

## Assignment 1: Discussion forum-

**Due date 14 May 2021**

1. **Briefly introduce yourself**, and **provide** your myLIFE email address, your **group number** and the **name of your** Teaching Assistant. (4 marks)

2. **Why** is it important to be ethical in your studies? (100 words, 2 marks)

3. **What** are the consequences of plagiarism? (100 words, 2 marks)

4. **Complete** the below declaration.

I \_\_\_\_\_ (Student number: \_\_\_\_\_) am a student registered for \_\_\_\_\_ in the year \_\_\_\_\_. I hereby declare the following: I am aware that plagiarism (the use of someone else's work without their permission and/or without acknowledging the original source) is wrong. I have also not used work previously produced by another student or any other person to hand in as my own. I therefore declare that all the work hereby submitted is my own original work. (2 marks)

TOTAL: 10 MARKS

**INSTRUCTION: DO NOT CREATE A NEW TOPIC**

## Assignment 2

**Due date: 17 June 2021**

### Discussion forum

1. How can the principles of Ubuntu be applied in the criminal justice system to ensure justice for victims? (200 words, 5 marks)
2. Provide a definition of what Justice means to you (2), without copying definitions from the internet, and provide an example of a South African law that you find unjust (1), and which you would like to change. How would you like to change it? (2) (5 marks)

TOTAL: 10 MARKS

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## Assignment 3

**Due date: 16 July 2021**

### Written assignment

1. What are the differences between criminal and civil cases? (200 words, 5 marks)

2. For each of the following five cases, please state 1) whether the case is criminal or civil in nature, and 2) which court has jurisdiction in the case:

2.1 Obakeng, the founder of a social media network heads the unlawful operation of releasing the users' data to third party companies for profit. The users decided to sue the social media network company as a result of this. The claim was to the value of R850 000.

2.2 Anna has been married to Tom for 15 years and they have 3 children together. They decide to get a divorce as a result of Anna committing adultery. Tom issues summons and Anna disputes the settlement agreement.

2.3 Cindy attended a soccer match one day and met up with a class mate John after to have some lunch, John had too much to drink and attempted to sexually assault Cindy against her consent.

2.4 Neo got accepted into the chess team and Arnold did not, Arnold was jealous of Neo and punched him in the face outside the school property.

2.5 Jacob the father of baby Kekana, was not awarded custody over him. He fetched him after school and never returned him to his mother Lerato. Lerato called the police and reported Kekana missing.

(10 Marks)

3. What are the differences between negotiation, mediation and arbitration? (200 words, 5 marks)

TOTAL: 20 MARKS

## Assignment 4

**Due date: 02 August 2021**

### Discussion forum

This assignment is linked with activity 4.1 on the criminal justice system and the public. Under "Additional Resources" there are two documents on Intimate Partner Violence (IPV) as well as a document called "Crime Against Women Report 2018". Together with the links below, they provide more information on the extent of IPV not only in South Africa but worldwide. There are shocking statistics on the abuse of women. In this assignment you will have to look at the issue of IPV and how each component of the criminal justice system can contribute towards dealing with this societal challenge.

<http://city-press.news24.com/News/shocking-stats-on-abuse-of-women-in-sa-20161120>

<http://www0.sun.ac.za/vivus/vivus-1-february-2016/enagement/a-policy-brief-on-intimate-partner-violence-in-south-africa.html>

<https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/5-facts-about-femicide-in-south-africa-20190905>

<https://www.iol.co.za/news/politics/amnesty-international-decries-alarming-levels-of-gender-based-violence-in-sa-32066522>

Your answer should be structured as follows:

1. In light of the current issue of IPV and crimes against women, briefly discuss what the implications will be for the police, the courts and correctional services. (8 marks)
2. Name the two main Acts of legislation applicable when dealing with domestic violence and intimidation. (2 marks)
3. How does the criminal justice system deal with vulnerable groups such as lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer and intersex (LGBTQI) community amongst others when they are victims of hate crimes? (200 words, 5 marks)

**TOTAL: 15 MARKS INSTRUCTION: DO NOT CREATE YOUR OWN TOPIC**

## ASSIGNMENT 5

**Due date: 25 August 2021**

### Written assignment

1. In Unit 1 we explained that law and justice form an intrinsic part of our daily lives. In order to explore these concepts, we have provided you with the contextual background to the most pertinent issues; we have you engage with newspaper reports and have requested you to reflect on our own experiences and those of others. With this in mind, we now want you to read any of the daily newspapers available to you so that you may develop a sense of the status of crime in our society and of the work of functionaries in the criminal justice system.

