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Dear SAMLA Members,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the latest edition of the SAMLA Newsletter. The strategic Board meeting was held on 24 February 2026, where important discussions took place regarding the direction, priorities, and activities of our association for the year ahead. The meeting provided an opportunity for the Board to reflect on SAMLA's progress and to plan strategically for initiatives that will strengthen our academic community.

In this issue of the newsletter, we share updates on recent activities, upcoming events, and achievements within our community. I encourage members to remain engaged with SAMLA and to continue sharing news, research, and accomplishments for future editions of the newsletter.

I hope you find this edition informative and inspiring.

Warm Regards,



Maryke Pienaar

Editor, SAMLA Newsletter

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Board of directors

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Chairperson: Education & Training Committee

Adv Clementine Makhoana

Chairperson: Transformation Committee

Mrs Carina van de Wall

Chairperson: National Conference

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Chairperson: Credentialing Committee

Dr/Adv Santa-Marie Venter

Chairperson: Legal and Ethics Committee

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Chairperson: Mediation & RAF Committee and
Chairperson: Disciplinary Committee

Dr/Adv Anton van den Bout

Non-Executive President

Honorary members

We proudly celebrate and congratulate the newly appointed honorary members of SAMLA. Their distinguished and extraordinary achievements for SAMLA with unwavering dedication have left an enduring mark, and this honor is richly deserved.

Honorary members:

- Dr Trevor Frankish
- Dr Sharon Munyaka
- Prof Ethelwynn Stellenberg

Welcome to the following new Board of Directors

Dr Clementine Makhoana

With 24 years of experience primarily in the medical/healthcare, and pharmaceutical industries, Clementine is a results-driven leader with a proven track record of success. Her career includes seven years within the pharmaceutical sector and 14 years in senior management roles across the medical/healthcare and pharmaceutical landscape.

Her qualifications include: Current LLM student at UCT; LLB – Unisa 2023; Higher Certificate - Unisa 2018; Mediation - UCT/Mediation in Motion 2025; Medical Law- Law Society 2025; National Certificate in Wealth Management–INSETA 2023; Regulatory Exam for Financial Representatives -Moonstone 2013; Marketing Management- Damelin 2005; Various certificates/training from 1998-2004 for and not limited to management development, financial management, Board of Trustees, Interpersonal and Management skills, Strategic Marketing, project management etc.

Beyond operational management, as an accredited financial advisor specialising in the medical sector, Clementine's expertise is deeply rooted in business development and growth. As a strategic advisor, she has excelled in identifying new markets, developing key partnerships, and driving revenue growth, always ensuring these objectives align with broader corporate strategy. She has been instrumental in driving stakeholder training initiatives to strengthen organisational understanding of medical and regulatory requirements.

Her leadership style is both adaptable and results-driven, with a strong focus on mentoring teams, managing governance and risk, and building trusted relationships across corporate sectors, government entities, and state-owned enterprises. Throughout her career, Clementine has demonstrated a deep-seated passion for transformation and equity, championing initiatives that promote inclusivity.

Most recently, Clementine has transitioned into the legal profession, now practising as an Advocate specialising in Medical Law, Labour Law, and Alternative Dispute Resolution and has further qualified as a mediator. This move combines her decades of healthcare leadership with a strong legal foundation, adding immense value to the board. She further served on the Pupillage committee and lectured pupils at her Bar.

Outside of the office, Clementine brings the same grounded, committed energy to her personal life.

Welcome to the following new Board of Directors

Dr Nonceba Koranteng

*MBBCh (Wits), FC Rad Diag (SA), MMed (Wits)
European Diploma in Paediatric Radiology (EDiPR)
European Diploma in Paediatric Neuroradiology (EDPNR)
Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration (Wits)*

Dr Nonceba Koranteng is a specialist radiologist who obtained both her undergraduate and postgraduate medical qualifications from the University of the Witwatersrand. After completion of her radiology training, she started at Chris Hani Baragwanath Academic Hospital as a qualified radiologist. She subsequently moved to the Nelson Mandela Children's Hospital, where she worked as a consultant radiologist and later served as Acting Head of Unit.

She later transitioned into private practice, joining a radiology practice in Parktown, Johannesburg, as an associate radiologist, before co-founding Drs Koranteng and Mndebele Inc., a private radiology practice based in Parktown. Her interests extend beyond clinical practice into healthcare leadership, innovation, and sustainable practice development.

She holds additional European qualifications in paediatric imaging (European Diploma in Paediatric Radiology (EDiPR) and European Diploma in Paediatric Neuroradiology (EDPNR), awarded through European radiological societies. She also holds a Postgraduate Diploma in Business Administration from the University of the Witwatersrand, reflecting her strong interest in entrepreneurship and healthcare innovation.

