

Editorial Tribute

Late Prof Dr Hans Christian Albrecht Wilhelm Schulze

One of the editors of the Comparative and International Law Journal of Southern Africa (CILSA), Prof Dr Hans Christian Albrecht Wilhelm Schulze regrettably passed away on 19 February 2019, having joined CILSA as an editor in 2012.

Born and educated in Germany, Christian (as we fondly call him) completed his law degree at the University of Göttingen, Germany and graduated in 1980. In 1983, he was awarded the degree of Doctor Juris (Dr Jur) by the same University. In 1986, he passed the Higher State Examination in Law in Hamburg, Germany, and was admitted to the Bar in Hamburg, where he practised until 1989.



Early in 1989, Christian immigrated to the Republic of South Africa and joined the corporate division of Webber Wentzel Attorneys, Johannesburg. In April 1990, he started working as a Senior Researcher and then later a Research Director at the Institute of Foreign and Comparative Law (IFCOL) at the University of South Africa, specialising in private international law, international corporate law and comparative law. From 1 May 1996 until 31 December 1997, he served as the Acting Director of the now defunct Institute. From 2008 until his untimely passing, Christian was a full professor of private international law and international economic law in the Department of Public, Constitutional and International Law in the College of Law at the University of South Africa (Unisa). He thus worked for Unisa for about twenty-nine years in total.

A renowned scholar of private international law, international corporate law and comparative law and a C1 NRF rated researcher, Christian was able to bring his vast experience and knowledge to bear in the running and management of CILSA. He published widely in both national and international journals, contributing about thirty-eight journal articles; two books, one co-authored book and one chapter in a book. During his time at IFCOL, Christian delivered more than 500 expert legal opinions on South African and foreign private international law, as well as on foreign private and civil procedure law in the High Court of South Africa. Furthermore, he was responsible for IFCOL's foreign corporate law and international trade

law division. He was also a sworn translator of the High Court of South Africa in German and English.

The passing away of Christian is a great loss to CILSA, the legal academic fraternity, the legal profession, his colleagues, friends and family. At CILSA, we will particularly miss his attention to detail in the editing process, and his great insight into different fields of study, and his guidance and ability to navigate the author–journal relationship successfully. Christian was extremely disciplined and meticulous; he had an amazing and extraordinary work ethic; had a distinguished sense of punctual and professionalism, and was deeply committed to serving students, the academia, the legal profession and society in total.

We all sorely miss him. May his soul rest in eternal peace!

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