

UCT COUNCIL ELECTIONS 2024 – DONOR NOMINEE



EZRA DAVIDS

DONOR NOMINATORS

- Ms Wendy Applebaum
- Mr Paul Kumleben
- Emeritus Professor Hugh Corder

STATEMENT OF INTENT

In my current term as a member of Council, I believe I have added value to Council deliberations as an independent voice concerned with the protection of the interests of the University and all its stakeholders, including the Donor community whose votes I am seeking.

The University is about to enter an even more challenging phase arising from uniquely South African challenges, which are about to be exacerbated by the domestic and global fall out of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In the light of the above, the University will require wise and experienced stewardship to help it navigate this new terrain. I believe that I am uniquely placed to draw on my various networks for the greater benefit of the University, through my deep relationships with members of the Law School, other members of the broader University community, its Executive, the business community with whom I interact in my day job as an M&A practitioner with both a domestic and global client base, and my continued involvement with the NGO community. This gives me a broader perspective when it comes to decision making acting in the best interests of the broader University community, including the Donors.

BRIEF CURRICULUM VITAE

Ezra Davids is Bowmans chairman and senior partner. He specialises in both domestic and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, capital markets and securities law, and is the relationship partner for a number of major clients.

He has advised on some of the largest and most complex transactions on the African continent. Ezra also advises boards of large corporate and financial institutions about governance issues. He is the chair of the Private Equity Sub-committee of the Corporate and M&A Committee of the International Bar Association. As chairman and senior partner, he also chairs the Partnership Board of the leading and largest law firm on the African continent. He is the first and only African lawyer to appear on the cover of the prestigious American Lawyer magazine.

Ezra is a member of Council of the University of Cape Town. He is also a board member of the Legal Resources Centre, Freedom Under Law and Social Justice Initiative.

Ezra has BA LLB degrees from UCT, HDip Tax from Wits University and Certificate in Leadership in Law Firms from Harvard Law School.