

CURRICULUM VITAE OF L W LESO.

PERSONAL DETAILS

Surname	:	Leso
First names	:	Lesetja Wilfred
Date of birth	:	
Sex	:	Male
Residential address	:	
Postal address	:	
Contact no	:	
Office tel	:	N/a
E-mail address	:	
Identity no	:	
Marital status	:	Married (customary union with three children).
Driver's license	:	
Health	:	Good
Home language	:	Ndebele
Other languages	:	English, Afrikaans, N. Sotho

ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

Highest standard passed	:	Matric - Alfred B. Makapane High - 1989
Post Matric	:	B. Iuris degree – University of Pretoria 1998.
	:	Certificate in Labour Relations Management – Unisa 2013
	:	LLB – Unisa 2019.
Recently Completed Studies	:	School for Legal Practice 24/05/2021 – 30/09/2021; Polokwane.

PERSONAL INTERESTS:

Reading magazines, newspapers, watching TV.
Listening to talk radio & political news/debates.

WORK EXPERIENCE

After matriculating in 1989 I was employed in the **South African Police Service** on the **01-07-1990**. I underwent basic training at Hammanskraal Police College from the **05-07-1990** until the **21-12-1990**. After completion of basic training, I was stationed in various units:

- A. From **21-12-1990** to **04-10-1991** V.I.P Protection Unit where I served as a bodyguard to the Members of Parliament.

- B. From 05-10-1991 I was posted to KwaMhlanga Detective Unit where I did general investigation, e.g., theft, malicious damage to property, assault, etc...
- C. From 12-03-1993 I was transferred to Siyabuswa Community Service Center where I attended complaints from members of the community, opened case-dockets and apprehended criminals when necessary.
- D. From 28-01-1995 to 31-12-1998 I studied at the University of Pretoria on a full-time basis.
- E. From 22-02-1999 I was appointed at the Police Head Office Crime Information Analysis Center where I compiled crime statistics and identified crime threats.
- F. From 02-08-1999 I was appointed at the Commercial Crime Unit where I investigated Fraud related crimes, collected evidence from the banks, opened case- dockets and arrested suspects, prepared dockets for court and consulted with the prosecutors.
- G. From 08-05-2001 I was appointed at the Organized Crime Unit where I was doing investigation on National crime threats such as illegal marriage frauds, international drug smuggling and cross boarder vehicle theft. I was also responsible for general office administration and personnel requirements/ needs.
- H. From 01-02-2007 I was appointed at Special Investigating Unit as a Chief Forensic Investigator. My duties were to investigate corruption related incidents within state institutions especially via procurement. (Primary objective: To trace and recover state money).
- I. From 01-05-2008 I got a post as a Senior Special Investigator at the Directorate of Special Operations (DSO). My responsibilities were to investigate complex international organized crime cases and syndicates. (Primary objective: To disrupt all international organized crime activities and recover money to the state through Asset forfeiture)]. This was the highlight of my financial investigation experience.

- J. Due to the disbandment of the DSO on the 06-07-2009 I was re-appointed in SAPS as a Colonel and placed at Organized Crime Unit Pretoria.
- K. From 01-02-2012 I joined the Office of the Public Protector as a Senior Investigator. My duties were to strengthen constitutional democracy by investigating and redressing improper and prejudicial conduct, maladministration and abuse of power in state affairs; resolving administrative disputes or rectifying any act or omission in administrative conduct through mediation, conciliation or negotiation; advising on appropriate remedies or employing any other expedient means; reporting and recommending; advising and investigating violations of the Executive Members Ethics Act of 1994; resolving disputes relating to the operation of the Promotion of Access to Information Act of 2000.
- L. On 30 April 2017 I resigned from public service to study full time at Unisa.
- M. From 01-04-2022 I joined Elogran Naicker Attorneys as a Candidate Attorney. My duties here are to assist my Law Firm Principal in attending to legal disputes of our clients, provide legal advice and represent clients in the court of law.
- N. I resigned from E N Attorneys on or about the 15th day of June 2022 after serving two and a half months.
- O. From 01-12-2022 I joined Magongoa Attorneys as a Candidate Attorney. My duties here are to assist my Law Firm Principal in attending to legal disputes of our clients, provide legal advice and represent clients in the court of law.
- P. I completed my articles of clerkship on the 21st of February 2024. I am now busy with my board examinations.

