Short Profile

Halton Cheadle

Banned and house arrested in the 1970s for anti-apartheid and trade union activities. A founding partner of a human rights law firm (Cheadle Thompson & Haysom) that defended black trade unions and civic organisations under apartheid in the late 1970s and 1980s. Represented the ANC alliance in the Multi- Party Negotiating Forum in negotiating the Bill of Rights in the Interim Constitution in 1993. A member of the Technical Committee on the Bill of Rights in the Constitutional Assembly and in that capacity advised and participated in the drafting of the Bill of Rights in the South African Constitution, 1996. Convened the drafting team on the South African Labour Relations Act. Participated in drafting labour legislation in the Southern African Region and constitutional drafting (Lesotho) and in giving constitutional advice (Somalia). Has sat as an acting Judge in the High Court and Labour Court. Professor Emeritus at the University of Cape Town. A member of the ILO Committee of Experts on the Application of Conventions and Recommendations (2003-2018).