

NEW LEGAL OFFICER JOINS CFCR

The Centre for Constitutional Rights (CFCR) is pleased to announce the appointment of Ms Christine Botha as Legal Officer, as of October 2016. In this capacity, Ms Botha will support the Director of the CFCR in achieving the Centre's objectives of promoting the values, rights and principles in the Constitution; monitoring developments, including draft legislation, in terms of the Constitution; informing people and organisations of the constitutional rights and obligations; and assisting people and organisations in claiming their rights.

Ms Botha obtained a BSc. Medical Sciences (*cum laude*) from the University of Pretoria in 2007 and a LLB from Stellenbosch University in 2011. In her final year she served as the undergraduate assistant to Professor Sandra Liebenberg, in her capacity as the Director of the Law and Poverty Research and Outreach Project of the University of Stellenbosch Law Faculty.

Ms Botha did her contract of articles with Werksmans Attorneys in Cape Town and after her admission as an attorney worked as a Professional Assistant with Assheton-Smith Incorporated in Cape Town. During her articles Ms Botha gained experience in environmental law and as Professional Assistant she concentrated on commercial and shipping litigation.

Ms Botha's experience and expertise will add great value to the CFCR and its aim to promote the values, rights and principles enshrined in the Constitution in the interest of everyone who lives in South Africa.