

NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

MS TERESA CONRADIE

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3. LETTER OF CONSENT TO NOMINATION BY THE CANDIDATE
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10. LETTER OF SUPPORT – CANON ANGUS PATTERSON on behalf of ST MARY'S DIOCESAN SCHOOL FOR GIRLS and IRENE HOMES



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Letters of Nominations and Testimonials for Ms Teresa Conradie 28th October 2015

We write to nominate Ms Teresa Conradie of Motla Conradie Inc, learned in law for the position advertised by the Office of the Chief Justice of the Republic of South Africa, for the person to fill a vacancy as member of the Electoral Commission to serve on a part time basis. She is an initiator, founder and doer.

Ms Conradie has been known to us since 1998 when she joined the Diocesan School for Girls Governing Board which I chair in my capacity as Bishop of the Anglican Diocese of Pretoria. This is not the only institution she has served in in our Diocese. She is currently Governor of Irene Homes where she volunteers as the legal adviser. Irene homes is the Diocesan facility in which the mentally impaired young ladies are trained in self-reliance and skills development for purposes of economic empowerment.

Ms Conradie is a lawyer with a passion for human development and is ever ready to help those who would benefit from her humanitarian concern through her education and training. Her compassion is reflected in her daily engagement in socio-economic justice issues especially with regard to the less privileged and downtrodden of our society.

She is the founder of the Motla Conradie Attorneys which is 67% Black women owned and does pro bono work for worthy causes such as the Family Law Centre, collaborates with the Christian Lawyers Association in running a legal Aid Clinic in which they provide free legal advice to people in the Pretoria CDB for those who cannot afford legal fees. She has given two of her Domestic helpers opportunities for development by training them as filling clerks initially and now as respectively Bookkeeper and senior secretary in their legal firm.

Given our experience and work relationship with Ms Conradie and her legal firm, we nominate and recommend Ms Conradie for the position of part time Electoral Commissioner. We believe she will ensure principled participation and fair engagement of all stakeholders in the country's elections.

Signature of the Nominator

The Rt Revd Dr JT Seoka
Anglican Bishop of Pretoria

Signature of the Nominee

"Let us go across to the other side ..," Mark 4: 35





The Evangelical Alliance of South Africa

"I pray that they may all be one, Father!....." - John 17:21

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29 November 2015

To Who it may concern

I herewith submit a nomination for Mrs Teresa Conradie for the position of part time commissioner at the IEC as per recent media advertisement.

I have known Mrs Conradie for many years, and do heartily recommend her to serve in the IEC. As an Afrikaner, she has a rare quality of commitment to the new South Africa , to uphold its constitution and values and to serve the cause of bringing about a transformed South Africa in which all can live in prosperity and peace.

Her keen sense of electoral justice was brought home to me when we travelled together as a South African Church delegation to Kenya following the civil strife occasioned by their national election in 2007/8. Witnessing the devastation and loss of life that resulted in that country confirmed again the conviction she already held of the necessity for an IEC that delivers free and fair electoral results.

As a woman attorney, I believe she will bring an invaluable contribution of fairness, justice and balance to the work of the Commission. She is a committed activist for social justice and holds a high sense of ethical integrity.

Faithfully

Moss Ntlha (Contact details 0828098533)

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THE HONOURABLE CHIEF JUSTICE OF SOUTH AFRICA

Dear Chief Justice Mogoeng,

NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

I, the undersigned, hereby consent to and accept the nomination of the Right Reverend Dr J T Seoka (Bishop) and TEASA Secretary General, The Reverend Moss Nthla, to the Independent Electoral Commission and confirm my availability to serve on the Commission on a part time basis.

I confirm that I have never been a member of a political party nor have I been active in party politics of any nature.

