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Abridged Biography | Prof Viviane Lawack



Professor Viviane Lawack is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor: Academic at the University of the Western Cape. She is also a Professor of Law in the Department of Mercantile and Labour Law in the Faculty of Law at UWC and serves on a number of boards and councils.

Professor Lawack holds a BJuris (cum laude), a LLB (cum laude) and a LLM from Nelson Mandela University in Port Elizabeth. She also holds a LLD from UNISA. She is an admitted, non-practicing advocate of the High Court of South Africa. Professor Lawack began and advanced her legal career by spending a number of years at the South African Reserve Bank in various capacities. In 2008, she moved to the Nelson Mandela University in Port

Elizabeth where she served as the Executive Dean of the Faculty of Law.

Professor Lawack joined UWC on 1 April 2015 and in her capacity as Deputy Vice-Chancellor at UWC, she is currently leading UWC's academic project in relation to its learning and teaching activities at both undergraduate and postgraduate levels. She is an expert in law, economics and the intersection of the two fields, both at an international level and in the South African context.

As regards her academic career, Professor Lawack has published extensively, including numerous articles, reports and contributions to chapters in books. She has also delivered papers at conferences, both locally and internationally. Her field of academic research is in the legal and regulatory frameworks pertaining to the payment system, banking system and financial markets in South Africa. Professor Lawack is highly engaged in her community, regularly chairing and/or participating in various committees in the legal, financial and education sectors, leveraging her expertise to add value and push her community to greater heights.
