

The Hon.  
**Christopher Navavie Greenland**



**Chief Asset:** Personal and Functional Integrity

**Field of expertise:** Judicial, legal, regulatory, general management and administrative.

**Book site:**

**Blog Site :**

**Web Site:**

**Utube site:** <https://www.youtu>

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**Personal Details**

**Surname**

**First Names**

**Place of birth:**

**Citizenship:**

**Race**

**Marital Status**

**Educational Background**

1972 – 1975 (incl)

**University of Rhodesia (Zimbabwe)**

Bachelor of Law Degree (BL)

1976 – 1978 (incl)

Bachelor of Laws Degree (LL.B.)

1961 – 1965

Rhodesia Civil Service Lower and Higher Law

1961

**Embakwe Coloured School - Zimbabwe**

Cambridge School Cert/GCE 'O' Levels

**Certified Arbitrator**

**Fully Computer Literate**

## Employment Summary

<b>2007 – 2008</b>	<b>Department of Justice. South Africa</b> Acting Judge
<b>2004 – July 2007</b>	<b>Namibia</b> Motor Vehicle Accident Fund Technical Advisor
<b>1997 – July 2003</b>	<b>South Africa. Road Accident Fund</b>
2001 – 2003	Corporate counsel
1999- 2001	Acting CEO
1998 - 1999	Claims Executive
1997 -1998	Head of Cape Town Branch
<b>1992 – 1996</b>	<b>Botswana</b> <b>Motor Vehicle Insurance Fund</b>
1992 - 1996	Operations Manager
<b>1962 – 1992</b>	<b>Zimbabwe</b> <b>Bulawayo and Harare Court</b>
1987 – 1992	Judge - High Court Bench - Zimbabwe
1983 – 1986	Advocate - De Facto Bar - Harare
1973 - 1982	Magistrate [First non-White in the region]
1966 – 1972	Public Prosecutor
1962 – 1965	Clerk of Court

## Employment History

<b>2007 – Nov 2008</b>	<b>Acting Judge</b>
<b>Dept Of Justice</b>	Presided over civil and criminal trials in the Eastern Cape
<b>South Africa</b>	Division of the High Court sitting in Mthatha, Grahamstown,
<b>High Court</b>	Port Elizabeth, East London and Bisho. Reported Judgments – <i>Dikana v S</i> [2008] 2 All SA 182 (E); <i>Gobe v S</i> [2008] 2 All SA 188 (E)
<b>2004 – July 2007</b>	<b>Technical Advisor/Gen Manager Operations Namibia Motor Legislative Reform (Social Justice)</b> Drafted a Reform Bill – now passed onto law. In the result Namibia now has an exceptional motor crash accident compensatory system of exceptional integrity in terms of philosophical, social justice, macro management, financial or actuarial tests and presents as an international benchmark for public sector involvement in the consequences of motor crashes.
<b>2001 – 2003</b>	<b>Executive. Corporate Legal Services Road Accident Fund of South Africa - RAF)</b>
<b>1999 – 2001</b>	<b>Acting CEO RAF. South Africa</b>

- Legislative Reform** Formulated and articulated a substantive set of proposals (Social Justice) for the general and specific reformation of the road crash compensatory system to the Satchwell Judicial Commission of Enquiry. At the time of articulating the proposals was complimented for "the best" of all submissions then received by the Commission.
- Extremely high coincidence of submissions made and final recommendations of the Commission.
- 1998 – 1999** **Claims Executive RAF South Africa**
- 1997 – 1998** **Head of Cape Town Branch of the Fund**
- 1992 – 1996** **Operations Manager/Acting General Manager Botswana Motor Vehicle Accident Fund**
- Legislative Reform** **Was the principal architect of legislative reform. (Social Justice)** In the result Botswana now has a Road Accident Fund of solid integrity, which provides exceptional public protection
- 1987 – 1992** **Judge of the High Court: High Court. Zimbabwe**
- Had five judgments published in the South African Law Reports as precedents in Roman Dutch and Criminal Law.
- S v F** 1989 (1) SA 460. **Malaba v Takangovada** 1990 (3) SA 413 **Washaya v Washaya** 1990 (4) SA 41. **Masawi v Chabata** 1991(4) SA 764. **Fawcett Security v Omar Ent** 1991 (2) SA 441.
- Also several judgments reported in the Zimbabwe Law Reports.
- Note that the number of judgements reported is unmatched for the period served as a Judge.
- 1983 – 1987** **Advocate at De Facto Bar Harare** Was complimented on performance by the Court in the cases of **Crow v Detained Patients Board** 1985(4) SA 83 (ZH) and **S v Bennet-Cohen** 1985(2) SA 465 ZS
- Other reported cases are in which appeared -
- ORION INVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD v UJAMAA INVESTMENTS (PVT) LTD AND OTHERS** 1988 (1) SA 583 (ZS); **J PAAR & CO (PVT) LTD v FAWCETT SECURITY ORGANISATION (BULAWAYO) (PVT) LTD** 1987 (2) SA 140 (ZS); **MOYO v JANI** 1985 (3) SA 362 (ZH); **S v MPOFU** 1985 (4) SA 322 (ZH)
- 1973 – 1982** **Magisterial Duties Magistracy. Zimbabwe**
- 1965 – 1972** **Public Prosecutor Attorney General's Office. Zimbabwe**
- 1962 – 1965** **Clerk of Court Bulawayo**
- Other Portfolios**
- 1981 Appointed to Mental Health Board of Zimbabwe to oversee the welfare of persons confined to mental institutions.

