

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## Shikar Maharaj

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### PERSONAL DETAILS

**Name:** Shikar

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**Nationality:** South African

**Gender:** Male

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I am a young proudly South African professional who is passionate, hard working and dedicated to my vocation. I continually strive for excellence and my thirst for knowledge has propelled me to continue learning about the many different areas of the law in order to assist those less fortunate in the community.

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### EDUCATION

#### Primary and Secondary Education:

St Charles College (Pietermaritzburg) (1997-2008)

Cambridge HIGSCE and AS Level:

Matriculated with:

- English (Home Language)
- Afrikaans (First Additional Language)
- Mathematics
- History
- Biology
- Geography

#### Tertiary Education:

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**Undergraduate:** Bachelor of Laws, University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg  
(2009-2015)

Graduated:

First Year Subjects Completed:

- English Literature in Context I
- Global Literature and Film I
- Introduction to Law
- Introduction to Constitutional Law
- Foundations of South African Law
- Persons and Family Law
- Customary Law

Second Year Subjects Completed:

- Criminal Law
- Contract
- Delict
- Succession
- Legal Information Literacy

Third Year Subjects Completed:

- Jurisprudence
- Property
- Constitutional Law: Bill of Rights
- Evidence
- Business Entities
- Civil Procedure
- Public International Law
- Criminal Procedure

Fourth Year Subjects Completed:

- Practical Legal Studies
- Administrative Law
- Independent Research Essay
- Appropriate Dispute Resolution
- Moot
- Competition Law
- Environmental Law

**Practical Legal Studies:** Family Unit under the supervision of Professor P Kruger.

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## **Postgraduate Studies:**

**Practical Legal Training:** School for Legal Practice, LSSA LEAD, Johannesburg.

- Attended from January 2015 (First Semester).

**SARIPA Programme in Insolvency Law and Practice:**

- University of Pretoria (2016) – 70%

**Advanced Company Law**

- University of Witwatersrand (2018)

**Practice Management Training**

- Law Society of South Africa (2020)

**Commercial Mediation**

- Legal Education and Development (LEAD) (2021)

**Sports Law**

- University of Pretoria (2021) – 85% - passed with distinction

**Advanced Trial Advocacy**

- Black Lawyers Association (2021)

**Foundation Certificate in International Insolvency**

- INSOL International (2020 – 2021) – 70%

Subjects completed: UNCITRAL

European Regulation

United Kingdom

British Virgin Islands

Cayman Islands

Guernsey

United Arab Emirates

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## **WORK EXPERIENCE: 9 YEARS**

**Pro Bono Work Experience:**

- Wits Law Clinic (2014)
  - Family Unit
  - Work done during the year for Practical Legal Studies
- TL Modiri Community Project (2015 - Present)

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- Serving meals, reading to the elderly & providing legal assistance to destitute community members in Eldorado Park, Gauteng.

**Current employers** (5 January 2015- Present)

- Dev Maharaj & Associates  
Position: Director  
Ref: Dev Maharaj  
Tel: (011) 706-2233

Previous Positions/Experience held in Company:

- Head of Personal Injury litigation -
  - Attended to over 310 trial matters in Johannesburg High Court between 2016 – 2020.
- Commercial Litigation –
  - Litigated on behalf of the National Empowerment Fund (NEF), Industrial Development Corporation (IDC), Road Accident Fund (RAF), Athletics South Africa (ASA), South African Sports Confederation and Olympic Committee (SASCOC).
- International Arbitration Experience –
  - National Heavy Industries v Glencore – International Court of Arbitration
  - Athletics South Africa & Mokgadi Caster Semenya V IAAF – Court of Arbitration for Sport
  - Athletics South Africa & Mokgadi Caster Semenya – European Court for Human Rights
- Criminal Litigation –
  - State v L Joubert & 76 others (Police marking tender fraud)
  - State v Bushiri & Others
- Business Rescue –
  - 2020 - Gamsy Family Trust, Miller & Others v Mine Restoration Investments Limited (Now Mantengu Mining Limited)
    - successfully set aside the business rescue process and removal of the business rescue practitioner for a listed mining entity on the JSE
    - assisting the company with procuring material and equipment to ensure adequate trading of the company
    - assisting in negotiating with trade creditors
  - 2023 – current: Solomon David Group (Pty) Ltd – attorney for the Senior Business Rescue Practitioner
    - assisting the company with the daily trading of the company
    - consulting and negotiating with creditors
    - assisting the business rescue practitioner with progress reports to creditors



- Icon Insolvency (10 August 2021 – Present)  
Position: Liquidator  
Ref: Mr Johan Engelbrecht  
Tel: (012) 996 1043
- Insolvency Law
  - Appointed onto Master's Panel of Liquidators Nationally (awaiting updated liquidators list from Department of Justice)
  - Appointed onto Absa Business Bank & Wealth Recoveries Panel
  - 2023 - Selected to INSOL Future leaders of South Africa programme

### **References:**

#### **Restructuring SA**

Thomas Samons

Senior Business Rescue Practitioner

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#### **Mantengu Mining Limited**

Michael Miller

Chief Executive Officer

+27 72 6180 815

#### **National Empowerment Fund**

Selvan Naiker

Chief Financial Officer

011 305 8000

#### **Industrial Development Corporation**

Shaun Renders

Manger: Collection, legal Recoveries, Business Rescue & Insolvencies

011 269 3434

#### **Athletics South Africa**

Terrence Magogodela

Chief Executive Officer

011 880 580

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