

THABISO PANDA
Advocate of the High Court of South Africa
Cape and Johannesburg Bar

CURRICULUM VITAE

EDUCATION

JAN 2025 – DEC 2025	Master of Laws (LLM) <i>University of Pretoria</i> Specialising in Tax Law
FEB 2020 – DEC 2023	Master of Laws (LLM) <i>University of the Witwatersrand</i> Specialising in commercial and business Law
JAN 2016 – NOV 2019	Bachelor of Laws (LLB) <i>University of Fort Hare</i>
JAN 2015 – NOV 2015	National Senior Certificate <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i>

ADMISSIONS AND PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

SEP 2025 – Present	Member <i>Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)</i> Mediator
JUL 2024 – Present	Member <i>Johannesburg Society of Advocates (Johannesburg Bar)</i> Maisels Chambers 3
FEB 2022 – Present	Member <i>The Cape Society of Advocates (Cape Bar)</i>
JAN 2022 – Present	Advocate of the High Court of South Africa <i>Legal Practice Council (LPC)</i>
OCT 2024 – OCT 2025	Young AFSA Member <i>Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)</i>

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

SEP 2025 – Present	Associate Editor <i>University of South Africa</i> South African Yearbook in International Law
JUL 2025	International Human Rights Summer School <i>Oxford University & George Washington University</i> <i>(joint summer school programme at Oxford University)</i> The Fundamentals of International Human Rights Law; and Economic, Social and Cultural Rights Law and Practice
FEB 2024 – Present	Volunteer & Advisory Non-Executive Director <i>The Hammond Foundation: Transactional Law Clinic</i>
JUN 2018 – Present	Group Exercise Instructor <i>Virgin Active South Africa</i>
JAN 2025 – MAR 2025	Law lecturer <i>Eduvos</i> Public International Law; and Law for Tourism
NOV 2024 – DEC 2024	External Marker (Independent Contractor) <i>Eduvos</i>

MAR 2023 – JUN 2024	Legal Researcher to the Chief Justice <i>Constitutional Court of South Africa</i> Conducted extensive legal research on constitutional matters before the Court and provided detailed analysis on a wide range of issues for former Chief Justice Zondo. Supported the administration of the Chief Justice chamber and broader Court responsibilities.
JAN 2021 – DEC 2021	Pupil Advocate <i>The Cape Bar Society of Advocates</i>
NOV 2020 – JAN 2021	Assistant Teacher <i>Eastern Cape Department of Education</i>
MAY 2019 – OCT 2019	Paralegal and Receptionist <i>3% Properties and DLC Attorneys</i>
JAN 2019 – DEC 2020	Waiter <i>Buccaneers Pub and Grill</i>
JAN 2019 – NOV 2019	Law Tutor <i>University of Fort Hare: Teaching and Learning Department</i> Legal Skills (1st-year students)
JUL 2018	Vacation Clerk <i>Webber Wentzel</i> Two-week rotation: Corporate (Week 1); and Dispute Resolution (Week 2).
JAN 2018 – OCT 2018	Law Tutor <i>University of Fort Hare: Teaching and Learning Department</i> African Customary Law; and Legal Writing & Research (2nd-year students)
DEC 2017 – DEC 2018	Legal Intern <i>University of Fort Hare: Law Clinic</i> Client liaison officer.
MAR 2017 – MAR 2019	Radio Presenter <i>Kumkhani FM</i> Hosted on-air segments addressing legal issues and explaining sections of the Constitution and their real-world application.
OCT 2017 – OCT 2018	Community Service Coordinator <i>Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ)</i> Helped communities understand and realise their rights through structured community-outreach programmes.
AUG 2016 – APR 2019	Receptionist <i>Virgin Active South Africa</i>

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT & TRAINING

MAY 2025 – OCT 2025	Advanced Dispute Resolution Accreditation Programme <i>Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA)</i> Modules in Mediation, Arbitration, and International Commercial Arbitration.
SEP 2024	Human Rights Defenders in Leadership and Learning (HILL) Programme — 2024 Cohort <i>Southern Africa Human Rights Defenders, in partnership with the Centre for Human Rights, at the University of Pretoria</i>

AWARDS, LEADERSHIP & ACTIVITIES

JUN 2022	Coordinator — Lunch Time Talk <i>Cape Society of Advocates</i>
MAY 2022 MAR 2023	Member — Junior Bar Council <i>Cape Society of Advocates</i>
JAN 2019	Chairperson <i>Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ)</i>
FEB 2018	Community Service Coordinator <i>Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ)</i>
FEB 2017	Deputy Community Service Coordinator <i>Students for Law and Social Justice (SLSJ)</i>
SEP 2015	Honorary Award for Leadership (Grade 12) <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i>
JUL 2015	School Pageant Winner <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i>
2014 – 2015	Schools National English Olympiad <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> Bronze Award (2015); Merit Award (2014)
2013 – 2015	Athletics <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> 3-time National participant (Athletics South Africa); and Silver Medallist, Western Cape Athletics Championships 2015
2015	Head Leader <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> Head Boy

2015	Chairperson — Representative Council of Learners (RCL) <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i>
2015	School Governing Body (SGB) <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> Student Representative
2013 – 2014	Member of the Representative Council of Learners (RCL) <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i>
2013 – 2014	Cross Country <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> 2-time National participant (Athletics South Africa)
2014	Inter-Schools Public Speaking Competition <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> 1 st Place
2012	Biathlon <i>Oudtshoorn High School</i> 1 st Place in South Western District Doubles Championships

SKILLS & COMPETENCIES

Legal Practice:	research; writing; advice; interviewing; legislation & compliance.
Communication:	oral and written communication, meeting leadership, client focus, and reliability.
Technical:	Microsoft Office.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.