

# CURRICULUM VITAE

## ADVOCATE MCEBISI SOLOMZI LERAISA

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### ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- Deferred Studies: **Master of Laws with Specialisation in Private Law (Coursework) (LLM)**  
UNIVERSITY OF FREE STATE
- Coursework and Research: Passed all coursework modules and Legal Research Methodology (Left to submit the mini-dissertation in order to comply with the requirements for the Degree) I intend to submit the mini-dissertation during the 2027 Academic year.
- Qualifications Completed: **Bachelor of Laws (LLB), 2020**  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
- National Diploma Legal Assistance, 2009**  
TSHWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
- 1 Year Certificate Course (CRIMINAL JUSTICE SYSTEM), 2004**  
TSWANE UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY
- 1 Year Course in Law for the Music Industry (Passed with distinction) 2021**  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
- 1 Year Certificate in Pension Funds Law 2023**  
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH AFRICA
- Postgraduate Certificate in Legislative Drafting 2021**  
UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
- Courses Attended: **Workplace Diversity Management Training**  
Health and Welfare Sector Education and Training Authority

## **ACHIEVEMENTS AND MILESTONES**

- Presided as a Judge at the University of the Witwatersrand Criminal Moot Court Competition for the year 2025.
- Presided as a Judge at the National Schools Moot Court competition for the year 2011/2012.
- Recipient of the postgraduate 'Top Up' Bursary in the 2021 academic year to the value of **R30 000** from the ***South African Journal on Human Rights***, University of the Witwatersrand.

## **MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

- Member of the Legal Practice Council
- Member of the Pan African Bar Association of South Africa
- Member of the Young AFSA (Arbitration Foundation of South Africa)
- Door Member PABASA Hyde Park Chambers

## **WORK EXPERIENCE**

**AWAITING ADMISSION AS ADVOCATE OF THE HIGH COURT OF LESOTHO (PASSED BAR EXAMINATIONS AND ORAL EXAMINATIONS ADMINISTERED BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF LESOTHO)**

**31 JANUARY 2025 to Date, ADMITTED AND PRACTISING AS AN ADVOCATE OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA**

**1 JANUARY 2023 – 30 MAY 2024 PUPIL ADVOCATE, Johannesburg Society of Advocates**

Underwent pupillage at the Johannesburg Society of Advocates

**1 July 2021 – 31 December 2021, RESEARCH ASSISTANT, University of Free State**

- Conduct research on the liability of traditional healers for medical malpractice and;

- Criminal liability for bullying in South African schools.

**1 March 2021 – 31 March 2021, RESEARCHER, South African Human Rights Commission**

Conduct research on the impact of corruption on human rights with a particular focus on sustaining the anti-corruption momentum in the wake of the State Capture Commission.

Provide research support to the Research Unit and the office of the Chief Executive Officer.

**20 January 2020 – 28 February 2021, PARALEGAL, Judicial Commission of Inquiry into State Capture**

Liaise with Evidence Leaders to plan, paginate and make available the required witness bundles for Public Hearings.

Ensure that Evidence Leaders can easily access bundles, transcripts and exhibits from the Legal Library and the Commissions website.

Member of the Library Committee chaired by a Senior Counsel.

**1 January 2019 – 15 December 2019, MANAGER: CORPORATE SERVICES, Commission of inquiry into the Public Investment Corporation**

Provide administrative, strategic planning and operational and research support to the Commission.

Responsible for procurement of the Commission and ensure compliance with PFMA and Treasury regulations.

Prepare, monitor budget and minimize fruitless expenditure.

Manage acquisition, contracts, logistics, assets, demand, disposal and institutionalization of proper SCM practices.

Approve payments and conclude contracts and service level agreements on behalf of the Commission.

Seconded by the Secretary of the Commission to be part of a delegation chaired by Chairperson of the Commission to appoint a Senior Attorney to assist with editing the Commission's final report to be submitted to the President.

**1 June 2016 – 30 September 2018, ASSISTANT RESEARCHER AND MEMBER OF THE TASK TEAM, South African Board for Sheriffs**

Investigating and conduct research into the viability of Sheriff's offices in serving court processes.

Considering division and subdivision of service areas based on Sheriffs income.

Attend meetings with Task Team members and officials of the Department of Justice and Constitutional Development.

Drafting letters to Sheriffs, the Board, Registrars, Court Managers and liaising with the Municipal Demarcation Board, Municipalities and Statistics South Africa.

**1 July 2015 – 31 May 2016, ASSISTANT RESEARCHER AND MEMBER OF THE TASK TEAM, Department of Justice and Constitutional Development (Traditional Courts Bill)**

I was part of a Task Team and a research resource on the establishment of Traditional Courts in South Africa. The Task Team sought to institutionalize Traditional Courts and come up with a traditional dispute resolution mechanism in rural areas seeking to enhance access to justice and alleviate case backlogs in the formal court system.

The Task Team from time to time attended consultative meetings with Traditional Leaders, members of the Civil Society, officials from Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs Department (COGTA)

I conducted research in the following areas to form part of the Bill:

- contentious concerns raised by Civil Society that if the Bill is passed it would disadvantage vulnerable groups, women, children and the disabled
- legal representation during proceedings of Traditional Courts
- Powers of Traditional Leaders in the Traditional Justice System
- Alignment of Traditional Justice System with the Constitution of South Africa
- Role of the National and Provincial Houses of Traditional Leaders

**1 January 2012 – 30 June 2015, RESERACHER, Arms Procurement Commission (Arms Deal Commission)**

Preparing summaries of written submissions and assess those submissions. Conduct research and collate information, case law and legislation for the Commissioners, the research unit and the evidence leaders.

Index, pagination, ensuring that witness bundles are made available to all participants during Public Hearings and take detailed notes during public hearings and meetings.

**1 July 2011 – 31 December 2011, ASSISTANT RESEARCHER: Legal Practice Bill**

I was part of a Team tasked to conduct research on the Legal Practice Bill, which culminated in the Legal Practice Act.

The research was aimed at assisting the Department of Justice to come up with a mode on how to regulate the South African legal profession. The main focus was entry into the profession, gender representation, silk conferment criteria and the broader concept of the Bar system.

**RESEARCH INTERN, South African Board for Sheriffs and Department of Justice and Constitutional Development – 1 March 2010 – 31 December 2011 (The first 10 months I was contracted by the SA Board for Sheriffs (1 March 2010 – 15 December 2010) , thereafter I was contracted by the Department of Justice (1 January 2011 – 30 June 11)**

Conduct research on the viability of sheriff's service areas.

Make copies and maintain a proper filing system for the Task Team.

Under the guidance of the Chairperson draft letters to the board, respective clerks, registrars and court managers.

Travelling to various courts to obtain information as and when required by the Chairperson of the Task Team.

**REFERENCES**