Yours faithfully



MS TERESA CONRADIE

29 OCTOBER 2015

CURRICULUM VITAE

1. **SURNAME** : CONRADIE
2. **FIRST NAMES** : TERESA
3. **DATE OF BIRTH** : 18 March 1962
4. **PLACE OF BIRTH** : WATERVAL BOVEN, MPUMALANGA
5. **NATIONALITY** : SOUTH AFRICAN
6. **MARITAL STATUS** : MARRIED
7. **MATRICULATED** : THE HIGH SCHOOL BELFAST – 1979

8. TERTIARY EDUCATION /QUALIFICATIONS

INSTITUTION	DEGREE(S) / QUALIFICATIONS
University of Pretoria (1981 – 83)	B.Iuris
University of Pretoria (1984 – 85)	LLB
High Court of South Africa (1988)	Admitted as Attorney, Notary and Conveyancer
Department of Justice (2004)	Attended first ever judicial training for attorneys
SAJEI (2015)	Training for Aspirant Judges

9. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

- 9.1 **Date** January 1986 – July 1988
- Organisations** **Adams & Adams, Pretoria, Vorster & Coetzee, Parys, Webber and Newdigate Attorneys, Bloemfontein**
- Position** **Candidate Attorney**

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| 9.2 | Date
Organisation
Position | July 1988 – March 1989
Webber & Newdigate, Bloemfontein
Professional Assistant |
| 9.3 | Date
Organisation
Position | January 1990 - December 1991
The University of Pretoria
Part time lecturer – Commercial Law |
| 9.4 | Date
Organisation
Position | January 1990 - July 1991
Teresa Conradie Attorneys, Witbank
Sole Practitioner |
| 9.5 | Date
Organisation
Position | July 1991 - June 1996
Van Zyl le Roux & Hurter Attorneys, Pretoria
Professional Assistant |
| 8.6 | Date
Organisation
Position | July 1996 – September 1997
Teresa Conradie Attorneys, Pretoria
Sole Practitioner |
| 9.7 | Date
Organisation

Position | September 2008 – November 2009
Rooth Wessels Motla Conradie Attorneys,
Pretoria
Managing Director |
| 9.8 | Date

Organisation
Position | September 1997 – August 2008 and
January 2010 to date
Motla Conradie Attorneys, Pretoria
Managing Director |

10. JUDICIAL SERVICE

Date Organisation Position	Various periods during 2004, 2005 and 2007 The High Court of South Africa Acting Judge
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11. MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES:

- The Law Society of the Northern Provinces (LSNP)
- The South African Right of Way Association (SARWA)
- The International Right of Way Association (IRWA)
- The Christian Lawyers Association of South Africa (CLA)
- The Black Lawyers' Association (BLA)

12. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND LEADERSHIP POSITIONS

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| 12.1 | Organisation
Position | St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls
Member of Governing Body (1998 – 2008)
Member of the Council of Elders (2010 – present) |
| 12.2 | Organisation
Position | Irene Homes (Mentally disabled adults)
Member of the Governing Body (2011 – present) |
| 12.3 | Organisation
Position | The Christian Lawyers' Association of South Africa
Board member (1998 -2002) Chairperson (2003 – 2010) |
| 12.4 | Organisation
Position | Advocates Africa (Continental network of Christian Lawyers)
Founder member (1999); Board member (1999 – 2005) Chairperson (2005 – 2009) Treasurer (2009 – 2011) Deputy Chairperson (2011 – Present) |
| 12.5 | Organisation
Position | Advocates International (International network of Christian Lawyers)
Founder member of Global Council (2008) Chairperson (2008 – 2010) Deputy Chairperson (2008 – present) |
| 12.6 | Organisation
Position | The Religious Liberty Commission of South Africa
Council Member (2011 – 2014) |

12.7 Organisation Position **Project Vote South Africa**
Chairperson of a media and civil society awareness campaign during the 2009 General Elections to encourage South Africans and in particular Christians to vote. The project entailed radio and television interviews as well as printed promotions and was endorsed by the erstwhile Chair of the IEC, Dr Brigalia Bam.

13. OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE LEGAL PROFESSION AND CIVIL SOCIETY

13.1 Empowerment of previously disadvantaged individuals:

- Teresa was a founder member of **Motla Conradie Inc** in 1997 as one of the very first authentic multi-cultural law firms in the country. A central business philosophy of the firm has always been the empowerment of black people and women in particular; Motla Conradie is currently **100% Women-Owned and 67% Black Women-Owned**.
- During the course of the past 18 years she acted as **Principal for 11 Black Candidate Attorneys** (9 females and 2 males). One of these candidate attorneys is still busy with his articles, while all of the others have been admitted as attorneys and some also as notaries and conveyancers. All of the candidate attorneys who served articles with Teresa are gainfully employed;
- She has trained **16 black secretaries** both in conveyancing and litigation. Two of these ladies were former domestic workers in her home. The son of one of these two ladies served his articles with Teresa and is **currently a professional assistant with her firm**;
- She continues to **mentor a number of younger female lawyers** in various aspects of their professional and personal lives;

