

CURRICULUM VITAE

Professor Christoffel Johannes Botha

Christo Botha matriculated in 1974 and completed his compulsory military service in 1975. He obtained the LLB degree from the University of Pretoria in 1980 and joined the Department of Constitutional and Public International Law of the University of South Africa as a lecturer in 1981. In 1984 he obtained the BA Honours degree in International Politics from the University of South Africa and was promoted to senior lecturer during the same year. In 1996 he obtained the LLD degree from the University of South Africa with a thesis entitled “Waarde-aktiverende grondwetuitleg: vergestaltung van die materiële regstaat”, and was promoted to associate professor in 1997.

He joined the Department of Public Law of the University of Pretoria as full professor in 2000. In September 2001 he was appointed as head of the department, and is currently serving a second term as departmental head.

Professor Botha teaches interpretation of statutes, constitutional interpretation and international humanitarian law at both undergraduate and postgraduate level, as well as media law to journalism students. He is the course leader of the Certificate in Legislative Drafting and served as chair of the UP Disciplinary Committee for Students since 2004. He is the author of *Statutory Interpretation: an Introduction for Students* (which is currently in its fourth edition). He has published a number of articles in journals and contributions in books, and presented papers at both national and international conferences.

Christo Botha is also active outside the University:

- He is a member of the International Association of Constitutional Law and a member of the Contact Group of Professors of Humanitarian Law in Southern Africa and the Indian Ocean Islands (under the auspices of the International Committee of the Red Cross);
- He lectures to the Association of Regional Magistrates of South Africa on statutory interpretation, firearms and ballistics;
- He was an advisor to the SA Law Reform Commission on a project to draft a new Interpretation Act;
- He was appointed (for 2008) as an instructor on gender and the law for the Legal Education and Development programme of the Law Society of South Africa; and
- He is the South African representative on a task team responsible for a set of legislative drafting guidelines for Africa (under the auspices of the United Nations Department of Social and Economic Affairs and the Pan African Parliament).

Professor Botha is married to Alae, they have two sons.