

BA LLB LLM (PhD Candidate)

Admitted Attorney in the High Court of South Africa

Admitted Solicitor of the Supreme Court of New South Wales

Profile Summary

I am an Attorney and Solicitor currently pursuing a PhD in Public Law at the University of Cape Town. My research examines the intersection of constitutional law and emerging biotechnology, with a particular focus on CRISPR-Cas9. This work has strengthened my ability to navigate evolving legal frameworks, analyse complex ethical and rights-based questions, and engage critically with the governance challenges posed by rapidly advancing scientific fields. I have always been drawn to the relationship between law, innovation, and regulation. I am fully committed to, and excited about, contributing to a future regulatory landscape in a meaningful way.

Work Experience

2026 - (6-Month Contract)

NTT DATA INC

AI Data Privacy Specialist

Provided specialised AI privacy governance and advisory services across the organization. Responsibilities included conducting AI-specific privacy and risk assessments, identifying and documenting AI-related risks, and developing mitigation strategies through tailored privacy controls. Maintained AI-related Records of Processing Activities, including data mapping, model workflows, and cross-border transfers. Embedded privacy requirements into the AI project lifecycle by reviewing AI use cases and providing ongoing privacy assurance and compliance oversight for global deployment as well as internal implementation.

Website: <https://www.nttdata.com/global/en/>

2026 - Current (Part-Time)

Wireless Application Service Providers' Association (WASPA)

Elected Board Member

I serve as a board member, voted in during the June AGM to assist with privacy and AI compliance in the industry and furthering WASPA mandate. The Association functions as an independent regulatory body overseeing mobile network operators and the provision of mobile content and services. Major South African mobile networks, including Vodacom, MTN, Cell C, and Telkom Mobile, require membership in the Association. We work directly with the National Consumer Commission and the Information Regulator to ensure the development of, and alignment with, consumer-protection practices and regulatory compliance frameworks across the mobile services industry.

2023 - Current (Part-Time)**_____ Legal Consultancy**

Owner of a boutique legal consultancy delivering tailored legal support and working closely with other professionals to provide connected, end to end services. Focus areas include commercial law, technology law, artificial intelligence governance, and data privacy compliance.

2022 - Current (Part-Time)**WASPA****Adjudicator and Appeal Panellist**

Responsible for adjudicating disputes and assisting in reviewing and redrafting the Association's Code of Conduct to enhance regulatory compliance. Responsible for reviewing complaints that have not been resolved through mediation and issuing binding legal decisions.

2022 - Current (Part-Time)**Internet Service Providers' Association (ISPA)****Adjudicator and Appeal Panel Panellist**

Responsible for adjudicating disputes and assisting in reviewing and redrafting the Association's Code of Conduct to enhance regulatory compliance.

The Association is a South African internet industry regulatory body and voluntary organisation representing more than 150 internet service providers. It has influenced telecommunications policy since 1996 and has contributed to legislation such as the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act, the Consumer Protection Act, and the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa Amendment Act.

Website: <https://ispa.org.za>

2020 - 2022 (Full-Time)**Diale Mogashoa Attorneys****Associate**

A firm specialising in litigation and regulation involving bodies that exercise public powers or perform public functions. Practice areas included commercial and general litigation, arbitration and mediation, labour law litigation, personal injury claims, and administrative public law.

- Clients included major South African state-owned enterprises and regulatory bodies such as Airports Company South Africa, the Passenger Rail Agency of South Africa, Transnet SOC Ltd, Transnet Port Authority, the University of South Africa, the Government Employees Pension Fund, the Strategic Fuel Fund, the National Lotteries Commission, and the Central Energy Fund.
- Conducted legal research, drafted contracts and pleadings, liaised with clients, briefed counsel, and represented clients in court on summary and default judgments.
- Managed more than one hundred litigious matters, ran the commercial property practice portfolio for Mowana Properties (Public Investment Corporation) in Cape Town and Durban, recovered arrear rentals, argued summary judgment and ejectment matters, and facilitated negotiations and settlements.

- Assisted in drafting new regulations for the National Lotteries Commission and provided legal opinions on compliance.

Website: <http://frankbiccari.co.za/>

2018 - 2019 (full-time)

Straughan Incorporated Attorneys

Candidate Attorney

Responsible for procuring more than forty property transfers from estate agencies and generating additional litigation work through business development. Trained in the LexisConvey system and managed property transfers end-to-end, including data capture, rates clearance applications, transfer duty submissions, document drafting, and client consultations. Assisted with family law and litigation matters and worked directly with advocates in preparation for court. Supported property development projects, including awarding architectural contracts. Trained estate agents on Financial Intelligence Centre Act compliance and deeds of sale, responded to weekly queries, and contributed to research articles on property trends and new legislation.

Education

2025 - Current

PhD Candidate in Constitutional and University of Cape Town

Public Law

- Thesis in the regulation of human genetic engineering using moral philosophy, constitutional law, and international law.
- Scholarships: UCT full-funding, UCT Excellence in Law Scholarship (merit) and the KW Johnston Bequest (merit).

2023 - 2024

University of New England, Sydney

- Australia Law subjects: conversion
- Equity and Trusts

2023 - 2024

Charles Sturt University, Sydney

- Australia Law subjects: conversion
- Constitutional law
- Property Law
- International Commercial Arbitration.
- Thesis: Mediation of Medical Negligence Disputes in Public Hospitals.

2026

Saïd Business School, University of Oxford
AI, Justice, and the Rule of Law Course

2021

Stellenbosch University
Masters of Laws in International Alternative Dispute Resolution (LLM)
Mediation, Advanced Employment Rights, Construction Arbitration, and Specialised Dispute Resolution Tools.

2016

University of Witwatersrand
Bachelor of Laws (LLB)

2014

University of Witwatersrand
Bachelor of Arts (BA Psychology)

Training

2026

Ai, Justice, and the Rule of Law Course
Saïd Business School, University of Oxford

2023

University of Pretoria
Compliance Management Course

2023

Law Society of South Africa (LEAD)
Practical Management Course

2018

LexisNexis South Africa
Lexis Convey Training

2016

LEAD Course: Practical Legal Training (Full-Time)

- The course is equivalent to a year of articles, and involved weekly tests, moot court, and training in practice-orientated areas of law.
- The course consists of 400 notional hours, with lectures, practical examinations and drafting.

Volunteer Work

2024 - Current

Legal Practitioner at Probono.org

2023 - Current

Judicial Care Officer at Legal Aid

- Legal support for vulnerable communities.

2017

Legal Volunteer at Probono.org and Constitutional Hill (Divorce Law Clinic)

- Assisted with legal research and legal opinions.

2015

Volunteer at the University of Witwatersrand Family Law Clinic