



SASLAW is a relevant and dynamic association which promotes the discipline of Labour Law in South Africa

The South African Society for Labour Law (SASLAW) is a non-profit organisation. The aim of the Society is to promote the advancement of labour law as a legal and academic discipline and encourage collaboration between lawyers and other experts within the field of labour law.

SASLAW has over 1450 members in South Africa. Membership is made up of judges, advocates, attorneys, candidate attorneys, HR and IR management, government officials, CCMA commissioners, and employers' organisations. SASLAW has chapters in Gauteng, KwaZulu Natal, Western Cape, Eastern Cape, Limpopo and the Free State.

Seminars and workshops are arranged throughout the year on topical issues, which suit the wide range of members.

Annual conferences are held in September and in 2017 the 20th event was held at Sun City. Cape Town hosted in 2018, Durban in 2019 and Johannesburg in 2020 as a Hybrid event.

Acting judges are drawn from the ranks of the association's senior members and SASLAW has been engaged by the judiciary to add its voice to material matters involving the practice of labour law in the Labour Courts.

SASLAW is also invited to comment on the proposed amendments to certain pieces of labour legislation and presented its position to the Parliamentary Portfolio.

Following the pilot SASLAW Pro Bono project at the Labour Court in Johannesburg, the Pro Bono programme has now been established as an indispensable cornerstone of the administration of justice at the four Labour Courts around the country. This fact is clearly demonstrated by the over 25 000 clients who have been assisted since the inception of the project in February 2011 to date.

SASLAW Pro Bono NPC is a non-profit company formed by SASLAW - the SA Society for Labour Law - to administer the Pro Bono project in the four Labour Courts in Johannesburg, Durban, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth.

The project assists the Labour Court with giving South Africans who cannot afford legal assistance, the right to have access to justice, and to receive advice on their labour matters from professional and qualified attorneys in a dignified and respectful manner.

The SASLAW Pro Bono NPC Project has been running since February 2011, when the then Judge President of the Labour court, Mlambo JP, asked SASLAW to consider running a pilot project in the Johannesburg Labour Court. In July 2011, the project was rolled out in Durban, Port Elizabeth and Cape Town. In November 2013, a separate non-profit company – SASLAW Pro bono NPC - NPC/2013/192122/08 was formed. This was to allow the entity to apply for Public Benefit status, and to ensure that the project becomes a stand-alone organisation, separate from SASLAW with regard to financial support. In March 2015, the NPC was

granted Public Benefit Status from SARS. The project was accredited with Law Clinic status in November 2015, with the Law Society of the Northern Provinces.

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