
Curriculum Vitae

Allison Mariska Schoeman

Contact Information:

Personal Information

- **Full Name:** Allison Mariska Schoeman
- **Date of Birth:**
- **Gender:** Female
- **Nationality:** South African
- **Languages:** English, Afrikaans

Professional Summary

With over **20 years of legal experience, 9 years post admission**, I am a highly skilled and qualified attorney and conveyancer who has made significant contributions in both the legal and civic spheres. I am dedicated to promoting human rights, fostering justice, and improving the relationship between municipalities and residents, particularly in eThekweni. My leadership in community-driven initiatives and commitment to human rights align with the objectives of the South African Human Rights Commission.

Professional Experience

AMS Attorneys Inc – Founder & Director

2017 – Present

- Established a law firm specializing in conveyancing, commercial law, and litigation.
- Provided personalized legal services, focusing on successful and cost-effective resolutions in property transactions and broader legal matters.
- Led the firm's **internship program**, promoting diversity by offering opportunities to young professionals from underrepresented groups.

Pro Bono Legal Work

- Acted **pro bono** against the city in cases where it has failed its constitutional duty, aligning my work with the protection of human rights for marginalized communities.
- In addition to my other pro bono work, I had the privilege of representing **Bluff Christian Academy, a local independent school**, in a critical legal matter a few years ago. The School faced an **unlawful eviction** from their premises, threatening the continuity of their educational services to the community. Through swift legal intervention and representation, I was able to **prevent the eviction** by highlighting the illegality of the proceedings, ensuring that the institution could continue to operate and serve its students without disruption. This case exemplified my dedication to **protecting the rights of vulnerable organizations** and ensuring that justice prevails, especially in situations where educational and community-focused institutions are involved.

Key Achievements

- **2nd Runner-up** in the **Standard Bank Top Women Awards 2022** and the **SA Women in Property KwaZulu-Natal Regional Awards 2019** for contributions to gender empowerment and the property industry.
- **Commercial law Firm of the Year** in the South Africa Prestige Awards in the category of Legal Service Provider for AMS Attorneys Inc.
- **Regional Nominee** in the category Professional of the Year 2019 – Private Sector, SA Women In Property Institute
- Significant contribution to the **#TeamRescueEthekwini** initiative, working with experts to assess and improve municipal infrastructure.

Education

- **Bachelor of laws (LLB) Degree**, University of South Africa, **2015**
- Admitted as an attorney in **December 2015**
- **Admitted as a Conveyancer** in **February 2016**
- **Completed Requirements for Australian Solicitor Admission**, University of New England, **2020** though not admitted due to the pandemic.
- **Mediator**, Legal Education & Development (L.E.A.D), **December 2021**

Certifications and Training

- **Trial Advocacy** (2023), BLA Legal Education Centre
- **Rules of Evidence** (2023), – LEAD Program
- **Legal Costs** (2023), – LEAD Program
- **Debt Collection** (2023) – LEAD Program
- **The Court Room Series: Pre Trial Techniques** (2022), – LEAD Program
- **Shares Course** (2021), - LEAD Program
- **Litigation Strategy** (2021), – LEAD Program
- **Qualified Mediator** (2021), - LEAD Program
- **Advanced Drafting Skills for Contracts** (2023), – LEAD Program
- **Building your Firm into a Valuable Asset** (2022), – LEAD Program
- **Accounts Management** (2021), – LEAD Program
- **Drafting Heads of Argument** (2019), – LEAD Program
- **Notarial Practice Course** (2017), – LEAD Program

Relevant Skills

- **Legal Research & Advocacy:** Expertise in understanding and applying legal frameworks, with a focus on **human rights law**.
- **Public Speaking & Leadership:** Extensive experience in addressing large audiences and leading legal and civic organizations.
- **Strategic Legal Problem Solving:** Proven ability to navigate complex legal issues and devise effective, human rights-focused solutions.

References

- Available on request.