

CURRICULUM VITAE OF ADV. MATSOBANE GABRIEL MELLO

PERSONAL DETAILS

Names	Matsobane Gabriel
Surname	Mello
Marital Status	Married
Gender	Male
Race	Black
Citizenship	South African
Date of birth	
Dependents	Two
Criminal offence	None
Health condition	Excellent
Religion	Christian
Home language	Northern Sotho
Driver's license	Code 10 (C1)
Other languages	English, Setswana, IZI –Venda, Afrikaans & IZI- Zulu

MATRICULATION DETAILS

Highest Standard passed - Standard 10 (Grade-12)
Year passed -1998
Name of the school -Segopotjie High School
Examination Department -Limpopo

EDUCATION AND TERTIARY QUALIFICATION

- LLB (Law) Degree- :University of Pretoria
- Bachelor of Policing Practice-(SBS)Majoring (Crime Prevention Management & Police Management)
- Corporate and Ethics Governance-University of Pretoria
- Introduction to Trial Advocacy -:BLA- Legal Education Centre
- Engineering and Construction International Contract NEC-:Time Cost Quality Strategies-TCQ
- Advanced Business Writing Skills -: Renaissance Conference And Organizers

- Basic Computer –:Ms Word, Ms Exel, PowerPoint and Outlook- :LEAD
- Advanced Computer skills -Complus Training

TRAINING/COURSES ATTENDED

- Induction Programme for Boards of Public Entities (**Changing the Narrative of Governance in Public Entities**) from- National School of Government of South Africa
- BEC-Bid Evaluation Committee Training–From Purco-Purchasing Consortium Southern Africa NPC
- Capricorn District Municipal Planning Tribunal Training –from Limpopo Province: Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (Spatial Planning and Land Use Management)
- Consumer Protection Act Training –from Execu Prime Academy
- National Credit Act, Regulations and Complaints handling Training NCR From (National Credit Regulator)
- Advanced driving –Successfully Completed –From North West Professional drivers Academy (Department of Community Safety & Transport Management)
- School of Law /Legal Practice –From LEAD
- Customer Care – From Gauteng Department of Public Transport, Road and Works

ADMISSION AND AUTHORIZATION TO PRACTICE AS AN ADVOCATE OF THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA

•Admitted as an Advocate by the High Court of South Africa on the 21 /09/ 2009-
See the attached High Court Order

ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CONFERENCES (NO-1-2020 HELD BY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMER LAW

Date: 25 September 2020

(1) Conference of Impact of Covid on Consumers: 25 September 2020 11.00 – 15.00
(UK) 30 minutes break at 12.30 Join Zoom

Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/91594802163> Meeting ID: 915 9480 2163

Session 1: 11-12.30

Peter Cartwright, Professor of Consumer Protection Law, University of Nottingham,
“Taxonomy of Consumer Vulnerability after Covid-19”.

Shirish Deshpande, Chairman - MGP India, "Flight and Holiday Cancellations due to Pandemic".

Patricia Suarez, Presidenta Asufin, "Spain and Covid".

12.30-13.00 Break

Session 2: 13.00-14.30

Giorgi Amiranashivi, Visiting Lecturer at Ivane Javakhishvili Tbilisi State University; Assistant Professor at Tbilisi Open University; Senior Research Scientist at European University, "Measures for Consumer Protection Implemented by the Government of Georgia During Covid-19".

Kristen Purcell, Chief Research Officer Consumer Report, "Financial Impact of Covid".

Judith Fox. Clinical Professor of Law, Notre Dame Law School, "Consumer Housing Issues".

Prof. Me. Afonso Carvalho de Oliva, Mestre em Direitos Humanos, Universidade Tiradentes, "The Brazilian emergency Income Aid bailout and post-COVID-19 consumers surveillance".

Session 3: 14.30-15.00 Open Forum

**(2) ATTENDED INTERNATIONAL CONSUMER LAW CONFERENCE –NO2
-2020 HELD BY INTERNATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF CONSUMER LAW**

Date : 01 October 2021

01 October 2020 11.00 (UK) – Join Zoom Meeting <https://zoom.us/j/98806880598>
Meeting ID: 988 0688 0598

Catalin-Gabriel Stanescu, Assistant Professor / Marie Curie Fellow, University of Copenhagen, "Abusive Debt Collection Practices in EU".

