

Pride Address and Breakfast

Friday 3 March 2023 – 7.30am – 9.30am



Edwin Cameron

Former Justice, Constitutional Court of South Africa

Justice Edwin Cameron is one of South Africa's most prominent judicial figures. Appointed to the bench by President Mandela in 1994, Cameron served in the High Court for six years, and in the Supreme Court of Appeal for eight, before serving in the Constitutional Court, South Africa's highest court, from 2009 to 2019. He currently serves as Chancellor of Stellenbosch University and Inspecting Judge of the Judicial Inspectorate for Correctional Services.

A human rights lawyer before becoming a judge, Cameron helped secure the inclusion of sexual orientation in South Africa's Constitution, a world-first.

Cameron was an outspoken critic of then President Mbeki's AIDS-denialist policies. He has written two prize-winning memoirs, *Witness to AIDS* (2005), and *Justice: A Personal Account* (2014). Cameron was the first, and remains the only, senior official in Africa to state publicly that he is living with HIV/AIDS.

Nelson Mandela described him as "one of South Africa's new heroes." He has received many honours for his legal and human rights work, including a special award by the Bar of England and Wales for his "contribution to international jurisprudence and the protection of human rights." He is an honorary fellow of Keble College, Oxford (2003), an honorary bencher of the Middle Temple, London (2008) and holds honorary degrees from universities in South Africa, the UK and the United States.



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