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Objective Statement

I am an associate designate, awaiting admission.

I worked in the Intellectual Property department at Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa Inc, based in the Durban office.

I completed my articles of clerkship at Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa Inc, Sandton, Johannesburg between 2021 – 2022. Having completed three core rotations, I have experience and exposure in Intellectual Property, Insurance, Medical Negligence and Commercial Litigation. I was subsequently retained in the Intellectual Property department, where I previously served a 12-month rotation in 2022.

I gained exposure and experience in both trademark prosecution and intellectual property disputes. I assisted with IP disputes, copyright infringements, takedowns, notices, letters of demand, licensing and assignment agreements, advisory on the protection of intellectual property, assistance with infringements thereof and due diligences. I also assisted with trademark portfolio management.

I have worked with various clients such as SABC, Honor, Afrisam and Continental Food Brands to mention a few.

I am a young, talented and hardworking attorney awaiting admission, who is driven to deliver results. I am innovative, solution resolute and I think out of the box, which allows me to offer a transformative touch to the legal profession. I am able to work independently and require minimum supervision. I am efficient and work well under pressure.

I hold a BA and LLB from the University of the Witwatersrand. I have completed and passed the Trade mark examination with South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law (SAIIPL) in September 2023. I intend taking the copyright exam and completing the Group One examinations.

Notable Skills

- Presentation skills
- Well –spoken
- Solution driven
- Communication skills
- Relation building
- Meticulous / attention to detail
- Drafting
- Research
- Multi-tasking
- Use of Word
- Typing
- Efficient and independent
- Team player

Education

- **2013 Matric** – Greenside High School
- **2014 – 2020** – The University of the Witwatersrand
- **2021 - 2022** – Law Society of South Africa LEAD legal course completion
- **2023** – Completed Legal Practice Council requirements for admission as practicing Attorney – **awaiting admission**

Employment History

Title – Offshore Administrator (**2015- 2017**)
Bizinsure, San Francisco

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assisted with marketing and selling business insurance products to potential clients
- Assisted with general administrative management and tasks
- General functionality of business and its respective model

Title – Tutor (**2017-2019**) **Gutsy tutoring, Cape Town, South Africa**

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Assisted with extra classes

- Provided English and History classes, at foundation and high school phase
- Provided Bachelor of Arts subject assistance

Title – Candidate Attorney (2021 -2022)
Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa, Johannesburg

Duties and Responsibilities:

**rotations – Litigation Insurance, Commercial Litigation, Intellectual Property*

- Serving relevant documentation on opposition parties
- Research
- First drafts of notices, opinions, various legal documents, letters of demand
- Pagination and court file compilation
- Appearance in the Magistrate's Courts
- Attending to set downs and various court processes
- Assistance at Magistrate Courts social desk services for gender-based violence
- Assistance with maintenance and divorce matters
- Probono, virtual clinic and consultations,

Title – Associate Designate (2023 – present)
Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa, Durban

Duties and Responsibilities:

- Commercial litigation work
- Business law related claims, queries and relevant drafts
- Drafting various legal documents
- Research
- Compiling opinions and advisory notes
- Social impact work and virtual clinical consultations
- Court set downs and appearances
- Instituting and defending claims and infringements

Languages

- English – Excellent
- Afrikaans – Moderate
- IsiZulu – Excellent
- IsiNdebele – Excellent
- Tswana – Excellent

Publications

1. **"Distinguishing trademark and patent protection and the Nespresso coffee capsules court battle"** - <https://www.financialinstitutionslegalsnapshot.com/2022/03/distinguishing-trademark-and-patent-protection-and-the-nespresso-coffee-capsules-court-battle/>
2. **Intellectual property enforcement: "Another arrow in our quiver"** - <https://www.financialinstitutionslegalsnapshot.com/2022/10/intellectual-property-enforcement-another-arrow-in-our-quiver/>

References

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