



Albie Sachs

Author of many books on human rights, Albie Sachs holds BA and LL.B degrees from the University of Cape Town. He started practising as an Advocate at the Cape Town Bar in 1957 working mainly in the civil rights sphere until his detentions without trial by the Security Police.

In 1966 he went into exile in England where he completed a Ph.D at the University of Sussex and taught in the Law Faculty of the University of Southampton. In 1977 he accepted the position as Professor of Law at the Eduardo Mondlane University in Maputo, Mozambique, and from 1983 served as Director of Research in the Ministry of Justice until his attempted assassination by South African security agents in 1988, when he returned to England.

As an active member of the Constitutional Committee of the ANC he was appointed by President Nelson Mandela to the newly established Constitutional Court. Judge Sachs has written extensively on culture and gender rights.