



# WOMEN'S MONTH CAREER JUNCTION

## With WOZA Women In Law, SA Women Judges Making a Difference & the University of Johannesburg



**JUDGE MARGIE VICTOR**  
Judiciary

**Judge Margie Victor** graduated from the University of Cape Town with a degree in Social Work and from the University of Kwa Zulu Natal with an LLB degree.

She qualified as an attorney and then went to the Johannesburg Bar to practice as an advocate. In 2008, after spending 25 years as an advocate at the Johannesburg Bar, she was elevated to the Johannesburg High Court of South Africa Gauteng Local Division based in Johannesburg as a judge. She acted and was then appointed to the Competition Appeal Court. In 2016 she served an acting justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal. In 2019 she was appointed an Acting Justice of the Constitutional Court until 2021. She was the scribe in the seminal judgment of *Sylvia Mahlangu v Minister of Labour*, where domestic workers for the first time were entitled to insurance for work related injuries and death. She incorporated and expanded fully into constitutional jurisprudence intersectionality based on race, gender, and social origin.

She has been the presiding judge in many cases involving evictions and forfeitures of residential homes pursuant to

foreclosures. In applying a judge's oversight role, she has implemented what is fair and equitable to the unlawful occupier and the property owner. In cases involving the eviction of 1000's of people from one piece of land she utilized the legal tool of a structured interdict to bring about a just solution. She adjudicated in environmental law matters where the principles of the Constitution have been carefully applied. As an acting justice of the Supreme Court of Appeal, she was the scribe in a constitutional matter involving the constitutional implications of poorly built houses for the City Council of Cape Town.

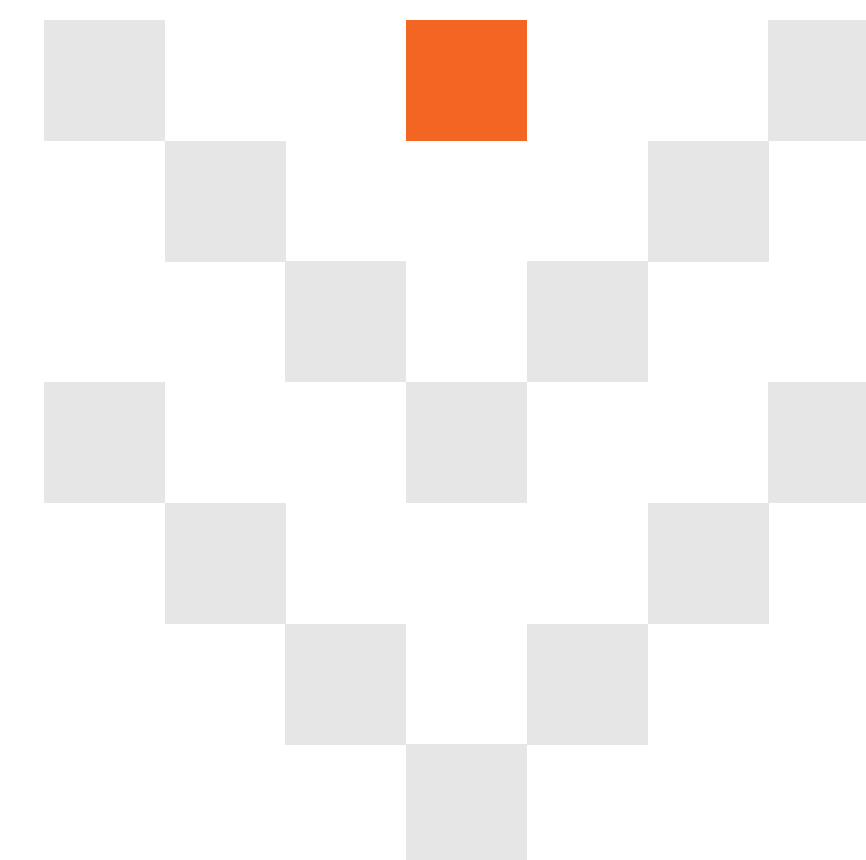
Her contributions outside of judicial work include being vice president of the South African Chapter of the International Association of Women judges. She has done extensive work on mentoring of aspirant judges. She has mentored women legal practitioners to strengthen their skills. She has mentored final year law students from the USA as judges' clerks as well as many other law students as judges' clerks. She has addressed attorneys of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces on several topics. She has done skills training of lawyers at many winter workshops as run by the former Law Society of the

Northern Provinces. She is also a patron to the Johannesburg to the Johannesburg Child Welfare Society. She has edited nine volumes of a Jungian poet found on [www.chatilloncoque.com](http://www.chatilloncoque.com)

Her entire career has been focused on improving the lives of others. Her community work has included establishing a Montessori preprimary school for underprivileged children and during her 25-year career as an advocate she has assisted many abused women with legal advice. She undertook a massive environmental law case assisting a small community living in the shadows of an industrial mill. She was the first woman to be elected to the Johannesburg Bar Council and was involved in the call for gender and racial transformation in the leadership structures. She did extensive work in the late 1980's and early 1990's at the Johannesburg Bar doing public interest litigation such as treason trial work, defending young members of communities accused of public violence and related issues and civil work.

The Johannesburg Bar honoured her contribution to South African law as an advocate.

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