

## LEGAL INFORMATION

The following provides information on aspects of the Legal System of Zimbabwe.

### STATUTES OF ZIMBABWE

The Statutes of Zimbabwe are available on the Law Development Web site <http://www ldc.gov.zw/statute-law-of-zimbabwe/>

For up to date information and commentary on Acts and Bills see the *Veritas Zimbabwe* Web site <http://www.veritaszim.net/>

### CASE LAW IN ZIMBABWE

#### ***Law Reports:***

The *Zimbabwe Law Reports* (published by the *Legal Resources Foundation*). These reports from 2015 Part 2 onwards will only be available electronically on the Juta Zimbabwe Law Reports site.)

The *Zimbabwe Law Reports* (published by the *Judicial Service Commission*)

#### ***Unreported judgments***

Zimbabwe Legal Information Institute <https://zimlii.org/>

All judgments on Zimlil are searchable on the home page by subject, judge, parties, court or case number. Judgments are available as follows:

Constitutional Court Judgments 2002 and 2012-2018

Supreme Court Judgments 1983-1987 and 2002 -2018

High Court Harare Judgments 2001-2018

High Court Bulawayo Judgments 2001- 2018

High Court Masvingo Judgments 2016- 2018

High Court Mutare Judgments 2018

There is also a case index and there are case summaries. For case summaries of unreported judgments see also <http://www.lrfzim.com/case-summaries/> Case summaries for 2010 - 2016

#### ***Veritas***

For up to date information and commentary on important case law developments see the *Veritas Zimbabwe* Web site <http://www.veritaszim.net/>

**JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION**

<http://jsc.org.zw/>

Court judgments for Constitutional Court, Supreme Court, High Court Harare and High Court Bulawayo from 2011-2018

**GOVERNMENT LEGAL INSTITUTIONS****Ministry of Justice, Legal and Parliamentary Affairs**

<http://www.justice.gov.zw/>

Departments: Policy Legal Research, Law Development Commission, Constitutional and Parliamentary Affairs, Legal Aid Directorate, Community Service, Human Resources, Finance and Administration, Internal Audit, Deeds, Companies and Intellectual Property, Attorney-General's Office and Zimbabwe Prisons and Correctional Services.

**Ministry of Home Affairs** <http://www.moha.gov.zw/>

**Ministry of Women's Affairs, Gender and Community Development**

<http://www.women.gov.zw/>

**National Prosecuting Authority**

**REGULATORY BODIES**

**Law Society of Zimbabwe** <http://lawsociety.org.zw/>

The primary duties of the Law Society are to:

- Promote the study of the law
- Contribute, undertake or make recommendations on legal training
- Control of admission of new members to the profession
- Maintain a register of members
- Regulate the profession in respect of continuing training, discipline and trust accounts
- Represent the profession and articulate its views on various issues
- Promote justice, defend human rights, rule of law and the independence of judiciary
- And generally control and manage the legal profession

The membership of the Law Society is drawn from all registered legal practitioners residing in Zimbabwe whether in private practice, in commerce or in civil service.

**Directory of Law Firms and Legal Practitioners** <http://lawsociety.org.zw/Directory>

**Council for Legal Education** <http://lawsociety.org.zw/AboutUs/Council>

This Council enables the Law Society to have full control of the profession from training, admission to regulation of the membership in terms of discipline, trust accounting transparency, quality of service and client compensation as well as independence of the profession.

**SOME NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANISATIONS**

**Legal Resources Foundation of Zimbabwe** <http://www.lrfzim.com/>

**Zimbabwe Lawyers for Human Rights** <https://www.zlhr.org.zw/>

**Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum** <http://www.hrforumzim.org/>

**Centre for Applied Legal Research** <http://www.ca-lr.org/>

**Veritas Zimbabwe** <http://www.veritaszim.net/>

**Zimbabwe Women's Lawyers Association** <http://www.zwla.co.zw/>

**Zimrights** <http://www.zimrights.co.zw>

**Women and Law in Southern Africa** <https://www.wlsazim.co.zw/>

**Zimbabwe Women's Resource Centre & Network** [www.zwrcn.org.zw/](http://www.zwrcn.org.zw/)

**Justice for Children** [www.justiceforchildren.org.zw/](http://www.justiceforchildren.org.zw/)

**Childline** [www.childline.org.zw/](http://www.childline.org.zw/)

**Counselling Services Unit** Tel +263 (0)4 773 496, 772 843, 772 883, 792 222, (0) 772 260 378

**Zimbabwe Association for Crime Prevention and Rehabilitation of the Offender**

**Zimbabwe Association for the Prevention of Crime and Rehabilitation of Offenders** Telephone: +263-(0)4-770046/ 780401-3 Email: [zacrohab@mweb.co.zw](mailto:zacrohab@mweb.co.zw)

**UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTIES**

**University of Zimbabwe Faculty of Law** <http://www.uz.ac.zw/index.php/law-faculty-contacts>

**Southern and Eastern African Regional Centre for Women's Law** which is housed in the Faculty of Law, University of Zimbabwe <https://www.searcwl.uz.ac.zw>

**Midlands State University Faculty of Law** <https://www5.msu.ac.zw/home/faculties/law/>

**Great Zimbabwe University Herbert Chitepo School of Law** [www.gzu.ac.zw/school-of-law/](http://www.gzu.ac.zw/school-of-law/)

**Zimbabwe Ezekiel Guti University** <https://www.zegu.ac.zw/Programs/HLLB>

LAW JOURNALS PRODUCED BY UNIVERSITY LAW FACULTIES IN ZIMBABWE

*The University of Zimbabwe Law Journal* (in hard copy)

*Midlands State University Law Review* (in hard copy and on ZIMLII website)

Journal produced by International Commission of Jurists and the Centre for Applied Legal Research

*Zimbabwe Rule of Law Journal* (in hard copy and on ZIMLII website)

Journal produced by the Zimbabwe Legal Information Institute

Zimbabwe Electronic Law Journal

<https://zimlil.org/content/welcome-zimbabwe-legal-information-institute-website-0>

BOOKS ON ZIMBABWEAN LAW

### ***Legal System***

Lovemore Madhuku *An Introduction to Zimbabwean Law* (Weaver Press and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung 2010)

Vakayi Chikwekwe *An Introduction to the Legal System of Zimbabwe* (VDC Legal Publications Mambo Press Gweru 2016)

### ***Arbitration***

Caleb Mucheche *Commercial Arbitration Law in Zimbabwe and South Africa*

Civil Procedure

Geoff Feltoe and Ellen Sithole *A Guide to Civil Procedure in the Magistrates Courts in Zimbabwe* (LRF 1994)

### ***Commercial Law***

A. Chizikani *Commercial Law in Zimbabwe* (Word and Image Publications 2010)

R. Christie *Business Law in Zimbabwe* (Juta 1998)

Manase and Madhuku *A Handbook on Commercial Law in Zimbabwe* (University of Zimbabwe Publications 1996)

Caleb Mucheche *Commercial Law in Zimbabwe: Cases and Materials*

Caleb Mucheche *Advanced Practical Guide to Business Law in Zimbabwe*

**Company Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Company Law in Zimbabwe Commentary and Legal Solutions for Insolvent Companies in South Africa*

Caleb Mucheche *Company Law Shareholder Rights in Zimbabwe*

Caleb Mucheche *Corporate Governance Law in South Africa and Zimbabwe*

**Competition Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Competition Law in Zimbabwe*

**Constitutional Law**

Greg Linington *Constitutional Law in Zimbabwe* (LRF 2001)

Justice Mavedzenge and Douglas Coltart *A Constitutional Law Guide Towards Understanding Zimbabwe's Fundamental Socio-economic and Cultural Human Rights* (ICJ and Zimrights 2014)

Caleb Mucheche *Commentary on the Constitutional Court Rules of Zimbabwe*

**Consumer Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Consumer Law in Zimbabwe*

**Contract Law**

Innocent Maja *The Law of Contract in Zimbabwe* (The Maja Foundation Harare 2015)

**Conveyancing**

Lloyd Mhishi *A Guide to the Law and Practice of Conveyancing in Zimbabwe* (LRF 2004)

**Criminal Procedure**

John Reid-Rowland *Criminal Procedure in Zimbabwe* (LRF 1997)

**Energy Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Energy, Electricity, Oil and Gas Law in Zimbabwe*

**Ethics and Practice**

Brian Crozier *Legal Ethics: A Handbook for Zimbabwean Lawyers* (LRF 2012)

Theo Gambe *The Legal Profession and Practice Management: a Practical Approach* (2013)

