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SHORTENED CV

Linda Jansen van Rensburg was born in South Africa on 22 September 1970. She obtained the B Comm degree in 1993, the LLB degree in 1995 and the LLM *Cum Laude* in 1997. She completed her doctoral study on 31 October 2000 and obtained the LLD degree in March 2001. The title of her thesis was "The adjudication of the fundamental right to access to social security"

Her formal work experience has been of an academic nature. After completion of her LLB she filled the position of a research and administrative assistant at Law Faculty of the Potchefstroom University. In 1996 she was admitted as an advocate of the Supreme Court of South Africa. She is currently an associate professor at the Law Faculty of the North West University in Potchefstroom South Africa.

She already published several articles in peer-reviewed journals and made several contributions in chapters in books. Due to her particular interest in social security law she also got involved in several projects focussing on the accessibility of the right to social security in South Africa. One of the projects-results resulted in a book entitled *The Extension of Social Security Protection in South Africa* edited by Olivier ea (Siber Ink Claremont 2001). She co-authored two chapters in the book titled "Perspectives on the concept social security" and "Social security as a Human Right and the Exclusion of Marginalised Groups: An International Perspective". She was the sole author of the chapter on "The role of supervisory bodies in enforcing social security rights". She further contributed to the first textbook written on Social Security Law. A second and third book on this field has already been published as a consequence of the first.

As a result of the extensive research done by her in the field of social security she was asked to write several outline papers on different contingencies of social security for the Committee of Enquiry into Social Security, appointed on the basis of a decision by the South African Cabinet and charged with developing recommendations on the establishment of a comprehensive social security system for South Africa.

Due to the nature of social security as a measure in addressing poverty and the fact that poverty-related problems is one of the main policy priorities of the South African government she's started focussing on poverty law and the usage of social rights (a so-called rights based approach) to address the poverty-related problems in South Africa.