

## SECTION 7(2)(e) EXPERIENCE AND KNOWLEDGE

- 1 Throughout my 18 years of practice as an advocate I have been actively involved in the provision of legal services by appearing for litigants in courts throughout the country. My practice consists of a trial practice focussing on commercial and liability related litigation. I therefore have the experience and knowledge contemplated in Section 7(2)(e)(i).
- 2 Through my trial practice I have gained extensive experience in relation to the principles of promoting access to justice. I understand the need of individuals to be able to access legal services and obtain redress in courts. I therefore have the experience and knowledge as contemplated in Section 7(2)(e)(ii).
- 3 I have been extensively involved in advocacy training at both a national and local bar level. It is not overstating matters to say that I am one of the advocates within South Africa who has been most involved in advocacy training. I have also participated extensively in the pupillage programme run by the Johannesburg Society of Advocates. I therefore have the necessary experience and knowledge as required by Section 7(2)(e)(iii).
- 4 My trial practice, and particularly those trials involving issues of liability have exposed me to consumer affairs related matters. I therefore have the experience and knowledge required by Section 7(2)(e)(iv).
- 5 My practice is primarily a civil trial practice. I have appeared in various administrative tribunals. I have limited experience in criminal trial work. I therefore have the necessary experience and knowledge in respect of civil

proceedings, and the functioning of courts and tribunals as required in Section 7(2)(e)(v).

6 My experience in advocacy training and generally in the Bar Council related affairs of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates has provided me with exposure to matters relating to the maintenance of professional standards. I therefore have the necessary experience and knowledge required by Section 7(2)(e)(vi).

7 As a member of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates I have assisted in resolving complaints relating to unprofessional conduct. I therefore have the necessary knowledge and experience required in Section 7(2)(e)(vii).

8 I am aware of the principles which underlie competition law and the bodies through which those principles are applied but have limited practical experience in competition law.