Mary Welsh *Civil Practice Handbook* (LRF 1996)

**Family Law**

Welshman Ncube *Family Law in Zimbabwe* (LRF 1989)

**Immigration and Human Trafficking**

Caleb Mucheche *Immigration and Human Trafficking Law in Zimbabwe*

**Insolvency Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Insolvency Law in Zimbabwe*

**Insurance Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Insurance and Pensions Law in Zimbabwe*

**Investment Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Investment and Indigenisation Law in Zimbabwe*

**Labour Law**

Lovemore Madhuku *Labour Law in Zimbabwe* (Weaver Press and Friedrich Ebert Stiftung 2015)

Munyaradzi Gwisai *Labour & Employment Law in Zimbabwe: Relations of Work Under Neo-Colonial Capitalism* (Labour Centre and Institute of Commercial Law)

Caleb Mucheche *Law and Practice at the Labour Court*, 4<sup>th</sup> Edition

Caleb Mucheche *Constitutionalism and Contemporary Labour Law Developments in Zimbabwe, South Africa and Namibia: Labour Broking, Termination on Notice and Sexual Harassment*

Caleb Mucheche *Labour Law Rights Under the Constitution of Zimbabwe*

Caleb Mucheche *A Practical Guide to Labour Law, Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration in Zimbabwe*

Caleb Mucheche *A Guide to Collective Bargaining Law and Wage Negotiations in Zimbabwe*

Caleb Mucheche *Law and Practice at the Labour Court of Zimbabwe*

Caleb Mucheche *Commentary on the Labour Court Rules of Zimbabwe*

Caleb Mucheche *Law and Practice at the Labour Court Dismissal Remedies in Zimbabwe: Reinstatement and Damages*

Caleb Mucheche *Justiciability of Labour Right to Strike Under the Constitutions of Zimbabwe, Zambia and South Africa*

Caleb Mucheche *Constitutionality of Temporary Employment Services/ Labour Broking in South Africa*.

**Land Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Land Law in Zimbabwe*

**Mining Law**

Caleb Mucheche *Mining and Exploration Law in Zimbabwe*

**Local Government**

Tinashe Chigwata *Provincial and Local Government Reform in Zimbabwe An analysis of the Law, Policy and Practice* (Juta 2018)

**Media Law**

Geoff Feltoe *A Guide to Media Law in Zimbabwe* (LRF 2003)

Caleb Mucheche *Media and Journalism Law in Zimbabwe*

**Medical Law**

Geoff Feltoe and Tim Nyapadi *Law and Medicine in Zimbabwe* (Baobab Books & LRF 1989)

Caleb Mucheche *Medical and Health Law in Zimbabwe*

**Sentencing**

Geoff Feltoe *A Guide to Sentencing* (LRF 1990)

**Succession**

Slyvia Chirawu *Principles of the Law of Succession in Zimbabwe incorporating the Women's Rights Perspective* (Women and Law in Southern Africa Research and Education Trust Harare 2015)

George Karekwaivanane *The Struggle over State Power in Zimbabwe Law and Politics since 1950* (Cambridge University Press 2017)

The following are books produced by or with involvement from staff in the Southern and Eastern African Regional Centre for Women's Law which is housed in the Faculty of Law, University of Zimbabwe <https://www.searcwl.uz.ac.zw>.

The website allows open access to textbooks and to dissertations under e-resources

Stewart, J.E. and Armstrong A., (eds) *The Legal Situation of Women in Southern Africa*, (UZ Publications, Harare, 1990)

Stewart, J.E. and W. Ncube (eds) *Widowhood, Inheritance Laws, Customs and Practices in Southern Africa; Women and Law in Southern Africa Project*, (Harare 1995).

