



LAW SOCIETY
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IMMIGRATION AND REFUGEE LAW SEMINAR | 2020

The fundamentals of securing work-related visas, permits and procedures relating to refugee law

About this seminar

Immigration and Refugee Law have grown exponentially as distinct areas of practice over the past two decades. The South African economy needs to import skilled foreign nationals on an ongoing basis. However, the complexities and implications for clients if their immigration status is questioned can be devastating. Some people and families who have fled persecution and violence, must apply for refugee status. This demands that legal practitioners stay on top of their game. This seminar delivered by acknowledged experts in the fields, offers legal practitioners an introduction to an exciting and fast-developing area of this legal practice.

Legal Education and Development (LEAD) a division of the Law Society of South Africa (LSSA) is hosting a one-day seminar on Immigration and Refugee Law in South Africa, which will provide an overview of the fundamentals. The seminar is divided into two parts: The first focuses on key processes and issues in immigration legislation. The second part provide an introduction to the Refugees Act and its procedures. Particular attention will be given to recent legislative amendments and new case law.

Venues and dates

Durban: 03 November 2020 | Duration: 09:00 – 16:00
Cape Town: 06 November 2020 | Duration: 09:00 – 16:00
Midrand: 16 November 2020 | Duration: 09:00 – 16:00

The date/s for this seminar will be confirmed in due notice. This is due to the impact of the corona virus. Registration will remain open.

Who should register?

Practicing and candidate legal practitioners, in-house counsel of any level of seniority, legal advisers in government, and corporate legal advisers.

Presenters

CHRIS WATTERS has been in practice for over 25 years with an almost unparalleled background in administrative law and human rights Mr Watters has worked as a human rights legal practitioner through much of the 1980s. A founder member of National Association of Democratic Lawyers, he is a recently retired member of the Immigration and Refugee Law Committees of both the Legal Practice Council and of the LSSA.

He drafted the provincial law societies' submissions on the Immigration Act 13 of 2002, including the last three amendments to the Act and presented the same to the Parliamentary Portfolio Committee on Home Affairs.

He also presented on the proposed amendments to the South Africa Citizenship Act 88 of 1945 which came before Parliament in 2011. He also drafted the law society's submissions to the Refugee Appeal Board on the Rules of that body. In 2008 he served as rapporteur on immigration legislation at the South African Law Reform Commission to review all Home Affairs legislation for constitutionality.

JACOB VAN GARDEREN is a South African human rights legal practitioner with more than 20 years' experience in social justice activism and strategic litigation, He mainly specialises in refugee and migration law. He served as National Director of Lawyers for Human Rights, a leading human rights organisation in South Africa focusing on strategic litigation, refugees and migrant rights, land reform, farmworkers, housing, penal reform, gender equality and environmental rights, since 2008. In 2018, Mr van Garderen co-founded the Public Interest Practice, a human rights consulting firm supporting African civil society organisations working on rights advocacy and public interest litigation.

Seminar outline

Immigration law (session one)

- A broad review of the Immigration Act will be given, and on in depth look at what immigration law in South Africa manages.
- An overview of the types of visa and permits which can be applied for – and their requirements.
- The appeal and review processes of the Immigration Act.

Refugee law (session two)

- Introduction to international refugee law
- South African Refugees Act and its regulations, and the recent amendments therein.
- Overview of the refugee status determination process.
- Administrative appeals and review processes of the Refugees Act.
- Understanding the intersections with the Immigration Act.

Registration

Registration fee categories (VAT inclusive)

- Practising legal practitioners: R 1 850 per person.
- Legal practitioners from practices further than 150km from closest venue: R 1 340 per person.
- Candidate legal practitioners and support staff: R 1 340 per person.
- Practitioners from university law clinics: R 1 580 per person.
- Non-practising legal practitioners/others: R 3 700 per person.

Registration closure

Registration closes 48 hours prior to the day of the seminar.

How to register

Email the completed registration form as well as your EFT proof of payment to Annelie@LSSALEAD.org.za.

LSSA banking details

Refer to the registration form for details.

Contact LEAD's Seminars Department

For more information about this seminar, contact the Seminars Department at Seminars@LSSALEAD.org.za or on telephone +27 (0)12 441 4644 / 4690 / 4913.

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- Registrations close 48 hours prior to the seminar dates. No registrations will be accepted thereafter without written approval from LEAD.
- LEAD reserves the right to cancel a learning activity should the number of delegates not justify the costs involved. Registered delegates will be given reasonable notice of cancellation.
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