

# NELIUS VAN HEERDEN



## LEGAL PRACTITIONER

### PROFILE

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### QUALIFICATIONS

2021  
Admitted Attorney of the High Court

2021  
LSSA School for Legal Practice  
Law School

2019  
Bachelors of Law (LLB)  
University of the Free State

2014  
Grade 12  
Marlow Agricultural High School

### WORK EXPERIENCE

**August 2021 - date**      **Attorney (Symington de Kok; Bloemfontein)**

- Admitted as an Attorney of the High Court.

**January 2020 - date**      **Candidate Attorney (Symington de Kok; Bloemfontein)**

- Spent 13 months in Civil Litigation under the direct supervision of Mr. Tonie O'Reilly. Since February 2021 in the Insolvency Department under the supervision of Mr. Ruwayne Smith.
- Completed the LSSA School for Legal Practice while being a candidate legal practitioner.
- During articles experienced was gained in the following aspects and divisions:

- Civil Magistrate's Court Litigation.
- Maintenance Court Litigation.
- Law on Motor Vehicle Insurance.
- Taxation & Allocation of court accounts.
- Experience in the workings of the Master of the High Court.
- Criminal law matters (bail applications).

- Civil High Court Litigation.
- Labour Law matters.
- Consulting with clients.
- Training and experience in Attorney's bookkeeping.
- Law of insolvency and administration of insolvent estates.

- Privileged to work in a prestigious and reputable firm; working with valuable clients such as FNB, Nedbank, Lenova Construction, ABSA, Standard Bank, Woodland Hills, SA Truck Bodies, OVK, and more.
- Developed a skillset to work under pressure and manage a large workload while maintaining a balanced lifestyle.
- Appeared in the Magistrate's court on a weekly (sometimes daily) basis for a variety of matters, and entrusted with my own files to manage.
- I truly believe Symington de Kok gave me the tools to make a success in the legal fraternity.



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## **LSSA LAW SCHOOL**

I attended the LSSA School for Legal Practice from 12 January - 12 June 2021.

I received training in the following subjects:

- Alternative dispute resolution.
- Professional legal ethics.
- Criminal court practice.
- Commercial contracts.
- Legal costs.
- Forms of Business Enterprise.
- Constitutional practice.
- Insolvency procedures.
- Legal practitioners bookkeeping.
- Labour dispute resolution.
- Magistrates' court practice.
- Matrimonial and divorce matters.
- Personal injury claims.
- Introduction to practice management.
- High court practice.
- Wills and estates.
- Commercial litigation.
- Aspects of Customary Law.
- Cyber law.
- Black Lawyers Association Trial Advocacy (will complete this course in September 2021; rescheduled due to Covid-19).

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

### **2019 Rugby Coach (St. Andrews College; Bloemfontein)**

- Head coach of the U/16A rugby team. Working with group of 30 boys; 4 sessions per week.

### **2018 Primarius, Strategies and Values (House Abraham Fischer; University of the Free State)**

- Chairing meetings, events and liaison between residence and top management of the UFS - 120 male residence members.
- Supporting and driving the UFS transformation plan through the portfolio of Strategies and Values, focusing on diversity and inter-racial interactions.
- Recruitment and placement of future first years.
- Responsible for the general well-being of every resident.

### **2017 Residence Committee: Sport and Health & Wellness (House Abraham Fischer; University of the Free State)**

- Responsible for the functioning of every sporting code including the administration of all players (registration, credits, merits, etc).
- Platinum performance review received from UFS.
- Management of 5 rugby teams, 2 soccer teams, 2 cricket teams, 4 table tennis teams, 3 tennis teams, 2 squash teams, 2 volleyball teams and the athletic team.
- Several awards and achievements accomplished: Won the Varsity Cup for residences, won four internal residence rugby leagues (UFS), won 1st and 2nd tennis league, won 1st league cricket, won 2nd league squash, and won 2nd and 3rd league table tennis.
- Raised R65 000 in sponsorships for general use to improve sporting codes.
- Recruitment and management of coaches (various sports).
- Health & Wellness & Safety manager.
- In charge of evacuation plans as well as medical assistance (first aid).



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## **LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE**

**2021**

Chairperson of Symington de Kok  
Candidate Attorneys

**2020**

Member of Social Committee of  
Symington de Kok

**2019**

Captain of UFS rugby team  
House Abraham Fischer 1st team

**2018**

Primarius of residence  
House Abraham Fischer

Captain of UFS rugby team

House Abraham Fischer 1st team

**2017**

Residence Committee: Sport and Health &  
Wellness portfolio  
House Abraham Fischer

Captain of UFS rugby team

House Abraham Fischer 1st team

## **WORK EXPERIENCE - CONTINUES**

**2017**

**Residence Committee: Sport and Health & Wellness  
(continues)**

- Manager of the residence gymnasium.
- Recycle weeks: planning, organising, and implementing.
- Responsible for food banks for less privileged - receiving and asking for donations, as well as handing out food parcels.
- Planning and hosting motivational and informational sessions regarding health and wellness topics.

**2016**

**Committees: Strategies and Values, Social, Sport,  
RAG, Facilities (sub-committees)  
(House Abraham Fischer; University of the Free State)**

- Assisting with tasks and duties as required by Residence Committee portfolios managers.

**2015**

**Primarius/Head boy of 1st years Group  
(House Abraham Fischer; University of the Free State)**

- First contact between first years and residence management.
- Assisting with tasks and duties as required by the residence management.

## **UFS: SPORT, CULTURE, INVOLVEMENT & ACHIEVEMENTS**

**2019**

Captain of UFS rugby team (House Abraham Fischer 1st team)

**2018**

Captain of UFS rugby team (House Abraham Fischer 1st team)

Sports: Tennis, Cricket, Table tennis, Soccer, Cross Country for House Abraham Fischer (UFS)





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## **SCHOOL LEADERSHIP, SPORT & ACHIEVEMENTS (CONTINUED)**

### **REFERENCES**

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**Mr. Lyle Markham**

Residence Head: House Abraham

Fischer (University of the Free State)

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- Rugby 1st team (2012-2014)
- Eastern Province Craven Week (2012-2013)
- Honorary colours for rugby (2012-2013)
- Tennis 1st team (2011-2014)
- Tennis Eastern Province (2012-2013)
- Athletics (800m & Shot Put) Chris Hani District team & school athletic team (2012-2014)
- Cricket 2nd team (2011-2013)
- Sports man of the year (2012)
- Best senior rugby player (2014)
- Willie Meyer trophy for Leadership in rugby (2014)