

# ABBREVIATED CURRICULUM VITAE

## PERSONAL DETAILS

SURNAME : Ramaite  
NAME : Mashau Silas  
DATE OF BIRTH :  
PLACE OF BIRTH : Gertrudesburg ( Louis Tritchardt)  
Limpopo Province  
South Africa  
MARITAL STATUS : Married  
DEPENDENTS : Five  
NATIONALITY : South African  
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## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

1. *Baccalaureas Procuratorionis (B.Proc)* - University of Fort Hare, 1985)

2. *Bachelor of Laws (LLB)* – (University of South Africa, 1987)

3. *Master of Laws (LLM)* - (University of South Africa, 1989)

Course Work – Legal Theory, Constitutional Law, Public International Law and Criminal Law

Dissertation: “ Parliamentary Sovereignty and the Entrenchment of Human Rights in South African Constitutional Law”

4. *Doctor of Laws (LL.D)* – (University of South Africa, 1996)

Thesis: “The Role of the Judiciary in a Modern State with a Tradition of Legislative Supremacy” (Unisa Repository:  
[url.unisa.ac.za/bitstream/handle/10500/15854/thesis\\_ramaite\\_ms.pdf?](http://url.unisa.ac.za/bitstream/handle/10500/15854/thesis_ramaite_ms.pdf?))

5. *Certificate in Persuasive Negotiating Skills*, Audio Word Seminars and Conventions, 1994.

6. *Senior Managers Course*, South African Management and Development Institute, 1995

## PREVIOUS ACADEMIC ACTIVITY

1. Part-Time Lecturer: Law of Delict, Law for Teachers and Constitutional Law, University of Venda, 1993 – 1995

2. External Examiner, LL.M Dissertation, UNISA: M.B Ndlazi “A comparison between the role of the presiding officer in the accusatorial and inquisitorial processes in respect of all role players”, 2015

3. External Examiner, LL.M Dissertation, UNISA: A Gopaul “The Impact and Constitutionality of Delayed Trials on the Rights of a Suspect or Accused Person during Criminal Proceedings”, 1995

## PROFESSIONAL STATUS

*Admitted Advocate* of the Supreme Court of South Africa (1988)

*Senior Council* (SC), South Africa (2001)

*Licensed International Financial Analyst* (2004)

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1. Self- Employed: Independent Practising Advocate (Senior Counsel), October 2019 to present - Registered with the Legal Practice Council, Legal Practice No. 54540
2. *Deputy National Director of Public Prosecutions*, 2003 – August 2019
  - 2.1. Head of National Special Services Division, responsible for Specialized Commercial Crimes Unit SCCU), Priority Crimes Litigation Unit (PCLU) , Sexual Offences and Community Affairs (SOCA) and Witness Protection Unit (WPU), 2003 - 2004)
  - 2.2. Head of National Prosecution Service (NPS), responsible for the strategic and operational management and supervision of all Directors of Public Prosecutions, 2006 - 2016)
  - 2.3. Head of Administration, responsible for strategy, operations, finance and procurement, human resources and training, risk and security, and information and communication technology, 2017 - 2019)
3. Acting National Director of Public Prosecutions, 2004 – 2005
4. Acting National Director of Public Prosecutions, 2015
5. Acting National Director of Public Prosecutions, 2018 – 2019
6. Special Director of Public Prosecutions and Special Advisor to National Director of Public Prosecutions, 2002 - 2003
7. Director of Public Prosecutions, Pretoria, responsible for North Gauteng, Mpumalanga and Limpopo, 1998 - 2002

8. Chief Evidence Leader, Goldstone Commission of Inquiry into certain Allegations Against Dumisa Ntsebenza, arising from the TRC Hearing (Heidelberg Tavern Attack Hearing) 1997
9. Deputy Attorney- General, Office of the Attorney- General, Pretoria July 1997- October 1998
10. Deputy Attorney-General, Office of the Attorney- General, Thohoyandou, June 1996 - June 1997
11. Acting Attorney- General, Office of the Attorney- General, Thohoyandou, December 1995 - June 1997
12. Senior State Advocate, Office of the Attorney General, Thohoyandou, June 1992- May 1996
13. State Advocate, Office of the Attorney General, Thohoyandou, November 1988-May 1992
14. Candidate Attorney, Office of the State Attorney, Thohoyandou, May 1987 - October 1988
15. Magistrate, Thohoyandou Magistrate's Court, January 1986- December 1987
16. Public Prosecutor, Tshitale Magistrate's Court, January 1985 - December 1985
17. Court Interpreter and Clerk of the Court, Tshitale Magistrate's Court, February 1984 -December 1984

