

THE NAVI PILLAY RESEARCH GROUP
AT THE UNIVERSITY OF KWAZULU-NATAL
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WEBINAR

UNPACKING KEY ASPECTS OF THE
PROMOTION AND PROTECTION OF PERSONS
WITH DISABILITIES BILL:
A TIME FOR LOBBYING AND ADVOCACY ON
DISABILITY INCLUSION



WEDNESDAY,
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ABOUT THE WEBINAR

This webinar presented by the Navi Pillay Research Group of the School of Law, University of KwaZulu-Natal, offers an opportunity to unpack key aspects of the *Promotion and Protection of Persons with Disabilities Bill* drafted by the South African Law Reform Commission (SALRC). The webinar offers a platform for dialogue on positive and controversial aspects of the Bill in light of law reform workshops hosted by the SALRC in October 2025. Vitally, key legal terms such accessibility, reasonable accommodation versus necessary accommodation, recognition of legal capacity and potential monitoring and complaint mechanisms will be analysed in an easy to understand way. This webinar is ideal for persons with disabilities, Organisations of Persons with Disabilities (OPDs or DPOs) and allies of the disability sector. This is a critical time for lobbying and advocacy on disability inclusion.

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Professor Brigitte Clark is a family and children's rights academic as well as an admitted Attorney and Conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa. She is currently researching extensively in comparative marriage law, children's rights (particularly the right to early childhood education for children with disabilities) and in the intersection between family and medical law in surrogacy and reproductive rights.

She currently administers and teaches on the Masters' Child Care and Policy programme at the University of KwaZulu-Natal. She has been involved in academia for the past 37 years in both South Africa and the United Kingdom - at the University of Cape Town, Rhodes, the University of East Anglia, United Kingdom (UK), and Oxford Brookes University (UK) prior to returning to South Africa to the University of KwaZulu-Natal in 2019, after 17 years in the UK. She has published over 55 articles in peer-reviewed journals in South Africa, the UK and the US and a book on Child Maintenance in South Africa. She is also the General and Contributing Editor of the *Family Law Service of South Africa* and wrote the latest chapter on 'Marriage' for LAWSA and the chapter on Family Law for the *Bill of Rights Compendium*.



Professor Willene Holness is an Associate Professor Holness holds a BA, LLB (Rhodes), LLM (UKZN) and LLD (UP). She teaches law subjects relating to access to justice, constitutional law, gender and children's rights at the School of Law at the LLB level and LLM and MPhil in Child Care and Protection. Her more than 25 publications focuses on the rights of persons with disabilities and children to access to justice, education and freedom from violence. She is a former public interest litigator with the Legal Resources Centre and clerk of the Constitutional Court of South Africa and an alumnus of the International Visitor Leadership (IVLP) programme, which focused on The US Judicial System: Protecting Women and Children. She recently participated in the D20 (Disability 20) engagements in the G20 hosting by South Africa. She is a trustee of the AULAI Trust, an organisation supporting university law clinics and community based paralegals. She is a member of the Navi Pillay Research Group, a strategic collaboration on critical human rights issues at the University of KwaZulu-Natal and an editorial member of the African Disability Rights Yearbook.



Ms Liza Aziz is the founding member and current chair of Action in Autism, a non-profit organization for autistic people. She is a seasoned filmmaker by profession. She sits on the Presidential Working Group for Persons with Disabilities.

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