

RYAN SMIT



Ryan is married to Elze-Mari – they have two daughters, Fleur (3) and Heidi (1). Ryan is a practicing attorney and currently serves as the Executive Director and Legal Counsel of Cause for Justice on a full-time basis.

His work focuses on engaging in public policy development, governmental decision-making, law-making and litigation in the public interest and in the interest of justice, through the interpretation and application of the South African Constitution / Bill of Rights.

Originally hailing from Moorreesburg in the Swartland, Ryan concluded his secondary schooling at an all boys' school in Stellenbosch, whereafter he obtained the degrees B Com (Law), and LLB. After spending two years in the UK (London) on a church plant, Ryan returned to South Africa to do his articles to qualify as an attorney and obtained an M Com in Taxation. After working for six years as corporate tax consultant, he opened an attorneys' practice in Stellenbosch and co-founded Cause for Justice in 2013.

Ryan and his family currently reside in Somerset West in the Western Cape.

PROF/DR REITZE RODSETH



Reitze Rodseth is an anaesthesiologist and critical care specialist working with Jones, Bhagwan and Partners in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He is affiliated to the Perioperative Research Group of the Department of Anaesthetics and Critical Care at the University of KwaZulu-Natal where he is an Associate Professor. He has been serving as the chapter director of Ratio Christi, a campus apologetics ministry, at UKZN Pietermaritzburg since 2017.

He completed a research fellowship in perioperative medicine and obtained a Masters in Health Research Methodology from McMaster University, Canada. His clinical research interest lies in perioperative risk stratification and he has completed a PhD on the role of B-type natriuretic peptides in predicting postoperative complications.

He has published more than 100 peer reviewed papers and was awarded the 2016 UKZN Vice-Chancellor's Research Award. He is currently busy with a masters in Christian Apologetics and Philosophy from Southern Evangelical Seminary, North Carolina, USA. He is married to Miranda and has two sons' - Joshua and Nathan.

AFRIKA MHLOPHE



Afrika Mhlophe has served as a Visionary Elder of Good News Community Church in Port Elizabeth and has also been instrumental in the planting of various other churches.

He is a gifted teacher of the Bible who ministers in various platforms in South Africa and abroad.

His ministry has caused him to travel to Nigeria, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Sweden and Estonia.

He has featured at Mighty Men Conferences throughout the country addressing thousands of men.

Afrika is chairperson of Gateway News, an online Christian news portal available at www.gatewaynews.co.za.

He is an associate member of African Enterprise, a ministry dedicated to evangelism and discipleship in the African continent.

He is a founding member of the African School of Governance, a school dedicated to the raising of competent and ethical leaders for the African continent.

He has written 3 books: *'Christianity and the Veneration of Ancestors, Freed by God But Imprisoned by Culture* and *'A Passion for Position.'*

He has a TV program called *'Pressing Matters'* on Faith Broadcast Network - DSTV channel 341.

He features in other media platforms such as radio and print.

Afrika has a Masters of Theology Degree from Sydney-based Morling College.

ADVOCATE KEITH MATTHEE SC



Keith Matthee obtained his BA LLB at the University of Natal. He was admitted as an advocate in 1979. He left law in 1979 for eight years to work for the Student Christian Association and then for the Methodist Church. During this period he worked on various university campuses in South Africa. From 1981 to 1982 he was based at St Aldates, Oxford. In 1987 he obtained a Bachelor of Divinity degree from Rhodes University, majoring in New Testament Studies and Hellenistic Greek.

He returned to the bar as an advocate in 1987. Since 1991 he has served in an adjudicating role in various forums, including serving as an arbitrator, a presiding officer in the Industrial Court, an assessor in the Labour Appeal Court, and on a number of occasions as an Acting Judge in the High Courts of Port Elizabeth, Grahamstown, East London, Mthatha, Cape Town and Gauteng.

He has appeared in all the courts of South Africa, including the Constitutional Court and the Supreme Court of Appeal. In 2002 he was appointed as Senior Counsel by President Mbeki. In 2007 he relocated from the Eastern Cape to Cape Town and for a number of years was a member of the Cape Town Bar.

At present he is researching philosophical and ethical issues related to the Bill of Rights.

He married Roslyn Dorrington in 1980. They have three children and four granddaughters. He stays fit by running, marathon horse rides and hoping that the Sharks rugby team will win more finals! He and his wife now live in Greyton.

He is the author of four books, all available to [download](https://keithmatthee.com/free-downloads/) here: <https://keithmatthee.com/free-downloads/>

PROF NICOLA DE JAGER



Nicola de Jager is married to Phillip, and they have two teenage boys, David and Nathan. She holds a PhD in Political Science and is Associate Professor at the Department of Political Science, Stellenbosch University.

She is a nationally rated researcher (NRF), former fellow of the African Oxford Initiative (AfOx) at Oxford University, and editor of the book *South African Politics* (2021), with peer-reviewed publications on the topics of South African politics, religion and politics in sub-Saharan Africa, and comparative politics. Over the years she has taught on Christians and Politics at the School of the Nations. To help her be a nicer person she regularly trail runs with her dog.