



Healthcare Law & Policy Masterclass Series

The Masterclass Series on Healthcare Law and Policy is hosted by the Mandela Institute, School of Law at the University of the Witwatersrand in partnership with the South African Association for Bioethics and Health Law. This series features four expert-led sessions aimed at enhancing understanding of key issues in healthcare law.

Masterclass 1 - Navigating Medical Schemes

Date: 13 March 2025

Time: 09:00 to 13:30

Venue: Discovery Health, 1 Discovery Place, Sandhurst, Sandton

Join us for an insightful and in-depth discussion on the complexities of medical schemes in South Africa. This masterclass will explore the following key aspects:

- The salient aspects of the Medical Schemes Act, No 131 of 1998
- Scheme Governance and its impact on medical scheme administration
- The concepts of open enrolment vs restricted enrolment and community rating vs risk rating
- Understanding the rationale behind waiting periods for new members
- The impact of late joiner penalties
- Dispute resolution mechanisms – both regulatory and internal

Facilitated By:

Prof Jonathan Klaaren: Professor of Law & Society at the University of the Witwatersrand in Johannesburg. He works in the areas of competition & regulation, the legal profession, migration & citizenship, and socio-legal studies. His most recent sole-authored book is *From Prohibited Immigrants to Citizens: The Origins of Citizenship and Nationality in South Africa* (2017). He holds a PhD in sociology from Yale University and law degrees from Columbia (JD) & Wits (LLB). He served as Head/Dean of the Wits Law School from 2010 to 2013 and as Director of the School's Mandela Institute from 2005 to 2007. In 2016, he served as an Acting Judge on the High Court of South Africa (South Gauteng).

Presenters:

David GERALD: A partner in the Financial Services Regulatory Practice at Bowmans, David specialises in pensions, healthcare, and group insurances, advising on governance, compliance, and dispute resolution, and is recognised by Chambers and Partners for his expertise in Fintech and insurance.

Neil Kirby: An admitted attorney and a Director at Werksmans Inc., Neil serves as the firm's Head of Healthcare Services. He is also a member of the Board of Governors of the World Association for Medical Law.

Howard Snoyman: An admitted attorney and ethicist, Howard is the Head of Legal and Ethics at Discovery Health Medical Scheme. He holds LLB and MSc. Med (Bioethics and Health Law) degrees, and is currently undertaking his PhD, specifically examining the extent to which the law would need to change to broaden access to medical scheme membership in South Africa.

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Masterclass 2 - Healthcare-related Fraud, Waste, and Abuse (FWA)

Regulatory frameworks, forensic department operations, integrity in investigations, and various FWA examples.

May 2025

Masterclass 3 - Pharmaceutical and Medical Device Regulation

Definitions and regulatory regimes for medicines, marketing, scheduling, and medical scheme formularies.

June 2025

Masterclass 4 - Bioethics in Practice

Ethical paradigms, considerations in clinical research, and bioethics in medical scheme policy design.

July 2025

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