13.1 Contribution to the Organised Attorneys' Profession:

Date	2008 to present
Organisation	The Law Society of South Africa
Position	Moderator of the Admission Exam for Notaries

Date	2004 to present
Organisation	The Law Societies of the Northern Provinces
Position	Member and on occasion Chairperson of Disciplinary Committee

13.2 Contribution to legal training:

- **Part time lecturer in Commercial Law, University of Pretoria 1990-1992;**
- **Lecturer for Legal Education And Development of the Law Societies of South Africa** in the training course for the Conveyancing Admission exams 2012 – present;
- **Presenter of free seminars** to candidates who intend to write the **Notarial Admission exams;**
- **Author of training material and presenter of training courses for Eskom Land and Rights staff;**

13.3 Access to justice and pro bono work

- **On average she does around 300 hours of pro bono work per year** in order to facilitate access to justice for civil society organisations and individuals who would not otherwise be able to afford legal services;
- Her law firm established a **Family Law Centre** in 2012 which provides legal services in this field of law to a broad section of the community who earn too much to qualify for Legal Aid but too little to afford an attorney. **Clients pay whatever they are able to afford.** Retired senior counsel, Adv Francis Bosman SC, who established the Office of the Family Advocate in South Africa, acts as an advisor to the Family Law Centre which ensures that clients get the best possible quality of legal service;
- She is part of the leadership of the **Legal Aid Clinic of the Christian Lawyers' Association** based in the Pretoria CBD where free legal advice is given. A number of **Senior Counsel** and a **High Court Judge** serve at the Clinic. **Teresa hosts breakfasts for fellow lawyers where she encourages them to become part and serve at the Clinic.**

12. AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- 1984 – **Dux colours with special recommendation from the University of Pretoria** for her contribution in the fields of academics, sports and leadership;
- 2008 - **The Good Samaritan Award of Advocates International** for her contribution to Human Rights and Religious Freedom in Africa;
- 2014 – **Unashamedly Ethical award** for promoting ethical behaviour in law and business in South Africa;
- 2015 – **Institute for Christian Leadership Development award** for exceptional leadership in Civil Society in South Africa

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TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

I, **MARTHINUS JOHANNES STEPHANUS GROBLER**, Director of the Law Society of the Northern Provinces (incorporated as the Law Society of the Transvaal), do hereby wish to confirm that the Law Society of the Northern Provinces is a statutory body in terms of Section 56 of the Attorneys Act, No. 53 of 1979 ("the Act") with its powers, objects and authority to regulate and administer attorneys under its jurisdiction, vested in Sections 58 and 59 of the Act.

I certify that it appears from the Roll kept by this office that:

1. Mrs **TERESA CONRADIE** was duly admitted and enrolled as an attorney, conveyancer and notary public of the High Court of South Africa (Free State Division, Bloemfontein) on the **21ST day of JULY 1988**. She was duly enrolled as an attorney, conveyancer and notary public of the High Court of South Africa (Gauteng Division, Pretoria) on the **07TH day of FEBRUARY 1990**;
2. her name has not been suspended or removed from the said Roll and there are at this date not any proceedings pending by this Society to strike her name from the Roll or suspend her from practice;
3. according to the information available to the Law Society, Mrs **TERESA CONRADIE** is in good standing with the Law Society.

Given under my hand at PRETORIA on this 27TH day of FEBRUARY 2015.


M J S GROBLER
DIRECTOR

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**RE: NOMINATION OF TERESA CONRADIE FOR APPOINTMENT TO THE
ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

Please refer to the above-mentioned subject.

I would like to submit this letter of support for the nomination of Mrs Conradie.

Apart from my official capacity as Director, I am also the Chairman of Advocates Africa and Teresa is my Vice Chairman.

Since 1999 when we were introduced to each other through Advocates International, I have come to know Teresa as a professional of high integrity and forth-rightness.

It gives me great honour and confidence to recommend her to you as a nominee to the Electoral Commission.