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC) Expert on Criminalization, Law Enforcement, International Co-operation, Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

## COURT APPEARANCES

Appeared in reported and unreported cases, both in the Supreme Court of Appeal and the High Court (cf. *S v Phuravhathu* 1992(2) SACR 544 (V); *S v Singo* 1993 (2) SA 765 (AD), *S v Magoro and Others* (2/96) [1996] ZASCA 99 (20 September 1996))

## PAPERS DELIVERED AT CONFERENCES

1. “*Legal Aspects of Child Abuse*”- Northern Province Psychiatric Services Conference, 28 May 1996
2. “*The Law and the Psychiatric Patient*”- Northern Province Psychiatric Services Conference, 20 June 1996
3. “*Language in Court*”- Northern Province Language Services Conference, 24 May 1997
4. “*The Role of Law and the Media in Conflict Situations*” –Institute for Co-operation and Development, Berlin, Germany, June 2002
5. “*The Role of Prosecutors in Upholding the Rule of Law*” 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the International Association of Prosecutors, 16 September 2010, The Hague, Netherlands
6. “*The Role of Prosecutors in a Constitutional Democracy*” 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference of the Africa Prosecutors Association, 3 – 7 October 2011, Kinshasa, Democratic Republic of Congo

## PUBLICATIONS

1. “Dissociation from a Common Purpose” Parmanand S.K, Ramaite M.S *Stellenbosch Law Review* (1984) 5 Stell LR 82
2. S M Ramaite “Corruption versus Good Administration of Public Affairs”, in A Sangweni & D Balia (eds) 1999, *Fighting Corruption: South African Perspectives*, Pretoria Unisa Press, p161.

## PARTICIPATION IN INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

1. Financial Crimes Enforcement International Conference, Lyon France, May 1995
2. United Nations Meeting of Intergovernmental Group of Experts on the Elaboration of an International Convention Against Organized Crime, Warsaw, Poland, February 1998
3. Role of the Media in Conflict Situations Conference, Berlin, Germany, June 2002.

## INTERNATIONAL EXPERTISE

United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNDOC): South Africa Expert on Criminalization, Law Enforcement, International Co-operation, Extradition and Mutual Legal Assistance

## CURRENT ACTIVITY

1. Legal Practitioner, Senior Counsel  
(Legal Practice Council No. 54540)
2. Independent Consultant, Legal Researcher and Litigation Strategist
3. Member of Moseneke Committee on Rationalization of Courts

## AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

1. Administrative Law – Review Proceedings
2. Constitutional Law – Inter-governmental relations, Socio-Economic Rights and Right to a Fair Trial
3. Delictual Damages – Claims Against the State and Medical Negligence

4. Complex Commercial Crime – Organized Fraud, Corruption, Money Laundering, Terror Financing and White-collar crime
5. Crimes Against the State – Treason, Sabotage and Protection of Constitutional Democracy against Terrorist and Related Activities
6. International Crime – Rome Statute
7. Arbitration and Mediation
8. Current Topical Legal Research
9. Litigation strategy and support
10. Law reform

## AREAS OF SPECIAL INTEREST

1. Constitutional aspects of contract and delict
2. Constitutional aspects of criminal procedure
3. Prosecutorial conduct and liability for wrongful arrest and malicious prosecution
4. Constitutionalism, rule of law and the judiciary
5. Law and Information Technology

## LEISURE INTERESTS

- Reading (Biographies related to Physics, Astronomy, Evolutionary Biology, Psychology and Economics)
- Investment and Financial Analysis
- Amateur Astronomy
- Angling/Fishing.