of the Central Disciplinary Committee at the University of Stellenbosch. Currently Wouter in Emeritus, Professor at the Faculty of Law at the University of Cape Town. He has accepted invitations from 12 foreign universities to give lectures, either as a guest speaker or exchange lecturer, two of which have involved teaching for a period of a month – namely at the University of Florida, USA and at Queen’s University in Canada. Wouter’s list of research and related activities is extensive, as is his membership and leadership of various bodies outside of university life.

**Advocate Christopher Shone** holds the degrees B Com; B Proc; LLB; LLM; MBA as well as a Post Graduate Certificate in Advanced Taxation, an Honours degree. He also holds a number of other qualifications and has studied various aspects of Intellectual Property law. He was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa in April 2007. Chris was involved in the financial services sector for a number of years and was the founder and Managing Director of the Goodall and Bourne group of companies. He and his business partner disposed of their interests in Goodall and Bourne Assurance operations in 2005, but Chris retained his interest in the executors and insolvency businesses, the last two now trading under the name Tontine Executors and Administrators and Tontine Advisory. Advocate Chris Shone became a Director of IFAISA in 2011.

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**Meyer de Waal** has a B.Proc degree from the University of the Orange Free State and has been a practising Attorney, Conveyancer and Public Notary since 1989. He is a member of the Western Cape Law Society Wills, Estates and Trust Committee; a Lecturer at the School for Legal Practice, as well as a Lecturer in Property Development at the Cape Technikon. Meyer is currently a Co-Presenter on the Voice of the Cape 'Legal Hour' and has written and contributed extensively to the media on various legal matters. Meyer is the developer and founder of the Rent2buy; My Budget Fitness; Mobile2budget and Property Transaction Kit initiatives and programs - and runs various related websites and E learning courses in the domain of home ownership. He has a passion for assisting individuals in managing their debt in such a way as to make it simple, easy, effective and productive – thereby having a positive effect on not only their personal lives, but also as economically active citizens of South Africa.

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**Advocate Jacques Joubert** is an Advocate who practices mainly in the field known as alternative dispute resolution. He specialises in commercial mediation and most of his work involves resolving complex legal disputes. He started his career as a Public Prosecutor and Magistrate before joining the Cape Bar in 1992. Jacques was the joint head of Investigations of the IEC Western Cape during the 1994 national elections. At the Cape Bar he practised in criminal and civil law for 16 years before specialising in alternative dispute resolution. Jacques also practised commercial law in Canada. He obtained international mediation accreditation from the ADR Group in the UK in 2008 and currently trains mediators for the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS). He also trains workplace mediators for the University of Cape Town. Jacques is a founding member of the Association of Independent Mediators (AIM), an organisation of lawyers who promote mediation in their profession.

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**Elise Burns-Hoffman** graduated from the University of Cape Town with a B.Sc. Occupational Therapy degree in 1987, completed the well-known one year Certificate of Proficiency in Life Assurance soon after joining the Life Industry in 1990 and another one year Law course offered through UNISA in 2001. Elise held Claims Management positions with three international reinsurance companies in South Africa and was one of the Founding Directors of a Lireas Holdings backed company launched in the late 1990's, before starting Burns-Hoffman and Associates (BH&A) in January 2005. BH&A is a specialist consultancy currently represented in five South African provinces. Elise is an accredited associate of Learning to Lead and has a keen interest in leadership training/coaching, with a special interest in the role of personal energy in the work environment, ways in which to enhance productivity and adult career change. Her first e-book in this arena was published by the Full Circle magazine during 2009. In 2012 Elise co-authored the handbook titled '*Know your Rights, Claim your Rights*' whilst holding the position of Chief Executive Officer of The Institute for Accountability in Southern Africa on a part-time basis.

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