- 1981 Appointed to sit as an assessor in the trial of Edgar Tekere, commander of ZANLA liberation forces and confidant of then Prime Minister Robert Gabriel Mugabe.
- 1982 Chairman of Indemnity and Compensation Board to make determination on compensation to persons affected by security force activities.
- 1988 Appointed external Examiner - Procedural Law for University Of Zimbabwe.
- 1998 Appointed to the Board of the Botswana Motor Vehicle Accident Fund.
- 1999 Appointed as Vice Chairman of the Global Road Safety Project.
- 2007 Appointed to the Non Banking Financial Institutions Board of Botswana

**Miscellaneous**

- 1983 Acted as head of delegation for Zimbabwean Basketball team to compete in youth championships.
- 1974 – 1983 Chaired Arcadia Basketball Club and steered the club to become national champions. Also served as Provincial Treasurer.
- 1988 Selected to attend African Judicial Conference in Livingstone, Zambia.
- 1990 Selected to attend Commonwealth Judicial Conference in Sydney, Australia.
- 1995 Invited to New York and Lynchburg, Virginia, by Reinsurers to study the concept of “structured settlements” which is presenting as extremely topical in the motor accident compensatory field.
- 1999 Invited by the Swaziland Fund to assist and make representations of reformation and development of that Fund.
- 2000 Engaged as a consultant on a proposal to adopt the fuel levy compensatory system in Mauritius.
- 2006 Study tour of New Zealand and State of Victoria, Australia compensatory systems
- 2006 Invited to attend and present at African Road Safety Conference in Accra, Ghana.
- 2009 Appointed as an advisor to Water Research Commission of South Africa
- 2015 Invited to deliver keynote address at Brown Velvet Awards in the United Kingdom.
- 2015 Invited to Minneapolis, USA, to provide commentary of South African human rights documentary.

**Interests**

Have played and achieved champion status at chess, basketball, darts and golf. Hobbies are camping, boating and fishing.

Computer literate.

Favourite quote – “Cognito, ergo sum”

**Reference: -**

**The Society of Advocates of the Transkie –**  
(about period as Acting Judge in Eastern Cape – 2007 - 2008).

“A distinguished jurist. Quite incisive and pragmatic in his approach in issues before him for adjudication. Not being a member of our Bar and not originating from our area we met him for the first time upon his acting appointment to our Bench. He obviously has a wealth of experience on the Bench and it clearly shows. He is of amiable disposition and is very able on the Bench; his judgments are impeccable. The general feeling is that he would be quite an asset to our Bench and he would strengthen it enormously. We are not aware of any negative points against him. His integrity, as far as we are aware, is unquestionable.”

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**Copy of Letter from Minister of Justice of South Africa**

Dear Judge Greenland,

19 April 2001

Now that the two year period of your acting appointment as CEO of the RAF has come to an end, I would like to record my appreciation for services which you rendered as Acting CEO, both during the period of office of my predecessor, Mr. Mac Maharaj and myself.

You rendered valuable services in your capacity as acting CEO under very difficult circumstances. I express appreciation for this.

I also enjoyed your respect and co-operation at all times and for this also I would like to say thank you.

I know you will always be available to render assistance to the Fund. With your experience and dedication, you will continue to be of great help and your service is appreciated.

With best wishes to you.

Yours sincerely

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Advocate Chris Greenland ...soon to be made a judge. I hoped so. He was impressive. I contacted him because we had been requested by Alibaba Dlodlo ... and others... found guilty of attacking the prime minister's residence in June 1982... He had represented this group pro Deo... I found Greenland a very troubled man ..... He said that the failure of the appeal was something that he would have to live with for the rest of his life, and he kept wondering if there was something better he could have done for the prisoners... So now we could help them with a clear conscience.