Stewart, J.E with Dengu-Zvobgo, K., Donzwa, W, Gwaunza, E. Kazembe, J., Ncube, W., *Inheritance in Zimbabwe: Law, Customs and Practice*, (WLSA, Harare 1994)

- Stewart, J.E with K. Dengu-Zvobgo, B. Donzwa, E. Gwaunza, J. Kazembe and W. Ncube, *Continuity and Change; The Family in Zimbabwe*, (WLSA, Harare, 1997)
- Stewart, J.E with K. Dengu-Zvobgo, B. Donzwa, E. Gwaunza, J. Kazembe and W. Ncube, *Paradigms of Exclusion: Women's Access to Resources in Zimbabwe*, (WLSA, 1997)
- Stewart, J.E. and W. Ncube, *Standing at the Crossroads: WLSA and the Rights Dilemma which way do we Go?* (WLSA, Harare, 1997)
- Stewart J.E. et al, *Paving the Way Forward, A Review and Research Primer of WLSA Research Methodologies*, (WLSA, Harare, 1997).
- Stewart J.E. with A. Weis-Bentzon, A. Hellum, W. Ncube and T. Agersnap *Pursuing Grounded Theory in Law: South North Experiences in Women's Law*, (Tano, Oslo and Mond, Harare, 1998)
- Stewart J.E. et al *In the Shadow of the Law: Women and the Justice Delivery System in Zimbabwe*, (WLSA, Harare 2000)
- Stewart et al, *Pregnancy and Childbirth Joy or Despair: Women and Gender Generated Reproductive Crimes of Violence* (WLSA, Harare 2001)
- Stewart J.E. (Series Editor and General Editor): P. Mutunga (ed) *Life Skills, Sexual Maturation and Sanitation: What's (not) happening in our schools - An Exploratory Study from Kenya*, (WLC and Weaver Press Harare, 2003)
- Stewart J.E. (Series Editor and General Editor): E. Kirumira (ed) *Life Skills, Sexual Maturation and Sanitation: What's (not) happening in our schools - An Exploratory Study from Uganda*, (WLC and Weaver Press Harare, 2003)
- Stewart J.E. (Series Editor and General Editor): Stewart, J.E. (ed) *Life Skills, Sexual Maturation and Sanitation: What's (not) happening in our schools - An Exploratory Study from Zimbabwe*, (WLC and Weaver Press Harare, 2004)
- Stewart, J with Anne Hellum, Shaheen Sardar Ali and Amy Tsanga (eds) *Human Rights, Plural Legalities and Gendered Realities: Paths are Made by Walking*, (Weaver Press, Harare, 2007)
- Stewart, J.E. and Tsanga A.S.(eds) *Women and Law: Innovative Approaches to Teaching Research and Analysis*, (Weaver Press, Harare 2011)
- Stewart, J.E (ed) Nyaruwata, L and Chideya, T *Genuine Issues in Economic Growth and Poverty Reduction: A Training Manual* (OSSREA, Addis Ababa 2014)

Stewart, J.E. (ed) Jaji, R and Gaidzanwa, R *Gender in the Political Arena: A Training Manual*, (OSSREA, Addis Ababa 2014)

Stewart, J.E. (ed) 2014 Ondimu, K *Gender, Population Dynamics and Policy: A Training Manual for Graduate Studies*, (OSSREA, Addis Ababa 2014)

Stewart, J.E. (ed) 2014 Beyene, F and Nemera, Z., *Gender, Agriculture and Natural Resources: A Training Manual*, OSSREA Addis Ababa

Stewart, J.E. (ed) 2014 Kilonzo, S and Magak, K., *Gender, Vulnerability and Social Protection: A Training Manual*, (OSSREA, Addis Ababa)

Stewart J.E, and Katsande. R.K (2018) *We Don't Know When the Trucks Will Come: Social Theories of Urban Violence in the Global South: Towards Safe and Inclusive Cities*, co-published by the International Development Research Centre (IDRC) and Routledge (New York) pp 49 - 62

Katsande, R. K, Stewart, J.E and Mandipa, E. *Infrastructure as a passive medium for violence: Mapping Women's housing entitlements through the 2013 Zimbabwe Constitution*. In Chirisa, I et al. *Multidisciplinary Perspectives on Urbanization in Zimbabwe: Past, Present and Future*. University of Zimbabwe publications (2018)

The following publications compiled by Geoff Feltoe are available electronically on the Zimlil Website <https://zimlil.org/> go to drop down menu "Books". These books will be regularly updated with new case law and statutory provisions:

*A Guide to Administrative and Local Government Law in Zimbabwe* (2017)

*Commentary on the Criminal Law (Codification and Reform) Act [Chapter 9:23]* (January 2018)

*A Guide to the Zimbabwean Law of Delict* (January 2018)

*Criminal Defenders Manual* (2016)

*Judges Handbook for Criminal Cases* (2016)

*Magistrates Handbook for Criminal Cases* (2016)