

KERISHA REDDY

Admitted Attorney | Associate

LLB Degree | BA Legal Theory and Psychology Degree

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PROFILE



I am a Legal Professional who is recognised for my efficiency and passion when managing legal processes, High Court commercial litigation matters and arbitration proceedings. I started my legal career at a boutique commercial law firm in Craighall Park. The experience allowed me to develop my drafting skills, obtain progressive knowledge in litigation strategy and intimately participate in practice management. With more than 3 years' post qualified experience in litigation and dispute resolution, I am proficient with ADR mechanisms but because of my keen interest in insolvency law, I am now also focused on business rescue, insolvency and restructuring.

EDUCATION | COURSES



RESOLVING PRACTICAL ISSUES IN BUSINESS RESCUE
SARIPA | 08/2023

EXCEL ESSENTIALS
COLLEGE AFRICA GROUP | 2017

CRO v BRP
SARIPA | 07/2023

POPI COURSE
JHB CHAMBER OF COMMERCE & INDUSTRY | 2016

POST COMMENCEMENT ALTERNATIVES
SARIPA | 06/2023

LEGAL INTERACT PRACTICE MANAGER COURSE
ADVANTEDGE GROUP | 2016

SETTING ASIDE A WINDING UP ORDER
SARIPA | 05/2023

BACHELOR OF LAWS: LLB
RHODES UNIVERSITY | 2016

DIRECTORS OF DISTRESSED COMPANIES
SARIPA | 2022

STREET LAW TRAINING
RHODES UNIVERSITY | 2014

RIGHT OF APPEARANCE
HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA | 2021

BACHELOR OF ARTS: LEGAL THEORY AND PSYCHOLOGY
RHODES UNIVERSITY | 2013

LEAD LITIGATION STRATEGY WEBINAR
LEGAL EDUCATION AND DEVELOPMENT | 2021

MATRIC
CRAWFORD COLLEGE LONEHILL | 2009

CORESKILLS | EXPERTISE



SKILLS

Organised Methodical	●●●●●
Solid People Skills	●●●●●
Strategic Reasoning Ability	●●●●●
Proactive Problem Solver	●●●●●
Excellent Verbal & Written Communication	●●●●●

EXPERTISE

Litigation and Arbitration	●●●●●
Insolvency Company Acts	●●●●●
Court Preparation	●●●●●
Legal Research and Writing	●●●●●
Review Draft Legal Documentation	●●●●●

Languages: English | Afrikaans | Mandarin (Beginner)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Associate

Werksmans Incorporated

JUL 2022 - PRESENT

- Consulting with clients, taking instructions, research and considering strategy regarding way forward, briefing counsel (if required) and undertaking necessary activities to progress matters.
- Ongoing communication with clients, counsel, opposing parties, attorneys and correspondent attorneys including drafting specific and general correspondence.
- Drafting, editing and finalising pleadings, notices and processes for signature, service and filing in High Court and/or arbitrations.
- Undertaking legal research and drafting memoranda.
- Attending first and second creditors' meetings at Master's Office or Magistrate's Court.
- Attending Master's inquiries in terms of section 415 of the Companies Act, 1973.
- Attending to urgent applications including assisting with business rescue applications.
- Assisting directors and counsel with insolvency inquiries in terms of sections 417 and 418 of the Companies Act, 1973 including, but not limited to, preparing bundles, supporting counsel with preparation and interrogation of witnesses.
- Engaging in and assisting with settlement negotiations.
- Preparation for trials including drafting subpoenas, discovery affidavits and collating bundles.
- Consulting with counsel and attending court during trial and application proceedings including interlocutory applications.
- Attending SARIPA courses.
- Participating in the Insolvency and Business Rescue Practice Group including assisting with initiatives within the Practice Group.
- Drafting articles on specific topic or recent judgments.

Associate

Brian Kahn Inc.

JUN 2018 - DEC 2021

- Communicated regularly with clients, counsel, attorneys and correspondent attorneys including drafting general and specific correspondence and telephonic communications.
- Drafted pleadings in action proceedings as well as motion proceedings
- Signed, served and filed pleadings in action and motion proceedings.
- Organized and participated in briefing and consulting sessions with the counsel to prepare court and/or arbitration bundles.
- Arranged and attended Rule 37 or pre-arbitration conferences to, *inter alia*, prepare and distribute minutes.
- Assisted counsel with insolvency inquiries in terms of sections 417 and 418 of the Companies Act, 1973 by preparing liquidation applications, supporting counsel with preparation and interrogation of witnesses, preparing bundles and assisting in settlement negotiations.
- Assisted in commercial transaction involving the sale of shares in listed companies.
- Drafted various types of agreements including, sale of shares, leases, acknowledgements of debt and suretyships, and antenuptial contracts.
- Undertook legal research and drafting of memoranda.
- Supervised and guide candidate attorneys, including interviewing potential candidate attorneys and legal interns.
- Represented the firm at a Spring Conference in Prague, Czech Republic in 2018 through Consulegis and travelled locally and internationally on numerous occasions.
- Investigated and resolved confidential matters involving, listed entities, politicians and prominent businessmen.
- Prepared presentations for Brian Kahn to present at EY (March 2019).
- Attended conferences and legal seminars in Prague, Czech Republic including debates on various topics including, international arbitrations and Blockchain Contracts in different jurisdictions.

- Attended POPI Seminar at Johannesburg Chamber of Commerce and Industry (August 2016).
- Travelled to Cape Town, Romania and Namibia to assist Brian Kahn in litigious matters.
- Attended African Presidential Leadership Centre Round Table discussion – Africa’s Educational Challenges in the 21st Century.
- Assisted counsel during insolvency inquiry convened in Pietermaritzburg.
- Assisted with presentation titled “How often contracts say what they don’t mean and mean what they don’t say!” by Brian Kahn at -
 - BDO Tax Services (Pty) Ltd (December 2017); and
 - FAW (December 2017).
- Joined the African Presidential Leadership Centre, former African Presidents and CEO Breakfast - “Towards a Continental Strategy for Education Excellence” and “The Private Sector’s Role in National Development”.
- Attended ADR Seminar at Wits University presented by the Companies Tribunal.
- Prepared for trials including drafting subpoenas, discovery affidavits and collating bundles
- Consulted with counsel and attended court during trial and motion proceedings.
- Assisted with settlement negotiations.
- Attended arbitration proceedings and undertook work in preparation thereof including preparing arbitrators’ and counsel’s documents / bundles.

STUDENT EXPERIENCE

Member of Legal Activism Society Group Leader of the Rape and Domestic Violence portfolio	2015
Assistant Prosecutor Rhodes University	2015
Law Clinic Volunteer Rhodes University	2014 & 2015
Vacation Work Legal Aid Centre	2015
Volunteer Fort England Psychiatric Hospital	2013

References are available upon request