

15 University of Fort Hare

Law Clinic

2.8 List the main challenges faced by your clinic in terms of the provision of legal services during 2015?

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ID	Law Clinic	Main challenges in terms of legal aid provision		
1	UKZN Law Clinic Durban	The ratio of supervisor to student capacity is very challenging.		
		In estates involving property transfers, there is not much that the clinic can do accept to advise the client. E.g. we can't assist with the conveyancing, and finding conveyancing attorneys to do this has been virtually impossible- allied with clients not being able to pay property transfer-related costs.		
		Both the Director and the Principal Attorney are full-time academic members of staff in addition to their Law Clinic designations; hence having to divide their time between the Clinic's tasks and lecturing, research and other 'academic staff' commitments.		
2	University of Venda Law Clinic	We have challenges of infrastructure, transport to court and community outreach programme, the university only supply us with one vehicle which is used for a wider area, practitioners have to drop each other at various courts and wait afterwards. It has been a promise that it would improve, but so far the same.		
3	Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University Law Clinic	No Labour-law expert; Under staff; Not enough manpower; Funding		
4	North West University (Mahikeng)	Shortage of practicioners. Lack of proper funding.		
5	Rhodes University Law Clinic	Funding of free legal services Human Resources		
6	UCT Law Clinic	- Finances to take on more evictions		
		- Sheriffs exorbitant costs		
7	University of Johannesburg Law Clinic	Too many students Too few attorneys No messenger Attorneys expected to act as messengers and do all court appearances as well as		
		attending to the students and clients No sustainable funding model for the Law Clinic's running expenses.		
9	North West University Law Clinic (Potch)	Legal costs (sheriff's fees, etc)		
10	University of Pretoria Law Clinic	attorneys in contract positions - no security of tenure, leading to high turnover rate		
11	UWC Legal Aid Clinic	Funding, Resources and Capacity. There is not enough skilled staff to do human rights related litigation. We still operate like a general practice. Quantity rather than quality due to funder demands.		
12	Wits Law Clinic	n/a		
13	Legal Aid Clinic - Stellenbosch University	Procuring financial support for salaries		
14	UFS Law Clinic	staff/student ratio		

The clinic is severely overstaffed, but we are in the process of hiring a supervisory

attorney as well as a secretary.

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16	University of Kwazulu- Natal Law Clinic (PMB)	FINANCIAL RESOURCES AND HUMAN RESOURCES. CLINIC STAFFED BY THE DIRECTOR AND A CANDIDATE ATTORNEY ONLY.
17	University of South Africa Law Clinic	
19	Walter Sisulu University Law Clinic	 Lack of infrastructure(no proper premises) Lack of funding Inadequate number of staff Lack of support from the Legal studies department. Compulsory attendance of law students in the law clinic. Lack of clinic resources e.g. transport