

Brigitta Mangale

Director



Brigitta Mangale is a Director in the Pro Bono & Human Rights Practice. Brigitta is responsible for the management of the firm's Cape Town based Practice, as well as overseeing the Cape Town office's pro bono matters and CSR contributions.

About Brigitta

Brigitta is passionate about the advancement of women's rights and women's issues and is building a specialization in this area. She is also passionate about the enforcement and development of land rights. She is currently pursuing a constitutional challenge to legislation with a view to promote and extend the protection afforded to victims of all forms of sexual abuse. She is also separately pursuing a constitutional challenge to legislation with the intention to develop our law in a manner that appropriately extends the recognition of informal and indigenous land rights. Brigitta's practice also includes matters focused on community development and upliftment, and the promotion of meaningful transformation, all of which include human rights and public interest imperatives.

Brigitta was appointed Director in 2022.

Credentials

Education

- LLB UCT (2011)

News

16 Days of Activism: A call for business activism

This year marks the 25th anniversary since South Africa initiated 16 Days of Activism for No Violence Against Women and Children Campaign.

Minister of Police's attempt to condone his nearly three-year delay of litigation dismissed with costs

Our Cape Town-based Pro Bono & Human Rights Practice represents a 25-year-old transgender woman, referred to as Ms B. Ms B's family has never accepted her transgender identity. So much so that picking fights with her on a Friday night and calling the local police to arrest and keep her in their cells for the weekend, was a regular occurrence. This scene played out once more on one fateful night in December 2016.

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Expertise

[Pro Bono & Human Rights](#)

Location

Cape Town

Language

English

[The decriminalisation of cannabis use and/or possession for minors: A significant shift in South African drug law reform](#)

In 2019, the Constitutional Court in *Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development and Others v Prince and Others* (1) SA 14 (CC), partially confirmed the judgment in *Prince v Minister of Justice and Others* (4) SA 299 (WCC), which declared provisions of the Drugs and Drug Trafficking Act 140 of 1992 (Drugs Act) and the Medicines and Related Substances Act 101 of 1965 unconstitutional. In doing so, the Constitutional Court decriminalised the use, possession and cultivation of cannabis by adults for their personal use in private.

[Developments in anti-bullying measures in South Africa: Possible jail time for bullies](#)

South Africa is a country plagued by bullying and associated child-on-child abuse. Despite there being five separate pieces of legislation aimed at preventing and addressing bullying among minors in and outside of school, educational institutions, parents, and teachers are still struggling to grapple with the complex nature of bullying. Over the past few months, our country has had a notable increase in minor student suicides, which have been heavily reported to be a consequence of bullying.

[CDH Women Empowerment podcasts](#)

10 April 2023 marked 100 years since the Woman Legal Practitioners Act 7 of 1923 was promulgated. The Act contained a single section, which reads: "Women shall be entitled to be admitted to practice and to be enrolled as advocates, attorneys, notaries public or conveyancers in any province of the Union, subject to the same terms and conditions as apply to men...". As we commemorate 100 years of women in law, we bring you insightful episodes of the CDH Women Empowerment podcast series. This is where several members of our firm discuss the importance of women empowerment in the legal profession.

Videos

[Video | The significant impact of our Pro Bono & Human Rights practice](#)

As we commemorate Human Rights Day on Thursday, 21 March, one of the ways CDH demonstrates our commitment to the transformation of our society is through our dedicated Pro Bono & Human Rights Practice. We provide pro bono representation of the highest standard to deserving individuals, communities, NGOs and other organisations that promote human rights or the public interest.

Podcasts

[Beyond 16 Days Episode 2: The importance of Human Rights Day and exploring constitutional damages as an effective remedy](#)

In episode two of our Beyond 16 Days Series, Director Brigitta Mangale and Senior Associate Elgene Roos in the Pro Bono & Humans Rights practice unpack the importance of Human Rights Day and exploring constitutional damages as an effective remedy.

[Beyond 16 Days | Working on women's rights, all year round](#)

Director Brigitta Mangale and Senior Associate Elgene Roos in the Pro Bono & Humans Rights practice are both passionate about women's rights and the fight against violence for women.

[WOZA Podcast Two - The challenges women in law face today](#)

Join CDH Conversations as we continue to commemorate 100 years of women in law. This series of three episodes, hosted in collaboration with WOZA Women in Law explores the history and vision of women in the legal profession.

[Women empowerment through impact litigation](#)

This conversation forms part of the CDH Women in Law podcast series, where several members of our firm will discuss the importance of women's empowerment and highlight CDH's dedication to this cause. CDH's Pro Bono and Human Rights practice Director Brigitta Mangale and Senior Associate Elgene Roos join CDH Conversations to discuss the role of impact litigation in enforcing and protecting the rights of women in South Africa.

[Sharing insights about pro bono in an industry that is still male-dominated](#)

Brigitta Mangale, Senior Associate in the Pro Bono and Human Rights practice featured on Smile 90.4FM to share insights about pro bono in an industry that is still male-dominated.

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