She is deeply passionate about teaching and academic development. She serves as an Honorary Lecturer at the University of the Witwatersrand and is actively involved in research as a coordinator within the Wits Radiology Research Committee, where she supervises and examines Master's degree students. She is also actively engaged in academic dissemination, regularly presenting on radiology topics and contributing to webinars and conferences.

In addition, she is a member of the Institute of Directors South Africa (IoDSA) and has completed modules towards becoming a certified director, reflecting her commitment to strong governance and leadership in healthcare.

Beyond her professional roles, Dr Koranteng values a balanced and purposeful life. She enjoys the outdoors, gardening, and crocheting, and remains deeply committed to education, health advocacy, and making a meaningful impact in her field and community.

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Dr Santa-Marie Venter

Dr Venter completed her MBChB from the University of Pretoria (UP). During her internship, she enrolled for a BA Languages and Literature degree at UNISA, which she completed in 2011. After working as an orthopaedic registrar at Steve Biko Academic Hospital from 2011 to 2013, she decided to pursue a Master's degree in Sports Medicine, which she obtained at UP in 2017.

Dr Venter's research on concussion in mixed martial arts athletes was published in the British Journal of Sports Medicine. She was invited to present her research at the International Conference on Concussion in Sport in Berlin. Dr Venter worked as team doctor for the Blue Bulls Rugby Union during the 2016 season and completed an LLB degree at UNISA in the same year.

In 2017, Dr Venter was offered an orthopaedic surgery registrar position at Groote Schuur Hospital, where she obtained her MMED Orthopaedics degree Cum Laude in 2021. Her research on multi-ligament knee injuries was published in an international journal and presented at various congresses. She has a passion for hand surgery and is an active member of SASSH.

Dr Venter was admitted as a Fellow of the Royal College of Orthopaedic Surgeons (SA) in 2021 and as advocate of the High Court of Pretoria in 2022.

She was recently elected as director of the South African Medicolegal Association, serving as the chairperson of the legal and ethics committee. She also chairs the morbidity and mortality meetings at Mediclinic Kloof Hospital.

Dr Venter is an avid sportswoman, ranked number one in her age group in the South-African Tennis Masters division. She has earned Protea colours in various sports, representing her country internationally in karate, mixed martial arts and tennis.

FOUNDATION COURSE MODULES 2026

| MODULE | TOPIC | DATE |
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| Module 1 | Introduction to Foundations of Medico-legal Practice | 16 May 2026 |
| Module 2 | Introduction to Medical Law | 20 June 2026 |
| Module 3 | The Interaction between Medical Law & Ethics | 11 July 2026 |
| Module 4 | Alternative Dispute Resolution vs Litigation | 1 August 2026 |
| Module 5 | The Critical Role of Medico-Legal Experts In Litigation | 22 August 2026 |
| Module 6 | Court Procedure and Conduct | 12 September 2026 |
| Module 7 | Mediation | 3 October 2026 |
| Module 8 | Quantification of Damages | 31 October 2026 |

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WORKSHOP

FEEDBACK

Report writing in Medico-legal practice 14 March 2026

Thank you to the following presenters for delivering such an engaging and insightful session on your topic:

- Prof Henry Lerm
- Prof Ethelwynn Stellenberg
- Mrs Waheeda Essop
- Dr Natalie Benjamin-Dammons
- Dr Karen Levin
- Mrs Ruwa Yvonne Ntuli
- Adv Maryke Pienaar

The workshop was well received, with participants showing strong interest throughout. As always, the session sparked a range of thoughtful and interesting questions, leading to meaningful discussions and knowledge sharing. It was encouraging to see such active audience participation, which greatly enhanced the overall experience.

Attendees particularly benefited from the clear guidance on effective report writing techniques, common pitfalls to avoid, and practical tips that can be applied in their day-to-day work. Thank you once again to our speakers and all participants for your enthusiasm and contributions. We look forward to hosting more impactful and interactive sessions in the future

MESSAGE FROM THE NATIONAL CHAIRPERSON

Dear members

2026 has started with much excitement. The first quarter of the year is almost at its end, and we still have so much to do. SAMLA is the leading organization in medico-legal practice in the country and do hope to grow stronger with the support of all its members.

To date SAMLA has completed two educational events, and we look forward to a webinar on forensic medicine to be offered by Dr Stefan Jansen Van Rensburg on 11 April 2026.

The hall mark of our educational activities is the Foundation Course in Medico-Legal Practice which will commence in May. For those who would like to do the course, should link to the SAMLA website and register. A must for all those who undertake medico-legal practice.

A further highlight for 2026 is the upcoming conference in October. If there are any specific need for SAMLA to address, please do not hesitate to submit your request to Christa Koelewyn, info@samla.org.za
We will certainly consider your request.

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