

PROFESSOR PENELOPE (PENNY) ANDREWS, DEAN OF LAW FACULTY

Professor Penelope Andrews, commonly known as 'Penny', is a noted human rights scholar and activist and admitted as an advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa.

Prior to joining UCT in January 2016, Prof Andrews served as President and Dean at Albany Law School in New York, USA - the first female president and dean for the school since its founding in 1851.

She was previously the Associate Dean for Academic Affairs at the City University of New York School of Law (CUNY), where she also sat on the Senate.

Prof Andrews has also served as Professor of Law and Director of International Studies at Valparaiso Law School in Indiana, USA.

Prof Andrews earned her BA (majoring in economic history; comparative African government and administration) and her LLB from the then University of Natal in Durban. She received an LLM from Columbia University School of Law in New York.

She began her teaching career at La Trobe University in Melbourne, Australia and since then has been tenured at four law schools in Australia and the USA.

Prof Andrews has served on significant law school committees and the boards of public interest legal organisations as well as on business councils.

A member of the New York State Bar Association and the American Bar Association, she has participated in and has chaired several accreditation site teams for the American Bar Association's section on Legal Education and Admissions to the Bar.

She has also consulted for the Ford Foundation, the United Nations Fund for Women, and the Victorian Commissioner for Equal Opportunity in Australia.

Prof Andrews has published four books and over 50 articles that focus on international human rights law, comparative constitutional law, gender and racial equality, and the judiciary. Her most recent book, *From Cape Town to Kabul: Rethinking Strategies for Pursuing Women's Human Rights* was published by Ashgate in 2012.

Some of the highlights of her broad and diverse career include:

- Consulting for the United Nations Development Fund for Women, and for the Ford Foundation in Johannesburg;
- Developing partnerships with educational and training institutions to expand Albany Law School's offerings in the fields of law and technology, law and finance and law and health – all growing career paths for law graduates;
- Raising alumni engagement and successfully leading fundraising efforts with the establishment of several new scholarships, prize and lecture funds, as well as support for Albany Law School's Government Law Center and the Law Clinic & Justice Center;

- Instituting a programme to expand employment prospects for Albany Law School graduates as well as to institutionalise mentorship that involves alumni, faculty and students;
 - Initiating a Rural Legal Initiative to highlight the legal needs of rural communities;
 - Co-hosting the South African Reading Group with Professor Stephen Ellmann at New York Law Faculty;
 - Hosting several law conferences in South Africa between 2000 and 2012; and
 - Serving as the Vice-President of the South African-American Organization in the USA.
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