

WOMEN AS AGENTS OF CHANGE IN RULE OF LAW

AGENDA

February 21-22, 2018

USC Law School – Karen J. Williams Courtroom

Free and Open to the Public (6.5 CLE Credits)

Register: rolcagentsofchange.eventbrite.com

February 21, 2018

5:30 – 5:45 Welcoming Remarks and Introduction

Joel H. Samuels, *Director, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina*
Joan T.A. Gabel, *Provost, University of South Carolina*

5:45 – 7:30 Keynote Conversation

Dr. Mamphela Ramphele, *Co-Founder, ReimagineSA, South Africa* joined by
William Hubbard, *USC Board of Trustees; Partner, Nelson Mullins*

February 22, 2018

9:00 – 9:15 Welcoming Remarks and Symposium Objectives

Joel H. Samuels, *Director, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina*
Harris Pastides, *President, University of South Carolina*

9:15 – 10:45 Session 1: Strategies in Pursuit of Human Rights Education for All Women

Access to human rights education can enable women to develop a critical awareness of their rights, acquire the skills to exercise their rights and be empowered to catalyze social change. Panelists will have the opportunity to discuss the specific role they have played in either advocating for or implementing activities in relation to human rights education, the opportunities and challenges they faced and the specific strategies they have employed to advance their cause.

Moderator: Dr. Payal Shah, *Assistant Professor, Educational Foundations and Inquiry, College of Education, University of South Carolina*

Dr. Eme Crawford, *Director of Communications and Learning, WREN - Women's Rights and Empowerment Network (South Carolina)*

Angela Lytle, *Executive Director, Women's Human Rights Education Institute (Canada)*

Patricia Nyaundi, *former CEO, Kenya National Commission on Human Rights*

10:45 – 11:00 Coffee Break

11:00 – 12:30 Session 2: Strategies in Pursuit of Access to Justice

This panel will explore the strategies women have pursued in both the formal and informal systems of justice to increase access to justice for women. Speakers will discuss the opportunities and mechanisms that they utilized to empower them. Additionally, as one of the foremost challenges to women's access to justice is often their social and economic role within a society, the panel will also explore strategies for expanding social space/standing and economic opportunity for women. Lastly, panelists will consider specific strategies women have employed to increase access to justice for women victims of gender-based violence.

Moderator: Aparna Polavarapu, *Assistant Professor of Law, University of South Carolina*

Najla Ayoubi, *Former Judge in Afghanistan, Human Rights Activist, and Lawyer*

Sue Berkowitz, *Director, South Carolina Appleseed Legal Justice Center*

Erin Brady, *General Counsel, Human Rights Law Section, Department of Justice, Government of Canada*

12:30 – 1:30 Lunch

1:30 – 3:00 Session 3: Strategies in Pursuit of Good Governance

In many societies, corruption weakens the community, impedes economic development, and undermines access to basic social services such as health and education. For women in particular, corruption denies women their rights and prevents them from achieving their full potential, leaving women more vulnerable. This panel will explore the strategies women have pursued in attainment of good governance, transparency and accountability.

Moderator: Fiona Mangan, *Fellow, Rule of Law Collaborative, University of South Carolina*

Beth Drake, *Interim U.S. Attorney for the District of South Carolina*

Michala Mackay, *CEO & Registrar, Corporate Affairs Commission/ Sector Lead for the Governance, Justice and Security Sector in Sierra Leone*

Oleksandra Matviychuk, *Head, Center for Civil Liberties, Ukraine*

3:00 – 3:15 Break

3:15 – 4:45 Sessions 4: Strategies in Pursuit of Leadership in the Justice Sector

Panelists will consider the challenges women face in participating and assuming leadership positions in the justice sector and ways in which national justice institutions could help address these challenges. Most importantly, panelists will consider the specific strategies they have used to increase the number of women in leadership positions within the justice sector.

Moderator: Lisa Davis, *Executive Director of International Association of Women Judges*

Justice Teresa Doherty, *Judge, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone, former Principal Magistrate in Papua New Guinea and Judge of the Supreme and National Courts; Judge of the High Court and the Court of Appeal of Sierra Leone*

Brenda Hollis, *Prosecutor, Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone*

Justice Fiona Mwale, *High Court Judge, Malawi*