



was invalid in terms of the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, 2002 as read with the General Law Amendment Act, 1956.

- Acting for TE Connectivity Solutions GmbH (“TE Connectivity”), incorporated in Switzerland, in insolvency proceedings against the South Africa Company TIS Investment (Pty) Ltd (“TIS Invest”). TE Connectivity is a global manufacturer of electronic components in, inter alia, the marine, aerospace, defence and power industries. The provisional liquidation of TIS Invest was successfully granted and in respect to TE Connectivity’s claim of €1,127,174.59.
- Recently acted for the South African insurance broker, Essential Employee Benefits (Pty) Ltd (“EEB”) in its unlawful competition claim against a Lion Africa Life Assurance Company Ltd (“Lion”). The claim involved firstly an urgent interdict to prevent Lion from breaching its confidentiality undertakings and from soliciting EEB’s clients. The urgent interdict was successfully granted, and following arbitration proceedings having commenced, the matter settled on favourable terms for EEB.
- Acted in a claim against the Gauteng Department of Health for payment of over R51million. The application was launched in the urgent court and resulted in successful judgment for the full sum. The matter has recently been reported in the Mail & Guardian as well as other newspapers.
- Briefed by Bank Windhoek in its commercial litigation and insolvency matters. These matters include acting on behalf of Bank Windhoek in its claims relating to Cape Orchard Company Namibia (Pty) Ltd, a large (if not the largest) grape farming business in Namibia.
- Briefed by Simon Steyn (BDO Namibia) in his capacity as liquidator, in a claim relating to the sale of a large farming business in Namibia and funds remaining due to the seller (in liquidation).
- Acting on behalf of Serve Investments 84 (Pty) Ltd in its claim against the Namibian Minister of Agriculture relating to the sale of a large farming business in Namibia. The matter was successful in the Namibian High Court as well as the Supreme Court of Appeal and both judgments have been reported (in Namibia).
- Acted for Fujitsu Computers in its claim against Schenker South Africa (Pty) Ltd (“Schenker”) a global logistics company. The matter was taken to the Constitutional Court where although unsuccessful, the matter provided me with valuable experience.
- My labour practice includes successfully enforcing restraint of trade agreements, the most recent of which has recently been reported in the Labour Appeal Court (Sadan v Workforce Staffing (Pty) Ltd).

June 2014-March 2015

**Nortons Incorporated, Sandton, Johannesburg, S.A.**  
Attorney, Senior Associate

Senior Associate at Nortons Inc. (before being called to the Bar), a boutique services firm specialising in all aspects of litigation and competition. Developed varied experience in commercial litigation and competition law. Litigation matters included:

- Assisted in representing Keaton Energy Ltd in arbitration proceedings related to Keaton’s claim against DRA Mineral Projects in respect of a coal processing plant.
- Represented Neotel (Pty) Ltd in the arbitration proceedings between it and Broadband Infracore SOC Ltd (“BBI”) relating to the use by Neotel of the BBI national long-distance infrastructure.

June 2012-Dec 2013

**Tabacks Corporate Law Advisors, Johannesburg, S.A.**  
Attorney, Senior Associate

Senior Associate at Tabacks, a boutique full-service law firm. Developed excellent experience in both corporate commercial matters as well as litigation. Worked in the Commercial, Mining and Environmental departments, whilst assisting the Litigation department on a regular basis. Experience includes:

- Providing advice in relation to the eviction of unlawful occupants of a ferrochrome stockpile and settlement negotiations with the Department of Environmental Affairs.
- Notably, involved in the precedent setting case of Interwaste (Pty) Limited v Coetzee and others, a controversial judgment relating to rectification applications brought in terms of section 24G of the

National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998. The case is reported and set precedent in South Africa.

- Engaged on high profile appeal to the Water Tribunal on behalf of Total Coal South Africa which at the time owned a major coal mine in Mpumalanga. Drafted the appeal papers and attended mediations between the company and the Department of Water Affairs (“DWA”). Total subsequently sold its rights and operations to Glencore.
- Acted in a number of due diligence investigations.
- Various duties in respect of commercial and mining matters including the drafting of surface lease agreements for the landowner of the largest platinum deposits in South Africa, the Royal Bafokeng Nation (“RBN”).

Aug 2009-June 2012

**Jurgens Bekker Attorneys, Johannesburg, S.A.**

Article Clerk / Attorney

Admitted as an attorney on 25 August 2009 following articles with Jurgens Bekker Attorneys, joining the employment and litigation practice. Developed extensive and valuable experience in litigation, gaining exposure to both the High Court and Magistrate Court, as well as arbitrations. This included four urgent court applications, including an Anton Pillar application and the subsequent successful search of four premises.

## **Education**

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**INSOL International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals**

Programme in South African Business Rescue.

2009-2012

**University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)**

Master of Laws (Commercial Law) (part time)

Courses Completed: Company Law I /Company law II (Core) / Intellectual Property / Competition law (Core).

Thesis: ‘Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprise, specifically Eskom’

Jan-June 2008

**L.E.A.D. Practical legal Training (PLT)**

2004-2007

**University of the Witwatersrand (Wits)**

Bachelor of Laws (4-year LLB)

*Year 1 - accepted to the ‘Golden Key International Honours Society’ an award for the top 15% of Wits Students.*

## **Other**

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### **Computer Skills**

- Microsoft Office, Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Power Point.

### **Publications**

- Published and presented a paper for the Competition Tribunal, *“Regulatory standards as a means of creating barriers to entry: The case of the Competition Tribunal and Netstar Vehicle Tracking.”*
- *“Corporate Governance of State-Owned Enterprise”,* Master’s Thesis.
- South African publication in *“The Mining Law Review”* chapter 28, November 2012, Law Business Research Limited.

### **Personal Interests**

- Outdoor pursuits, hiking, golf and regular gym.