

CANDIDATE ATTORNEY TRAINING PROGRAMME

DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT NATIONAL YOUTH SUPPORT PROGRAMME

During 2007 the UFS Law Clinic entered into a formal agreement with the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development via the Association of University Legal Aid Institutions Trust. In terms of the agreement the UFS Law Clinic together with 11 other University Law Clinics would be responsible to employ candidate attorneys and mentors to provide professional training to these candidate attorneys. The project formed part of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development's National Youth Support Programme.

During 2009 the contract was renewed for another term and this term ended on 31 March 2012.

The UFS Law Clinic employed in total thirty one candidate attorneys of which twenty fall within the designated groups. Fifteen of these candidate attorneys have been admitted as Attorneys of the High Court and a further four will be admitted as such during the course of 2012, due to the partial completion of the attorneys' admission examinations. It is worth noting that five of the candidate attorneys employed at the UFS Law Clinic obtained their LLM degrees during the period of employment at the clinic. It is expected that an



additional four candidate attorneys will graduate in November 2012 with their LLM degrees. It is further worth reporting that nine candidate attorneys were recruited as State Prosecutors and their success can mainly be contributed to the experience gained in the Criminal courts during their employment at the law clinic. The project further provided employment for three full-time attorneys at the law clinic responsible for supervision and mentoring of the candidate attorneys.

