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52ND ELLIE NEWMAN MEMORIAL MOOT COURT FINAL

**THURSDAY,
03 OCTOBER 2024**

**17H30 FOR 18H00
(DOORS WILL BE CLOSED AT 18H00)**

**HOWARD COLLEGE THEATRE
HOWARD COLLEGE CAMPUS, UKZN**



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ATTENDANCE**

PRESIDING JUDGES:



THE HONOURABLE MR ANAND MAHARAJ
ACTING REGIONAL COURT PRESIDENT,
KWAZULU-NATAL REGIONAL DIVISION



THE HONOURABLE MS HLENGIWE MKHASIBE
ACTING SENIOR MAGISTRATE, POINT BRANCH
COURT – REGION 6 DURBAN



THE HONOURABLE ADV MARY O'GORMAN
PRINCIPAL FAMILY ADVOCATE, OFFICE OF
THE FAMILY ADVOCATE, KWAZULU-NATAL
REGIONAL DIVISION

ABOUT THE ELLIE NEWMAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION

On the 3rd of October 2024, the flagship Ellie Newman Moot Court Competition will take place. This Moot Court Competition is named after the late Professor Ellie Newman QC who first organised and ran this competition in 1972 with the aim of familiarising final year LLB students with various aspects of litigation and courtroom procedure.

HOSTS OF THE 52ND ELLIE NEWMAN MOOT COURT COMPETITION

The LLM and MPhil in Child Care and Protection programme proudly hosts this year's moot competition. The LLM and MPhil in Child Care and Protection programme is an interdisciplinary and unique Masters programme that brings together professionals from social work, the judiciary and magistracy, lawyers and other professionals to debate child law and practice matters and concerns.

THEME: PARENTAL ALIENATION AND THE BEST INTERESTS OF THE CHILD

'Parental alienation' is a contentious concept developed largely in the United States courts to describe the efforts by one parent in a care and contact dispute (custody) to harm, damage and even destroy the emotional bond of a child with the other parent. This year's moot focuses on a dispute between divorced parents where a mother is alleged to have alienated the children from the father with the result that psychological assessment of the children is requested by the so-called 'alienated' father. These types of often bitter disputes are a frequent occurrence in our courts and in other jurisdictions and epitomise the evidential challenges faced by the courts in determining the best interests of the children, frequently used as pawns between their warring parents.