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**1. PERSONAL DETAILS**

DATE OF BIRTH : 13 November 1968

**2. CURRENT POSITION**

A practising Counsel at the Pretoria Society of Advocates since 1996 and Senior Counsel since 2014. I hold the position as a Director and Chairperson of The Club Chambers Advocates.

**3. QUALIFICATIONS**

- BA: University of the Witwatersrand 1987 – 1990;
- LLB: University of the Witwatersrand 1991 – 1993;
- Diplomas obtained via the University of Pretoria and the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA):
  - MVA LAW (1995);
  - Alternative Dispute Resolution (2002);
  - International Commercial Arbitration (2002);
  - Mediation and Arbitration (2002);
  - Labour Dispute Resolution (2002).

**4. CURRENT POSITIONS OUTSIDE OF THE BAR**

- An Appeal Member and Alternate Chair of Financial Services Tribunal and the FIC Appeal Board effective 1 April 2018;

- Deputy Chair and Member of the Council for Medical Schemes (CMS) as well as Chair of the Appeals Committee of the CMS;
- Member of Institute of Commercial Forensic Practitioners (ICFP);
- Chair of the SARS Tax Board;
- Representative of CAJAC (China African Joint Arbitration Committee Pretoria);
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London);
- Member of Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA).

**5. PREVIOUS POSITIONS OUTSIDE OF THE BAR**

- Chair and member of the Appeal Board of the Financial Services Board since 1 March 2009;
- A member of the Appeal Board of the Financial Intelligence Centre with since 1 July 2011;
- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) since 10 May 2013.

**6. EXPERIENCE**

I have particular expertise and experience in the following fields and my practice includes:

- Financial Industry Sector; includes financial services, pension funds, financial markets, money laundering and fraud matters;
- Tax; including customs and excise, VAT, and income tax matters;
- Administrative law and public law matters;
- Commercial matters;
- Environmental law matters;
- General civil litigation;
- Various aspects of law in the broader regulatory environment;
- Extensive adjudicative experience.

**7. STATE DEPARTMENTS INSTRUCTIONS**

I have represented several State Departments on various aspects. The litigation involved matters which included aspects relating to labour law, administrative public law and constitutional law:

- Department of Health;

- Department of Education;
- Department of Public Works;
- Department of Home Affairs;
- South African Defence Force;
- Department of Trade and Industry;
- South African Revenue Service;
- Department of Telecommunications;
- Department of Environmental Affairs;
- Department of Agricultural Forestry's and Fisheries;
- Department of Justice and Correctional Services.

8. **FINANCIAL SERVICES BOARD (FSB)**

When presiding on the FSB Appeal Board, I was required to deal with appeals contesting *inter alia* the decisions of the Registrar of Financial Service Providers, the Registrar of Pension Funds, the Registrar of Insurance, the Registrar of Investment Institutions (Collective Investments Schemes and Capital Markets). In addition to these, various matters came before me for interim rulings, decisions and directives as required in terms of the legislation. The complete judgements are available on the FSB Website ([www.fsb.co.za](http://www.fsb.co.za)) if requested I will furnish you with the complete judgements. The chair and co-chair of the Appeal Board are Judge Harms and Judge Mokgoro with whom I work with.

9. **FINANCIAL INTELLIGENCE CENTRE (FIC)**

I preside with the Chair Judge Hartzenburg on the FIC Appeal Board. These appeals are lodged in respect of appeals that are launched against the decisions of the Financial Intelligence Centre. The appeals concern not only non-compliance of financial industry legislation but also includes money laundering activities and the financing of terrorist and related activities.

10. **CHAIRPERSON OF THE TAX BOARD**

I am currently on the panel as Chairperson of the Tax Board and have presided in various matters.

11. **AFSA MEMBER (Arbitration Foundation of South Africa)**

As a member of the AFSA, I preside in various commercial arbitrations and have represented various parties as well. I have further presided in a few mediations through AFSA.

**12. ACTING JUDGE**

I have been invited to act in the Gauteng High Court including Gauteng Local Division since 2013. At this point, I have acted for over 40 weeks and have presided in all courts including Urgent Court and Special Motion Court. I have presided in both the Gauteng and Local Gauteng High Courts. Recently, I presided in the known matter of Grace Mugabe v Afriforum and Engels pertaining to the substituted service application and the review of the Minister's decision to grant Mugabe diplomatic immunity.

**13. SOCIAL INVOLVEMENT**

I am a member of our community-based organisation as well which consists of about three thousand members. The organisation is called the Shree Pretoria Hindu Seva Samaj which is a cultural, social and religious body representing the Hindu community. I have served on the Executive and Trustee positions for the last 8 years.

**14. CURRENT PRACTICE**

- (1) Apart from the various adjudicative roles, my practice includes litigating extensively for the DTI in respect of their incentive schemes. Due to misrepresentations and fraudulent conduct on the part of beneficiaries benefitting from various incentive schemes the DTI reclaims these incentive payments.
- (2) I have litigated in respect of the various incentive schemes introduced by the DTI since 2000 to current. This includes incentive schemes pertaining to all sectors of the economy, which includes tourism, manufacturing as well as social incubation programmes.
- (3) As a Deputy Chair and Member of the Council for Medical Schemes I have also been exposed to various governance, regulatory and compliance issues in the Medical Schemes environment. I have extensively chaired the Appeal's Committee hearings for the last three years.
- (4) My adjudication role of the FSB, FIC, SARS Tax Board, CMS and High Court has further given me exposure to extensive legal and commercial issues. This has allowed me to develop leadership, management and fair judgment skills.
- (5) I have appeared and represented parties in various forums, namely the Labour Court, the respective High Courts, the Supreme Court of Appeal and have been briefed extensively by SARS since my junior years at the Bar.