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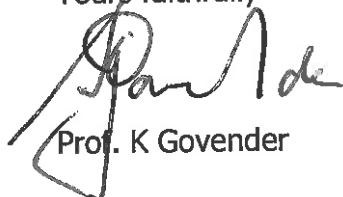
Mr Nelson Phakola
Office of the Chief Justice

Dear Mr N Phakola

Re: Nomination of Isobel Konyn to be considered for appointment to the Electoral Commission.

I am of the view that Isobel Konyn would be an excellent appointee to the Commission. Her legal, academic and extensive experience on the boards of various organs of state make her singularly qualified to serve on the Commission. She has held a number of leadership positions, some at executive level, at the University of KZN. She will bring this cumulative wisdom and a deep and abiding commitment to the rule of law to the Commission, if appointed. I accordingly nominate her and unequivocally support her application.

Yours faithfully



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Acceptance of Nomination.

I Isobel Konyh accept nomination to be considered for appointment to –
The Electoral Commission.

Dated at Durban this 29th day of October 2015.


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Prof. I.E. Konyh.

CURRICULUM VITAE.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Name : Isobel Elise Konyyn
Date of Birth : 23 September 1956
Identiy Number : 5609230117080
Nationality : South African
Marital Status: Married. Two adult children.

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QUALIFICATIONS:

Academic: Bachelor of Arts, University of Natal - 1976
Bachelor of Laws (post-graduate), University of Natal - 1979
Post Graduate Diploma in Tertiary Education : have completed courses in curriculum design, assessment and language and discourse.
I have also completed courses in International Trade and Marine Insurance at Southampton University UK

Professional: Advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa.
Fellow of the Association of Arbitrators

EMPLOYMENT RECORD:

1. Employer Department of Justice
Position Prosecutrix 1980
2. Employer University of Natal
Position Lecturer 1981 - 1986
Senior Lecturer 1987 -1994
Associate Professor 1995 to 2012

AWARDS:

1. Emma Smith Bursary 1974 through to 1979
2. Rotary Overseas Scholarship 1986/7. Granted on the basis of academic performance.

LEADERSHIP ROLES

I UNIVERSITY OF NATAL :

ACTING DVC (ADMINISTRATION AND CORPORATE GOVERNANCE)(2007)

I oversaw the following divisions and controlled the budget of R220 million.

Risk management services which dealt with security and investigations,

Facilities Management which deals with buildings and grounds including maintenance,

Safety Health and Environment which dealt with health and safety.

Human Resources Corporate governance issues fell under the portfolio and controlled the internal audit arm of the University.

HEAD OF SCHOOL, DURBAN (1999 - 2001) I oversaw the restructuring of the LLB from a post-graduate to an undergraduate degree , involving extensive curriculum changes. Emphasis was also given to the development of the LLM programme which more than doubled in size during my headship. Administratively the amalgamation of four departments, including their finances, was a challenging undertaking. I controlled the budget in the Durban Centre. The bodies at which I represented the School included the University Senate , The Promotions Committee, The Academic Programmes Committee and Faculty Board. My duties included the development of policy.

HEAD OF DEPARTMENT : BUSINESS LAW (1996 -1998) I supervised the curriculum and teaching of all commercial law courses as well as the development of new programmes to accommodate changes in the legal system. I budgeted and ran the finances of the department.

ASSISTANT DEAN - FACULTY OF LAW , DURBAN (1988-1995) I dealt with all student matters and frequently acted as Dean in the incumbent's absence. I represented the Faculty in the University Senate and on the Durban Academic Affairs Board.

CHAIRPERSON , STUDENT DISCIPLINARY COURT (1995 - 2012) I have chaired a large number of disciplinary hearings dealing with every aspect of the rules governing students.

As Chairperson of our Rules Committee I assisted in drafting and amendment of rules of conduct.

I have also chaired numerous staff disciplinary hearings.

2. KWAZULU NATAL TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION. (1997 to 2001)

I was appointed by Minister Miller to this Commission in 1997. The commission also acted in terms of the Development Facilitation Act.

QUASI JUDICIAL HEARINGS

In terms of S48 of the Act the Commission functioned as an appeal body in relation to grievances arising from planning decisions. I presided over hearings all of which required delivery of reasoned decisions. In addition the commission also presided over S48 Need and Desirability applications requiring reasoned decisions. In many of these matters the parties were represented by legal representatives. Expert witness were often employed to lead evidence.

RESEARCH AND POLICY

The Commission regularly advertised research briefs which were open to tender. On acceptance of a brief a committee representing stakeholders was appointed, presided over by a Commissioner. The object was the development of guidelines or policy in the field of planning. I chaired a number of such committees, including the research into transfer of development rights, and participated in others.

In addition to the above I provided legal advise and assistance to the Commission

3. KZN RENTAL HOUSING TRIBUNAL . (2002- 2008)

I was appointed by Minister Makhaye to this tribunal in 2002. The objective of the Rental Housing Act 50 of 1999 is to increase rental housing and to harmonise relations between landlord and tenant.

4. HEARINGS AND MEDIATIONS

The Act confers on the Tribunal wide powers to determine disputes between landlord and tenant and to deal with complaints raised by other interested parties regarding conditions in rental housing. Reasoned decisions have to be given and the majority of such decisions have been drafted by me. I also regularly mediate between parties .When hearing matters the Tribunal functions as a court and it's rulings have the status of a magistrates court judgement.

