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LAW CLINIC REPRESENTED AT PUBLIC INTEREST LAW GATHERING

The Freedom of Expression Institute Law Clinic attended the annual Public Interest Law Gathering (PILG) held at the University of Witwatersrand on the 24th and 25th of July, 2014.



Sheniece Linderboom (Head, Law Clinic) and Sipiwe Vilakati (Legal Assistant) with Justice Edwin Cameron (Constitutional Court)

The PILG is an annual event that brings together public interest legal practitioners and organisations, law students, paralegals, social movement leaders and legal academics with the aim of serving as a focal point for professionals in the field to share and develop knowledge.

The various discussions of this year's PILG were based on the keynote speech by Judge Jody Kollapen assessing 'Public Interest Litigation and Advocacy within a Democratic Dispensation: A Twenty Year Review'. The Law Clinic participated in key discussions on;

- Policing, Protest and the Criminal Justice System post- Marikana
- The use of Constitutional Obligations to Budget for Socio-economic Rights in Public Interest Litigation & Advocacy
- Improving Collaboration between Civil Society & Chapter Nine Institutions
- The Importance of community Legal Education and Constitutional Literacy Programmes
- Human Rights Defenders and Regional Solidarity
- Understanding the Relationship between the Environmental right and other rights
- The role of Commissions of Inquiry in Democratic South Africa
- Popular Representations of Human Rights & Public Interest Law

For more details on PILG 2014 see;

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