

CURRICULUM VITAE FOR ADV. DENNIS RAMPHOMANE

PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

Multidisciplinary legal professional with a Bachelor of Laws and advanced specialization in Artificial Intelligence (AI) & Intellectual Property Law (IP). Currently completing a Master of Laws (LLM) in IP & actively engaged in legal practice. Demonstrates a strong foundation in civil and criminal litigation, & specializes in environmental law, AI and IP Law. Experienced in legal administration, policy analysis, and governance. Committed to advancing legal practice through technology, research, and strategic legal advisory.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Names:

EE Status: Gender: Male

Cell no.:

Location: South Africa

Languages: English, Afrikaans, Setswana, SeSotho, KiSwahili (beginner), isiZulu (Beginner), Chichewa (beginner), French (beginner), German (Beginner)

Driver's Licence: Code 10 with own reliable vehicle

E-mail Address:

EDUCATION

Formal Education:

- University of South Africa: Master of Laws in Intellectual Property Law (2020 – Present)
- Legal Education and Development: Practice Management Training (2020)
- North-West University (Mahikeng Campus): Bachelor of Laws (2013)
- Mafikeng High School: National Senior Certificate (2009)

Professional Development

- Admitted as an Advocate of the High Court (2016)
- Artificial Intelligence – Upskillist Certificate (2022)
- GIZ AI Pilot Programme (2022)

WORK EXPERIENCE

LEGAL PRACTICE – NATIONAL BAR COUNCIL OF SOUTH AFRICA (MEMBER – PRACTISING ADVOCATE) (MARCH 2018 – PRESENT)

Field of Practice:

- General civil and criminal litigation
- Labour law matters
- Liquor licensing

Areas of Specialization:

- Artificial Intelligence (AI)
 - ❖ Big Data and Data Analytics
 - ❖ Mis and Disinformation
 - ❖ Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI)
 - ❖ Natural Language Processing (NLP) & Small Language Models (SLMs)
 - ❖ Deepfakes, Hallucinations and Retrieval-Augmented Generation (RAG)
 - ❖ Synthetic data
 - ❖ Emergent misalignment and backdoor poisoning
 - ❖ AI Governance, Bias, AI Ethics & AI Policy Tracking
 - ❖ Generative AI & Agentic AI
 - ❖ End user agreements
- Environmental Law
 - 🚧 National Environmental Management Act (NEMA) (appeals & inspections)
 - 🚧 National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA) (appeals & inspections)
 - 🚧 Air quality control (investigations)
- Intellectual Property Law
 - Patents
 - Evergreening
 - Patent disputes
 - Trademarks
 - 🚧 Brand names
 - 🚧 Trademark dilution
 - 🚧 Trademark Infringement
 - Innovation and IP Management
 - Licensing agreements (exclusive, generic, etc)
 - IP protection strategies
 - Diverse revenue streams
 - Copyright
 - ❖ Music royalties (mechanical royalties, publishing, needle-time/performance rights, Digital Service Provider (DSP) royalties, etc)
 - ❖ Copyright Infringement
 - ❖ Splits fees agreements
 - ❖ Performers agreements, management & artist agreements
 - Plant-breeder's Rights

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT – NORTH-WEST (LABOUR RELATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK) (OCTOBER 2014 – MARCH 2015)

Duties:

- Maintained Labour Relations database
- Provided administrative and research support
- Investigated and resolved labour-related queries

DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AND ENTERPRISE DEVELOPMENT – NORTH WEST (LEGAL ADMINISTRATIVE CLERK) (APRIL 2014 – SEPTEMBER 2014)

Duties:

- Handled liquor matters in consultation with the Chief State Law Advisor
- Supported environmental law matters including National Environmental Management Act (NEMA), National Environmental Management: Biodiversity Act (NEMBA), and air quality control
- Assisted with gambling and contractual matters
- Contributed to corporate governance initiatives

ACADEMIA

- Academic papers on Artificial Intelligence, primarily focused on Natural Language Processing (NLP), digital inclusion, sovereignty as well as the empowerment, promotion, preservation and revitalization of African Indigenous languages deemed as low-resource languages.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- South African Internet Governance Forum (ZAIGF) (2024)
 AI & Intellectual Property law Specialist
- AU AI Working Group (2024)
 Artificial Intelligence & Intellectual Property law Specialist

INNOVATION / RESEARCH / CONFERENCE PROJECTS

- Currently developing complex functional prototypes for patent registration (2018-)
- OECD-African Union (AI Dialogue 2.0, Egypt) [Special delegate]
Contributed to the 1st AU Charter on Responsible and Trustworthy AI (2024)

- Currently working on Agentic AI solutions for Industry & Africa's Fragmented AI Policies (2024-)

CORE COMPETENCIES AND SKILLS

- Legal Research and Drafting
- Academic Writing & technical editing
- Critical Thinking and Problem Solving
- Communication and Presentation Skills
- Microsoft Office Proficiency
- Commercial Awareness
- Detail Orientation and Reliability
- Artificial Intelligence & basic Python coding

REFERENCES

- His Excellency, H.E. George Nkosingithi Twala
- Professor Sizwe Snail ka Mtshuza