Ashok Patil, Chair of Consumer Law and Practice, National Law School of India University Nagarbhavi, Bangalore, "Indian Consumer Protection Act, 2019: New Changes".

Mateja Durovic, Reader in Contract and Commercial Law, King's College London, "Modernisation of EU Consumer Law".

**(3) ATTENDED UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA INTERNATIONAL
CONSUMER LAW CONFERENCE 2022 HELD AT UNIVERSITY OF
PRETORIA-SA**

Date: 15.16 &17 September 2022

International consumer law Experts around the world were present

The following topics were presented and discussed during the conference

General consumer protection, financial consumer protection, credit law, E-commerce and online consumers. Furthermore, the following two new research stream for postgraduate were introduced

- Food law, Food Safety law and Food Security law

TOP CASES REPRESENTED CLIENTS IN SOUTH AFRICAN COURTS

- Agnes Sithole and Another Vs Minister of Justice & Correctional Services & Another –CC23/20 – Constitutional Court of the RSA
- National Consumer Commission Vs T.D Motor Mania(Pty)Ltd/ta Inspecta – Gezina-NCT/173695/2020/73(2)(b) National Consumer Tribunal (High Court)
- **I have delivered judgements/decisions as Presiding officer /chairperson in different Tribunal in South Africa and are available on request**

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP

- Member of the Gauteng Legal Practice Council- Practice No: 28288
- Member of the International Association of Consumer Law

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE – BOARD / COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS /PROFESSIONAL EXTERNAL EXPERT APPOINTMENTS

- (1) Appointed as Member of the Audit Committee of the Lekwa Local Municipality (Mpumalanga Province) From 01 February 2020 To 31 January 2023
- (2) Appointed as Chairperson of the Bid Evaluation Committee of the Vaal University of Technology (Gauteng Province) From 01 June 2020 To 31December 2022
- (3) Appointed as External legal Expert of the Bid Adjudication Committee (BAC) of the Vaal University of Technology (Gauteng Province) from 01 June 2020 To 31 December 2022
- (4) .Appointed as Member (Presiding Member) of the Capricorn District Municipal Planning Tribunal (Limpopo Province) from 01September 2020 To 30 August 2022
- (5) Appointed as Chairperson of the Appeal Committee of (CBE) Council for Built Environment. from 01 May 2022 to 30 April 2023

CURRENT BOARD / COMMITTEES APPOINTMENTS /PROFESSIONAL EXTERNAL EXPERT APPOINTMENTS

- (1)Appointed as Council Member and Chairperson of the Appeal Committee of the Provincial Heritage Resources Authority (PHRA) by the (MEC) Gauteng

- Department of Sport, Arts, Culture and Recreation From 01 March 2021 until today
- (2) Appointed as Council Member of the First Gauteng College of Nursing Council (GCON) by the (MEC) Gauteng Department of Health) From 15 January 2021 until Today
- (a) Member of the Executive Committee (GCON)
- (b) Member of the Appeal Committee-(GCON)
- (c) Member of the Recruitment and Selection Committee of the Executive Positions (GCON)
- (d) Member of the Risk and Audit Committee(GCON)
- (e) Deputy Chairperson of the Students Affairs Committee(GCON)
- (3) Appointed as Member of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA) and I have been appointed as Commercial Mediator and Arbitrator (Gauteng Province) –From 17 February 2015 until today
- (4) Appointed as Member of the Audit and Risk Committee by the North West Gambling board from 01 May 2022 until today
- (5) Appointed as Chairperson of the Appeal Committee of (CBE) Council for Built Environment. (Second term) from 01 July 2023 until today
- (6) Appointed as Member of the Office of Disclosure by the National Minister of Human Settlements and Cabinet Concurred with the appointment on the 22 July 2022 (from) until today and Chairperson of Stakeholder Engagement
- (a) Member of the Legal Task Team
- (b) Chairperson of the Consumer Education Awareness and Stakeholder Engagement
- (7) Appointed as Alternative Chairperson of the Valuation Appeal Board: City of Ekurhuleni Municipality by the MEC: Cooperative and Traditional Affairs: Gauteng Province (from) 01 October 2022 until today
- (8). Appointed as Alternative Chairperson of the Valuation Appeal Board : **Emfuleni Local Municipality** by the MEC: Cooperative and Traditional Affairs: Gauteng Province (from) 01 October 2022 until today
- (9). Appointed as Member of the Anti-doping Appeal Board (South African Institute for Drug –Free Sport by the National Minister of Sport, Arts and Culture from 01 December 2022 until today
- (10). Appointed as Deputy Chairperson of Municipal Planning Tribunal by the Madibeng local Municipality (North West Province) from 21 November 2022 until today
- (11) Appointed as Chairperson of Municipal Planning Tribunal by the Molemole local Municipality (Limpopo Province) from 01 July 2023 until today

