

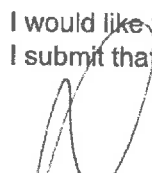
19 September 2019

Mr Vhonani Ramaano
Committee Secretary
Portfolio Committee on Justice and Correctional Services
Per email: Dppvacancy@parliament.gov.za

Dear Mr Ramaano

Nomination for Deputy Public Protector: Leanne Govindsamy

I would like to nominate Ms Leanne Govindsamy for the position of Deputy Public Protector. I submit that she is more than suitably qualified to hold this position.



Mr Popo Wavela Mfubu
Attorney and Lecturer
Refugee Rights Unit, University of Cape Town

Email:

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Acceptance of nomination



Leanne Govindsamy

LEANNE GOVINDSAMY

EDUCATION, TRAINING & AWARDS

Attorney of the High Court of South Africa, admitted as an attorney in May 2011

University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, (December 2006)
LLB (Law degree)

- University Representative – 14th Annual All Africa Moot Competition
- Leon Sapire Award for Best Student in the International Moot

University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA (May 2009)
LLM, International Human Rights Law

- Dean's List honor distinction – *Summa Cum Laude*

University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, (Current)
MA, Anthropology, part-time

Young Africa Leadership Initiative, South Africa (October 2013 – October 2014)
Leadership Initiative developed by the Aspen Institute. The initiative focuses on young people and their role as leaders in South Africa.

Recognised in Mail & Guardian list of 200 Young South Africans, 2019, Environment Category

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Centre for Environmental Rights (October 2018 – current) (**Head of Programme, Corporate Accountability and Transparency**), Johannesburg, South Africa

- Member of management team, supporting the overall strategic management of the CER and contributing to the development of the organization;
- Leading the corporate accountability and transparency programme and ensuring implementation of CER's strategic plan;
- Engagement in strategic litigation and advocacy in order to realise strategic change as it relates to the realization and enforcement of environmental rights;
- Building the profile of CER by through strategic communications and the development of relationships with a diverse group of stakeholders and actors
- Financial management which includes oversight of the programme budget and liaising with and reporting to funders

Corruption Watch (Transparency International Chapter, South Africa)
(September 2014 – September 2018), **Head, Legal & Investigations**, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Management of legal and investigations team consisting of a forensic investigator, junior lawyer, legal researcher and junior legal personnel
- Investigation into reports of corruption, formulation of legal solutions to corruption and advocacy around the issue of corruption including preparation and oral presentation of submissions before Parliament;
- Drafting of pleadings, opinions and memoranda and vetting of articles and other publications and development and oversight of strategic impact litigation;
- Management of relationships between Corruption Watch and other anti-corruption and investigative bodies
- Management of budget and drafting of reports for funders

Cheadle Thompson & Haysom Inc. (January 2008 – July 2008) (October 2009 – July 2014)
Senior Associate, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Researched legal issues and drafted pleadings, opinions and memoranda
- Management of the relationship between clients and the counsel who were briefed to argue matters on their behalf
- Ensured that clients were kept informed of their matter and that they fully understood the risks and complexity of litigation and other legal solutions
- Management of general practice and files and supervision over junior professionals at the firm
- Research and assistance in policy and legislative drafting

Alternative Law Forum (August 2009 – September 2009) **Intern**, Bangalore, India

- Researched state disability laws and regulations vis-à-vis international standards
- Researched other state laws and various rights violations in Bangalore and surrounds.
- Presentations made on research topics at weekly seminars

Nishan, (July 2009) **Intern**, Haryana, India

- Researched the impact of corruption on human rights in Kurekshetra
- Field work in rural villages in Northern India, engagement with social justice issues and the documentation of human rights abuses

Constitutional Court of South Africa, (December 2006 – December 2007)
Law Clerk, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Provided general assistance to Justice T Madala in the performance of all his duties
- Analytical research and discussion and preparation of memoranda on matters before the Constitutional Court
- Training of new clerks