Choose any two (2) of the following topics and find articles on criminal cases on the internet or daily newspapers that are relevant to them and compile a document based on a format below:

1. Intimate partner based violence,
2. Women and Children abuse
3. Corruption
4. Racism and inequality

### USING YOUR SOURCES:

**NEWSPAPERS:** LAWYERS OF SHAME Pretoria News, p.1, Monday February 20: 2012. PRISONER SHOT DURING HOSPITAL ESCAPE Sowetan. p.2, Tuesday August 28: 2012.

**INTERNET SOURCES:** News24. 2019. Wife nabbed for murder after allegedly throwing mayonnaise bottle at husband. <https://www.news24.com/SouthAfrica/News/wife-nabbed-for-murder-after-allegedly-throwing-mayonnaise-bottle-at-husband-20190929> (Accessed on 10 October 2019)

**NB: NO ARTICLES MUST BE OLDER THAN 6 MONTHS. USE THE FOLLOWING FORMAT:**

THIS IS AN EXAMPLE: **ARTICLE 1: Topic Choice: Intimate partner based violence**

1.1 Source with correct referencing [1 Mark]

1.2 Provide a brief summary in approximately 100 words of what is described in the report (article). [3 Marks]

1.3 Why did you find the report interesting? (50 words) [1 Mark]

1.4 Motivate why you believe this story relates to our criminal justice system. (70 words) [1 Mark]

1.5 Identify at least two key role players in the article (it must be identifiable from your summary in 1.2 above) [2 Marks]

1.6 Do you think that the criminal justice functionaries served justice? Provide brief reasons to justify your view. [2 Marks]

(20 marks)

## Question 2

A speaker once said that the best time to fix your leaking roof is in winter when there are heavy rains or storms. This has proven to be true with our law enforcement agencies as their actions were exposed amid covid-19 outbreak. Just after 40 days into lockdown IPID reported 32% increase in cases brought to them. They reported about 280 cases of assaults and about 10 deaths due to police action. Our constitution speaks of dignity, equality and the right to life amongst others. These were just some of the rights that were compromised during this era. The Institute of Security Studies reports that over 95% of the time police officers experienced no sanction for any alleged misconduct. The pandemic period can serve as an eye opener for the government that there must be drastic and aggressive changes and an urgent need to fix "the leaking roof". Law enforcement agencies were given simple directives by the president and the relevant ministers and that is to contain the spread and to maintain public order.

### The Question:

Given the above and following the links provided below, do you think containing the spread of the pandemic has led to fundamental human rights being compromised by our law enforcement officials?

<https://www.hrw.org/news/2020/04/07/south-africa-set-rights-centered-covid-19-measures>

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/police-abuses-during-lockdown-reflect-deep-accountability-problems>

<https://issafrica.org/iss-today/lockdown-lessons-on-violence-and-policing-in-south-africa>

<https://www.polity.org.za/article/police-brutality-spiked-during-lockdown-iss-seminar-2020-08-04>

<https://www.atlanticcouncil.org/blogs/africasource/pandemic-policing-south-africas-most-vulnerable-face-a-sharp-increase-in-police-related-brutality/>

This question is worth ten marks. (300 words) [10 marks]

**TOTAL MARKS: 30**

## Assignment 6: Discussion forum 2021

**Due Date 15 September**

### ASSIGNMENT 6 DISCUSSION FORUM DUE DATE 15 SEPTEMBER 2021

Read the articles on the links provided below and answer the questions that follows.

This assignment is related to the section on COVID-19 and corruption.

