

## **Prof Dr. Birgit Kuschke**

Prof Birgit Kuschke is an Associate professor in the Department of Private Law, University of Pretoria , and admitted Attorney, Notary and Conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa.

### **Qualifications**

She holds the degrees BLC (*cum laude*) and LLB (*cum laude*) from the University of Pretoria, and completed her LLD degree in 2009 at the University of South Africa with a thesis on “Insurance against Damage caused by Pollution.” She completed her articles at VDT Attorneys in Pretoria and was admitted as an Attorney, Notary and Conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa in 1994. She practiced part-time for her own account from 1994 to 2005.

### **Fields of specialization**

Insurance law; law of contract; construction and engineering law; law of delict; environmental law; dispute resolution

### **Academic Responsibilities**

Prof Kuschke currently lectures Law of Contract and Law of Delict for the LLB undergraduate law degree in the Department of Private Law. She has also lectured insurance law, tax law, consumer protection law, engineering and construction law, arbitration and adjudication law and general commercial law. She has lectured on legal aspects of project management, and engineering and construction law on the PPM (Programme in Practical Project Management) since its inception in 1997 and on various other certificate and diploma courses, including the module on Drafting of Contracts for the Law Schools under the auspices of the Law Society of South Africa.

She also presents postgraduate modules in the LLM (Law of Contract) in the Law Faculty, and supervises a number of postgraduate students on a master’s degree level and for doctoral degrees. She was also the Guardian lecturer for Law House, the student representative body of students in the Law Faculty for a number of years and has received prizes as lecturer of the year in numerous years.

### **Professional memberships**

Birgit has been a member of the International Association for Insurance Law since 1998, and has been involved in various research projects relating to the insurance risks, insurance regulation and practice. She currently serves as a Councilor on the Presidential Council of the International Association for Insurance Law, and is a member of two working groups within the Association.

She has since 2014 been a Principal Drafting Member of the international project on the drafting of universal Principles of Reinsurance Law (PRICL); is a corresponding member of the project on Principles of European Insurance contract law (PEICL); a member of the Society of Law Teachers’ of South Africa and an accredited Poslec SETA legal education and training practitioner.

**Academic contributions and presentations**

She has contributed monographs and chapters in various academic books and encyclopedic works and is the co-author of 5 textbooks. She has published widely in peer reviewed and other academic journals.

Prof Kuschke has presented numerous papers at national and international conferences, regularly acts as national rapporteur for AIDA working party projects, and has chaired and acted as international rapporteur for the plenary session on 'Discrimination in Insurance' at the 2010 AIDA World Congress (Paris).

**Languages:** English, German, Afrikaans, Dutch, Flemish