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Profile

Since July 2020 I have been a director of Klopper Attorneys Inc in Stellenbosch, and I have two years' post-admission experience as an attorney. I am an inquisitive person who enjoys constantly learning.

My particular strengths lie in fields where law and finance intersect, such that I am able to combine my affinity for numbers and logic with an ability to write clearly and concisely. This is demonstrated, most recently, by me graduating at the top of my class when I obtained my post-graduate diploma in tax law.

Work Experience

March, 2021 – present: Co-founder, One2 Tax

One2 Tax is an online tax course co-founded by me and three friends which teaches the basics of personal income tax in South Africa. I am one of two tax instructors for the course. The course will launch in mid-July 2022 and is currently in the final stages of beta-testing.

April, 2019 – present: Klopper Attorneys Incorporated, Stellenbosch

Started as a candidate attorney and became a director after admission in July 2020.

Gained substantial experience in the fields of restructuring and insolvency, representing business rescue practitioners, creditors and liquidators in insolvency and business rescue proceedings, particularly in the retail and property industries, among others. Also gained experience in certain other realms of commercial law, including general commercial litigation, company law, labour law and tax law.

Skills developed include drafting business rescue plans; drafting proposals in terms of section 155 of the Companies Act; drafting and negotiating commercial agreements such as post-commencement financing and other loan agreements, sale of business agreements, subordination agreements; acting as the instructing attorney in business rescue, insolvency and commercial property-related litigation; legal research; drafting legal opinions in tax and business rescue matters; assisting in management of distressed companies; forensic accounting; financial modelling; legal practice management; and client management.

June 2018: Schindlers Attorneys, Johannesburg (Winter Vacation Programme)

January 2018: Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, Cape Town (Summer Vacation Programme)

Education

2021-present: Graduate Diploma in Economics, Birkbeck College, University of London

2022: Certificate in Banking and Finance Law, Wits University

2022: Short Course in Syndicated Lending, University of Cape Town

2020 – 2021: Postgraduate Diploma in Tax Law, University of Stellenbosch (cum laude)

2020: Advanced Short Course in Business Rescue Practice, UNISA

2019: Practical Legal Training, School for Legal Practice, Cape Town

2016 – 2018: Graduate LLB, University of Cape Town (Dean's Merit List)

2012 – 2015: Bcom (Actuarial Science), University of Stellenbosch

2007 – 2011: National Senior Certificate (IEB), Somerset College, Somerset West

Professional Associations

Legal Practice Council: Practising Attorney of the High Court of South Africa

South African Institute for Tax Professionals: General Tax Practitioner

South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners' Association: Member

Other Skills

- Microsoft Office with particular proficiency in Microsoft Excel
- Strong analytical skills
- Driving licence
- Strong written and oral communication skills
- Public speaking
- Leadership

References

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