

NEW LEGAL SERVICES ARRANGEMENTS TO HELP WITS RESEARCHERS

Dear Colleagues

Many researchers require professional legal services to conclude research and funding contracts, secure copyright, manage intellectual property matters, etc.

In order to make it easier for researchers to obtain such professional services, and to save them time, a specialised legal service to deal with research-intensive matters has been established in the Research Office.

The following boxes will help you to decide on the office that you should approach to deal with your legal matter.

Legal Office

Director: Dawn Taylor (x 71242)

This office deals with general legal matters related to:

- Student and staff disciplinary action;
- Investigations;
- Student affairs;
- Procurement;
- Purchases and sales;
- Disputes and litigations;
- Trademark, copyright, patent design, name, objection, assignment and licences;
- Risk management, Occupational Health and Safety, insurance;
- CNS, PIMD, Security, CDP, Marketing, etc.;
- University initiated collaborations;
- Undergraduate student funding;
- General international student/staff exchanges; and
- Donations.

Research Office

Contact: Eleni Flack-Davison (x 71328)

This office deals with legal matters **related to research** including:

- Collaboration between Wits and other universities or third parties;
- Memoranda of Understanding to promote or stimulate research collaboration;
- Memoranda of Agreements related to confidentiality, funding, publication of research results, and/or material transfers;
- Intellectual Property issues;
- Human resource matters like staff/student exchanges, postgraduate students, postdoctoral fellows, research fellows, bursaries and scholarships;
- Legal compliance including tax implications; limitation of liability (indemnity); and insurance and risk management.

Wits Health Consortium (011 274-9200)

- Clinical trials and other health sciences related research should be channelled via the Wits Health Consortium - www.witshealth.co.za

Wits Enterprise (x 79351)

- Research that is IP intensive and all contract research should be channelled via Wits Enterprise

Service Delivery

Please direct any further queries to Robin.Drennan@wits.ac.za or call (011) 717-1254.

Should you experience any service delivery problems related to the Legal Office, which have not been resolved timeously, please escalate these matters to Tawana.Kupe@wits.ac.za

Similarly, please direct any service related issues related to the Research Office, which have not been resolved timeously to Zeblon.Vilakazi@wits.ac.za

Warm Regards

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