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The Bill of Rights and Constitutional Accountability

An institute for accountability is presented as a civil society innovation that is intended to hold those in positions of power or authority in society to account by justifying their decisions and explaining their actions in a manner which is rational and reasonable. It is through accountability that responsiveness to the needs of ordinary people is promoted.

Illustrative articles will be used in the presentation to conference including the breaking of the bread manufacturers' cartel, the arms deals saga, the litigation for delivery of basic education in SA and the quest for an independent and effective anti-corruption entity.



As the constitution forms the basis of the new liberated society, Paul Hoffman gives a clear indication and direction to how governance would be enacted by the Government of the day. It forms the fundamental framework by which the leadership is held accountable in fulfillment of the Bill of Rights of all its citizens. It is thus important having an active and vociferous civil society that holds government leadership directly accountable, using all forms and tools available to it, as enshrined in the constitution. This makes for a healthy and vibrant society. Paul Hoffman has an outstanding record as an advocate of the South African Bar (legal institution Bar Counsel) and a history in the field of human rights. He directs the 'Institute for Accountability' and has directed this NGO in the practice of human rights application with specific focus on constitutional rights implementation and exposure of corruption and in this regard has been in the forefront of ground breaking legal battles including housing and the arms deal case, which is currently in progress. Paul has also produced small publications on the Bill of Rights and other legal awareness issues for public use.