

Professional profile

A highly professional Common Law lawyer with comprehensive litigation experience and possessing a successfully track record on complex High Court Civil Litigation cases. Confidently managed all phases of the litigation process for various cases throughout their lifespan covering investigations, pleadings and discovery through the pre-trial, trial, settlement and appeal processes. Possesses a proven track record operating at a senior level in practice and confident utilising valuable knowledge and expertise to provide leading legal advice and support. Adept at problem solving and is able to provide innovative solutions to complex problems. Displays excellent interpersonal, communication and negotiation skills, the ability to influence decisions and to develop sustainable prosperous long-lasting relationships. Able to manage a large workload through a highly pressurised and challenging working environment consistently and professionally.

Key Technical Skills and Expertise

- Dispute Settlement
- Dispute Resolution
- Civil Litigation

Career Summary

Feb 2020 – current **(United Kingdom, London)**
Document Review

Responsibilities:

Evidence disclosure using e-discovery software. Acting on behalf of a US private equity firm on shareholder agreement dispute.

Jan 2020 **(United Kingdom, London)**
Document Review

Responsibilities:

Evidence disclosure using Relativity e-discovery software. Acting on behalf of a client on a pharmaceutical manufacturing dispute.

Dec 2019 - Jan 2020 **(United Kingdom, London)**
Document Review (Second Level)

Responsibilities:

Evidence disclosure using e-discovery software. Acting on behalf of Pension Scheme investigation.

Nov 2019 – Dec 2019 **(United Kingdom, London)**
Document Review

Responsibilities:

Evidence disclosure using e-discovery software. Acting on behalf of a US private equity firm on shareholder agreement dispute.

Sept 2019 – Nov 2019 **United Kingdom, London)**
Document Review

Responsibilities:

CMS evidence disclosure using Relativity e-discovery software

Jun 2019 – Aug 2019 **(United Kingdom, London)**
Document Review

Responsibilities:

Extract, review and data entry for compliance purposes using customised software by IT.

Responsibilities:

May 2019 (United Kingdom, London)
Document Review
Document review for on a fraud investigation using Axcelerate 5 e-discovery software.

Feb 2019 – Mar 2019 (United Kingdom, London)
Document Review

Responsibilities:

Privilege document review for on a complex commercial investigation using Relativity e-discovery software.

Nov 2010 – Dec 2018 **ATTORNEYS (South Africa)**
Attorney

Key Achievements:

- Successfully tried several high court civil litigation cases against financial institutions by various companies
- Settled a sizeable property litigation case following the financial crisis and successfully resolved the sale of client property prior to being forced in administration by the bank
- Advised clients on commercial loans provided by financial institutions
- Negotiated with various financial institutions on commercial loan facility agreements and the restructuring thereof
- Negotiated settlement agreements with financial institutions on facility agreements

Responsibilities:

- Responsible for handling a wide range of commercial civil litigation cases for property developers
- Managing client relationships including meeting with potential clients and evaluating the strengths of their cases and deciding whether the firm should accept them as clients including undertaking a risk and independence assessment
- Understanding each individual's case, offering them advice and advising them on the processes and procedures of the legal systems as well as an estimation of timescales
- Conducting initial investigations in order to determine if enough evidence exists to warrant filing a lawsuit, locating witnesses, taking witness statements and gathering appropriate documents
- Investigating the facts causing the dispute and engaging in pre-litigation settlement discussions in order to attempt to resolve the matter prior to filing a lawsuit
- Drafting and filing a summons and complaint initiating the lawsuit or drafting answers and where appropriate counterclaim as well as drafting a variety of pre-trial motions, motions to strike or dismiss evidence
- Preparing for court by consulting with the client, retaining expert witnesses, attending pre-trial conferences and devising trial strategies based on all evidence
- Attending court, delivering opening and closing statements to the judge, cross examining witnesses and answering any questions from the client

Dec 2008 – Nov 2010 **Candidate Attorney**

Education and Qualifications

Board Exams: Part 3 and 4, *The Law Society Northern Provinces, (2009)*
Part 1 and 2, *The Law Society Northern Provinces, (2011)*
Attorney Admission Exam: School for Legal Practice (2009)
LLB: Bachelors of Law, *North West University, Potchefstroom, (2009)*

Additional Information

IT Skills: Proficient in MS Office
Languages: English (fluent) and Afrikaans (native)
Interests: Enjoy competing in Triathlons and Half Marathons

References are available upon request