CAREER PATH/DEVELOPMENT

1. I started as a constable from **1990-07-01** until **1994-04-01** when I was promoted to the rank of Lance-Sergeant.
2. In **1994-07-01** I was promoted to the rank of Full-Sergeant.
3. With an overwhelming interest to study I applied for a full- time study leave which was granted. I started at the University of Pretoria from 1995 to 1998 where I graduated with a **B. Juris degree**.
4. In **1998-04-01** I was promoted to the rank of Inspector.
5. Due to my industrious abilities, dedication and academic qualifications I was promoted to the rank of Captain on the **01-10-2000** and posted at Organised Crime Unit, SAPS Head Office in Pretoria.
6. Except for leading an investigating team, I was also responsible for office administration.
7. I was due to the rank of Superintendent when I left SAPS on the **31st January 2007**.
7. I then joined the Special Investigating Unit (SIU) where I dealt with procurement investigations from **01 February 2007**.
8. I later joined the Directorate of Special Operations (DSO) at the National Prosecuting Authority on **05 May 2008**. My main task was investigation of international organized crime syndicates.
9. I rejoined the South African Police Services (SAPS) on **07 July 2009** when the DSO was disbanded. My duties here involved investigation of organized crime threats.

10. I left SAPS to join the Office of the Public Protector (PPSA) on **01 February 2012** where I eventually left government service in April 2017.
11. I obtained my **Certificate in Labour Relations** with Unisa while employed at the PPSA.
12. Armed with a determination to be an attorney of law I completed my **LLB degree** in December 2019 from Unisa.
13. I am now vigorously pursuing my desire to be an attorney of law and have since completed my articles of clerkship as part of the designated training program in terms of the Legal Practice Act.

COURSES ATTENDED

1. **Crime Information Analysis**
A four-week course for profiling of suspects, identification of crime threat and compilation of crime statistics.
2. **ISIS (Individual and Syndicates Information System)**
A two-week course for linking crimes committed at different areas at separate times and linking of modus operandi.
3. **Commercial Crime Level 1**
A four-week course dealing with commercially related crimes, fraud and other related crimes.
4. **Basic Fraud Workshop**
A five-day workshop dealing with fraud.

5. **Organized Crime Investigators Course**

A five-week course dealing with the investigation of Organized Crimes Provincially, Nationally and Internationally.

6. **Anti-Corruption Workshop**

A five-day course dealing with the investigation of Corrupt and Corruption related Crimes Provincially, Nationally and Internationally.

ALL PAST AND PRESENT EMPLOYERS IN ORDER:

1. **South African Police Services**

From 1990-07-01 to 2007-01-31.

2. **Special Investigating Unit**

From 2007-02-01 to 2008-04-30.

3. **Directorate of Special Operations a.k.a Scorpions**

From 2008-05-05 to 2009-07-05.

4. **South African Police Services**

From 2009-07-06 till 2012-01-31.

5. **Office of the Public Protector**

From 2012-02-01 until I resigned on 30 April 2017 to pursue my studies.

6. **Elogran Naicker Attorneys**

From 01-04-2022 to 15-06-2022.

7. **Magongoa Attorneys**

From 01-12-2022 to 21-02-2024

GENERAL

I am keen to share the knowledge and experience acquired in the service of all these employers and to put my legal qualification in perspective.

REFERENCES

1. **Advocate George Matimolane**
Provincial Head - Office of the Public Protector SA
Polokwane
2. **Advocate/Brigadier Ronald Thilivhali**
Legal Advisor –Directorate of Priority Crimes Investigations / Hawks
3. **Mr M J Magongoa**
Director – Magongoa Attorneys
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