[https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/za/Documents/risk/South%20Africa%20COVID-19%20Preparedness\\_March%202020.pdf](https://www2.deloitte.com/content/dam/Deloitte/za/Documents/risk/South%20Africa%20COVID-19%20Preparedness_March%202020.pdf)

<https://www.news24.com/news24/southafrica/news/case-study-lack-of-due-diligence-at-the-heart-of-covid-19-corruption-20201009>

<https://www.transparency.org/en/blog/in-south-africa-covid-19-has-exposed-greed-and-spurred-long-needed-action-against-corruption>

<https://www.corruptionwatch.org.za/to-defeat-the-coronavirus-stop-corruption/>

Based on the above:

1. What would you say to those who believe Africa lacks expertise in responding to pandemics? (200 words) 5 Marks
2. What is the importance of conducting due diligence? (200 words) 5 Marks
3. What do you think should happen to companies and individuals found guilty of COVID-19 corruption? (200 words) 5 Marks

**TOTAL MARKS: 15**

**INSTRUCTION: DO NOT CREATE A NEW TOPIC**

**ASSIGNMENT 7****FINAL PORTFOLIO FOR SJD1501****Due date: 18 October 2021**

The module you have just completed can be regarded as the first step to eventually fulfilling a role in the justice system. Now we would like you to reflect on what you have learned and how this knowledge has affected your view of the law, the justice system and the people who uphold the law in this country. In other words, we want you to begin to formulate your personal philosophy of justice.

**Compile a document of no less than 2500 words in which you reflect on the issues below.**

**Question 1:**

In the case of *H v W*, Judge Nigel Willis had this to say "...The law has to take into account changing realities not only technologically but also socially or else it will lose credibility in the eyes of the people. without credibility, law loses legitimacy. If law lose legitimacy, it loses acceptance, If it loses acceptance, it loses obedience. It is imperative that the courts respond appropriately to changing times, acting cautiously and with wisdom."

With that in mind:

- 1.1 What is the impact of social media on the constitutional right to Privacy (125 words) 5 marks
- 1.2. What is the impact of social media on the constitutional right to Freedom of expression (125 words) 5 marks
- 1.3. What is the impact of social media on racism? (125 words) 5 marks

**Question 2:** How does corruption impact on service delivery? (125 words, 5 marks)

**Question 3:** In what ways can victims of crime be better assisted and empowered in the criminal justice system? (500 words) 20 marks

**Question 4:** In the course of this module you reflected on the ethos of the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa and uBuntu. In what ways can criminal justice system functionaries incorporate the principles of Ubuntu in their daily work? (500 words) 20 marks

**Question 5:** Think of a role model whom you believe embodies the qualities that are vital to being ethical. This does not have to be a famous person. Say who this person is and why you look up to him/her for ethical guidance (500) words 20 marks.

**Question 6:** COVID-19 has affected the lives of individuals all around the globe. The criminal justice system is an area that has seen a significant impact. Every point of the system has been touched by this virus and countries all over the world has taken a variety of actions to address the risks. These changes have been undertaken to protect everyone who touches the justice system, whether they are justice-involved individuals or those who work in the justice system. In particular, most countries have tried to reduce involvement with the justice system and limit person-to-person interactions, whether with law enforcement, in courts or in corrections. Coronavirus has affected every part of the justice system and the individuals responsible for the system have had to take steps to respond to this impact. To what extent do you think the criminal justice system response to the pandemic has had an impact on the provision of public safety? Here you must look at the crime rates during the pandemic and measures introduced during the pandemic such as curfews and the ban of alcohol. (500 words) 20 marks

**TOTAL: 100 MARKS**

**ALL ASSIGNMENTS ARE COMPULSORY!!!**

Please complete the assignments as directed and take note that if it is due in the Discussion Forum, then you can only submit it via the discussion forum. If it is a Written Assignment, then submission is done through the Assignment Tool. Follow all applicable instructions.

Finally, read carefully and reference your work. Do not commit plagiarism. If detected you will not be scored for the submission and this may result in your submission being reported to the head of the course.

Stay safe!!!

Regards from your Teaching Assistant Mr AP Moses