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She is the Regional Court President of the Limpopo Regional Division since October 2009 to date and a regional magistrate since 2003. She started her career as prosecutor and then was an additional magistrate. After studying further, she worked at UNISA at the department of jurisprudence at which time she became involved in training and the development of courses. She also was a lecturer at Justice College before she joined the Regional Court bench. She had been doing training and developing courses for more than 25 years

RCP Wessels had been involved with various UNODC projects and publications mainly on GBV, including the handbook for the judiciary on judicial response to violence against women and girls. Most recently, she had co-facilitated workshops in Southern African countries arranged by UNODC, SADC and Interpol on GBV Cybercrimes and contributed to the development of the UNODC ROSAF Handbook on Cyber violence against women and girls (CVAWG). She also facilitated workshops in 2022 for judicial officers in Southern African countries on judicial responses to gender-based violence. She is currently also involved in a UNODC ROSAF project on non-custodial measures for women in conflict with the law.

She has published various articles and also co-edited of book on the Promotion of Access to Information Act (The Right to Know)

She is currently a board member of the Rules Board for Courts of Law South Africa where she chaired a task team that had developed new e-justice rules for civil litigation. She is also a council member of the South African Judicial Education Institute (SAJEI)