4. THE KZN GAMBLING BOARD. (2003-2011)

I was appointed to the Gambling Board in 2003. The control of gambling and its social consequences, as well as distribution of licences are the primary functions of this Board. I am chair of the Monitoring and Compliance committee of the Board. This committee oversees compliance with the relevant statutes and regulations. The highest level of probity is required to be a board member. I am also a member of the finance committee.

5. THE PLANNING PROFESSIONS ACT APPEALS BOARD(2008-)

In September 2008 the Minister of Land Affairs appointed me as chairperson of this appeals board.

6 THE KWAZULU-NATAL SHARKS BOARD (2009-2011)

In January 2009 I was appointed as a member to this board. I chair the audit committee of the board.

7. THE BOOKMAKERS CONTROL COMMITTEE (2009-2011)

This body regulates bookmakers. I was a member of the finance and audit committees.

8. THE KWAZULU-NATAL GAMING AND BETTING BOARD (2012- 2015).

9. DURBAN MARINE THEME PARK,DIRECTOR (2013-)

10. MUNICIPAL DEMARCATION BOARD (2014-)

ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE

1. Teaching

I have taught at every level from first year of LL B to LLM. My principal fields of teaching have been :

Negotiable Instruments,
Corporate Law,
Lease,
Agency,
Contract,
Law of Sale and Credit agreements
Security and insolvency

In respect of Corporate Law at LLM level I taught the section on corporate governance.

I have also taught in the fields of Maritime Law, Environmental law, Banking Law and Consumer Law at LLM level

2. Conferences

2.1. University Teachers of law Conference - Cape Town 1988 Criminal Law Aspects of Computer Law. See publications

- 2.2 University Teachers of Law Conference - University of Natal, 1989 : I chaired the session on Banking Law.
- 2.3 Educational Development in Law Conference - University of the Witwatersrand.1993
A University of Natal Response to affirmative Action@
- 2.4 University Teachers of Law Conference - University of Stellenbosch 1992. Student Selection and Evaluation.
- 2.5 University Teachers of Law Conference - University of Port Elizabeth 1994
"Selection for Potential"

3. Administration

I have been extensively involved in all aspects of the administrative affairs of the Faculty of Law at the University of Natal, Durban, and in the administration of the University of Kwazulu-Natal

Membership of Academic Committees/Boards

Faculty Committees

1. Faculty Rules Committee (Convener) (1986 - 2003)
2. Faculty Time Table Committee (Convener) (1984 -2005)
3. Student Admissions Committee (1990 -2006)
4. Higher Degrees Committee (1990 - 2001)
5. Research Committee (1990 -2001)
6. Staffing Estimates and Promotion Committee (1990 -2003)
7. Management Committee (1988 - 2004)
8. Affirmative Action Committee
9. Education Development Committee (1993 - 2001)

University Committees

- 1 University Budget Committee (representative for Economics and Management) (1993).
2. University Time Table Committee (1984 - 2003).
3. Environment Committee (1991 - 1992).
- 4 Committee to investigate Guidelines for the exclusion of Students (representative for Law, Humanities and Social Science Faculties).
5. Academic Affairs Board (representative for Law Faculty) (1993 - 1999)
- 6 Board for the Centre for Socio Legal Studies (1992 -1995).
- 7 Member of Senate sub-committee on programmes (1999 -2002).
- 8 Member of Senate sub-committee on the winter school (2000).
- 9 Chairperson University and Faculty Rules Committee (2003- 2006).

- 10 Chairperson Council/Senate Governance Committee (2002-2003).
- 11 Member Senate Merger Steering Committee.
- 12 Member of Senate (1988- 2010).
- 13 Chairperson of senate sub committee on industrial action(2006).
- 14 Chairperson of code of ethics/conduct task team.
- 15 Member of the GAFC Committee of UKZN Council.

REVIEWED PUBLICATIONS

1. "Financial Assistance for Purchase of Shares" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 1 - 10.
2. "Membership of Holding Company" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 65 - 66.
3. "Promissory Notes and Bills of Exchange" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) atp 107 - 109
4. "Service of Documents upon Companies" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 109 - 110.
5. "Arbitration" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 110.
6. "Deregistration of companies" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 111 - 119.
7. "Share Capital" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 119 -135.
8. "Reduction of "Capital" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 135 - 148.
9. "Allotment and Issue of Shares" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 149 - 165.
10. "Members and Register of Members" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 166 - 181.
11. "Debentures" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 182-192.
12. "Transfer of Shares and Debentures" in Henochsberg on the Companies Act (1985) at pp 193 - 202.
13. "Computer Crime" in Essays on Computer Law (1990).
14. "Protection of Trade Secrets" in Essays on Computer Law (1990).

15. Huur Gaat Voor Koop & the Lessees Right of Election Obiter 1995 Vol 161 pp 170-174.

OTHER PUBLICATIONS

1. "Restrictions and Limitations on Human Rights" (Article 29) in Human Rights for South Africans (1991).
2. Consumer law in South Africa@ Ch 6 Consumers & Banks pp 182-204.
3. The Law of Commerce in South Africa. Scott et al Oxford 2009. Chapters on negotiable instruments, lease and agency.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

I have taught and assisted in administration of the Commercial Advancement Training Scheme in Durban. One of the objects of the scheme is to assist the disadvantaged to obtain employment as well as an academic education.
(1989-2002)

REFEREES

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3. Peter Nieuwoudt. CEO – The Wealth Corporation and numerous other business practices. (082) 4544046.