Mike J. Chibita
DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC PROSECUTIONS

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October 28, 2015

The Honorable Chief Justice Mogoeng Mogoeng
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RE: Letter of Support for Teresa Conradie

Dear Chief Justice Mogoeng,

Advocates International is a nongovernmental organization (NGO) incorporated in the United States of America whose mission is to encourage, equip and enable advocates to do justice with compassion. We represent a network of more than 30,000 Christian legal professionals in over 150 nations across the globe. From lawyers, judges, law students and paralegals, to other non-legal advocates within our network, Advocates International provides training and guidance to its members in human rights, religious liberty, rule of law and corruption, legal aid for the poor, peace and reconciliation, life and family issues.

I write this letter to you in support of the nomination of my good friend and colleague, Mrs. Teresa Conradie, to fill the vacancy on the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa. I believe that she is the right person for this position.

I have known Mrs. Conradie since 1999 and have worked with her professionally since that time in varying capacities, but currently as the President and CEO of Advocates International, through her service to Advocates International as the Deputy Chairperson of our Global Council, as well as a member of our Board of Directors.

Mrs. Conradie has been active in our network since 1998 and received our highest honor in 2008, the *Good Samaritan Award*, at our 5th Global Convocation in Washington, DC which was attended by over 1000 legal professionals from 107 countries. Her leadership within Advocates is unparalleled and her expertise in many different areas has been a tremendous blessing to our friends in many different countries. Her integrity is unquestionable and her wisdom is beyond her years. I highly recommend her for this post, even if it means that she will have less time to serve Advocates International.

Sincerely,



Brent M. McBurney
President & CEO

Doing Justice with Compassion



October 2015

To whom it may concern

LETTER OF SUPPORT: NOMINATION OF TERESA CONRADIE FOR
APPOINTMENT TO THE ELECTORAL COMMISSION

As Chairman of the Unashamedly Ethical campaign I am pleased to commit my personal and our support to the candidacy of Ms Teresa Conradie as a Commissioner of the Independent Electoral Commission of South Africa.

Unashamedly Ethical is an organisation promoting values, ethics and clean living. We achieve this by requesting our signatories to make a formal written commitment to uphold values and ethics, as part of a network of likeminded individuals and organisations. Our signatories are held accountable to this commitment by an ombudsman.

Ms Teresa Conradie has been known to me personally and our campaign for a number of years, and we can testify that we hold her in high regard.

At the moment we are co-operating with her to establish an "Ethical Pledge" designed specifically for the legal profession, aimed at promoting ethics in the legal field. The input that Ms Conradie has provided to this process has proven to be of great value, and confirms her personal commitment to the values of honesty and integrity.

It is without any hesitation a great privilege for me to support Ms. Conradie to be appointed by the Electoral Commission. I am confident that she will make a valuable contribution towards the cause of upholding democracy in our country.

Yours Faithfully

Graham Power
Founder: Unashamedly Ethical

29 October 2015

To whom it may concern

I am deeply honoured to be able to nominate

Mrs Teresa Conradie

as a candidate for the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC).

Mrs Conradie's curriculum vita speaks for itself in illustrating her legal competence and suitability for the position. The confidence shown in her as an acting Judge of the High Court on a number of occasions backs this up.

More importantly are the characteristics she has shown as a believer in the future of our nation and being an integral part of the solution.

I have known her for almost six years, and she was a member of the panel which interviewed me for my present post as Head of School of St Mary's Diocesan School for Girls. During the last few years, her example as a leading thinker in terms of gender equality, transformation and racial equity and redress, and the importance of a moral compass and social justice has shone through.

Her community sacrifice is partly evident in her voluntary participation as a member of the Governing Body of Irene Homes (which I chair on behalf of the Bishop of Pretoria) an Anglican Home for mentally challenged ladies. Here she renders invaluable advice not only from legal point of view, but advice on governance and policy.

Mrs Conradie's integrity is matched by her energy, creativity and faith. She is always ready to put her own time to the service of others, and she can be relied upon to carry out her duties to the best of her ability.

I recommend her as an ideal candidate for the IEC.

Yours faithfully



The Revd Canon Angus Paterson
(Head of School: St Mary's DSG, Pretoria.
Chairman of Irene Homes Governing Body
Canon Chancellor of the Anglican Diocese of Pretoria)

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