



CURRICULUM VITAE

Adv André Hurlley Gaum



Academic / Professional Qualifications

- BA-degree in Law (University of Stellenbosch)
- LLB (University of Stellenbosch)
- LLM (Master's Degree in Constitutional Law – University of Stellenbosch)
- Certificate in Labour Law (University of Stellenbosch)
- Admitted as Attorney of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa in 1995
- Admitted as Advocate of the High Court of the Republic of South Africa in 1995

Career/Memberships/Positions/Other Activities

- Parliamentary Liaison Officer to the Minister of Home Affairs
- Member of the 2030 Reading Panel
- Full-time Commissioner of the South African Human Rights Commission (SAHRC) from January 2017 to December 2023: focus areas: Education, Equality (temporarily after the passing away of the previous Deputy Chairperson) and Disability. SAHRC responsibilities included:
 - Member of the Legal Committee

- Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on the Conferment of Powers and Assignment of Functions (to the Chairperson, Deputy Chairperson and Commissioners)
 - Chairperson of the Sub-Committee on Office Space: Head Office and Gauteng Office
 - Member of the Sub-Committee on the Performance Management of the CEO
 - Chairperson of the Section 11 Committee on the Right to Read and Write
 - Chairperson of the Section 11 Committee on the Development of an Online Human Rights Course for University Students
 - Chairperson of the Section 11 Committee on Disability
 - Chairperson of the Section 11 Committee on Education
- Parliamentary Liaison Officer to the Deputy Minister of Home Affairs, also providing advice on legal, legislative and policy matters (2014 to 2016).
 - Member of Parliament of the Republic of South Africa - 2 June 1999 – 4 December 2001, 14 April 2004 – 21 April 2009, 4 November 2010 – 6 May 2014
 - Whip of Home Affairs Portfolio Committee and Constitutional Review Committee
 - Member of the National Assembly Rules Committee and the Joint Rules Committee
 - Member of the Interim Joint Committee on the Scrutiny of Delegated Legislation
 - Member of the Ad Hoc Committee on the Report of the Public Protector on the IEC's procurement of the Riverside Office Park offices (end 2010 – May 2014).
 - Legal Advisor to the Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs (2010).
 - Deputy Minister of Education of the Republic of South Africa (November 2008 – May 2009).
 - MEC (Provincial Minister) for Education in the Western Cape Provincial Government (2001 – 2004).
 - Member of the Western Cape Provincial Parliament (5 December 2001 – 13 April 2004).
 - Member of the Portfolio Committee for Safety and Security.
 - Member of the Joint Constitutional Review Committee (1999 – 2000, 2005 – 2008 and 2011 to 2014).

- Member of the Portfolio Committee for Education (1999 – 2000 and 2004 – 2008).
- Involved (in an advisory capacity) in the final stages of the negotiation process leading to the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, Act 108 of 1996.
- Stellenbosch Municipal Councillor (1995 – 1999).
- Legal Advisor (1995 – 1999).
- Office of the State Attorney- Involved in litigation on behalf of the State. (1992 – 1995).
- State Prosecutor (1992).
- Honorary (Merit) Colours: University of Stellenbosch.
- Member of Students' Representative Council (SRC): University of Stellenbosch (1988 – 1991).