

ADV BUSISIWE JOYCE MKHWEBANE

AGE AND GENDER: African female, 51 years of age

CURRENT POSITION: Public Protector of the Republic of South Africa

QUALIFICATIONS: B.Proc (University of Limpopo, formerly University of the North), LLB (University of Limpopo, formerly University of the North), Diploma in Corporate Law (Company Law, Close Corporations) (RAU), Higher Diploma in Tax Law (RAU)

PREVIOUS JUDICIAL POSITIONS: None

PREVIOUS POSITIONS HELD:

- Director: Country Information and cooperation Management, Department of Home Affairs, July 2014 – October 2016
- Counsellor Immigration and Civic Services, South African Embassy in the Republic of China, April 2010 – July 2014
- Director: Refugee Affairs, Department of Home Affairs, June 2005 - September 2009
- Acting Chief Director Asylum Seekers Management, Department of Home Affairs, October 2009 - March 2010
- Senior Investigator and Acting Provincial Representative (Director) (Office of the Public Protector), May 1999 – May 2005
- Senior Researcher, South African Human Rights Commission, September 1998 – May 1999
- Legal Administration Officer, Department of Justice, December 1994 – August 1998

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS/ EXTRA-JUDICIAL WORK:

- President of African Ombudsman and Mediation
- Board member of International Ombudsman Institute
- Spearheaded the centralisation of refugee affairs
- Draft business plan of Refugee Affairs and Beijing Mission, capacitated the offices and allocated all needed resources including the overseeing of the refugee backlog project
- Facilitated the establishment of the Visa outsource offices both in Beijing and Shanghai. Standardised the operations of the two Missions, improved customer service and service delivery
- Managing the budget of more than R 60 millions of Refugee Affairs