(12) Appointed as member of Pricing Committee by the National Minister of Health from 01 January 2024 until today

(a) Member of the Research, Communication and Policy Review Task Team

(b) Member of the Pharma –Economic /International Benchmarking Task Team

(c) Member of the Regulation 18 Application

(13) Appointed as Member of the Bid Evaluation Committee of the Vaal University of Technology (Gauteng Province) From 01 January 2024 until today

(A)CURRENT -EMPLOYMENT -GAUTENG DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT: PROVINCIAL SPECIALISED CONSUMER COURT

- Employer: Gauteng Provincial Department of Economic Development Provincial Consumer Court
- From : 01 August 2023 Until today
- Position: Presiding Member of the Specialized Provincial Consumer Court

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Presiding/Adjudicating in the Specialized Consumer Affairs Court on Consumer Protection law matters between Consumers and Service Providers /Companies or Businesses in the Province of Gauteng

(B)CURRENT EMPLOYMENT -(SELF EMPLOYED)

- Self-Employed as Practising Advocate /Legal Practitioner of the High Court of South Africa (Gauteng Province)
- From 01 July 2019 until today

Practicing in the following field of law

- Representing Clients in Criminal and Civil Litigation in the High Court and Magistrate Court, Practising on the following field of Law
- Consumer Protection law/Consumer law, Investigation of Unfair Business Practice, Heritage law, Competition law,

- Construction law, Procurement law, Town Planning & Development law, Regulatory law, Corporate Governance & Ethics, Credit law,
- Banking law, Commercial & Corporate law, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) (Conciliation, Mediation and Arbitration),
- Medical law, Customary law, Property law, Sectional Title law
- law of Contract, labour law, Pension law, Insurance law, Constitutional law, Human Rights, Administrative law and Drafting of Investigations Reports
- •Neutral Chairing of Disciplinary Hearing and Facilitator, Representing clients in CCMA, Appeals, Labour Court, Company Tribunal,
- National Consumer Tribunal, Provincial Consumer Affairs Court, National Consumer Commission, Rental Housing Tribunal,
- CSOS- Tribunal, ICASA-CCC, Financial Services Tribunal and Various Administrative Tribunals

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY NO (1)

- Position : Consumer Court Manager
- Personal no
- Directorate : Provincial Consumer Affairs
- Unit : Consumer Court and Enforcement
- Name of the Employer: North West -Department of Economy and Enterprise Development
- Starting date from 01 April 2017 to 31 June 2019 – Resignation
- Reason for Termination – Promotion & to run a Private legal Practice / law Practice in Gauteng Province (Self-Employed as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Managing the Communication and relations with the internal and external stakeholders
- Attending to logistical arrangements for Consumer Court Sitings
- Managing of Provincial Consumer Court assets and Preforming Secretary Services
- Managing the Administration of the Provincial Consumer Court Support Operations
- Performing all the functions of the Clerk of the Consumer Court

- Coordinate all Processes that initiate Court proceedings in the provincial consumer court, Issuing of subpoenas to witnesses, drafting of legal documents such as , typing of Court Orders,
- drafting settlement agreements , Issuing of summons, enforcing of court orders

- Conduct research to keep abreast of latest advances in Consumer Protection laws, regulations, policies and regulatory bodies

- Ensuring that Consumers obtain redress as per Court orders, follow up on payments , administering Appeal and review processes
- Ensuring that legal documents served are paginated for Court sessions and performing office administrative functions
- Ensure that files are Properly filed and arranged sequentially and obtain transcripts for recordings
- Establishing the performance standards applicable to the Consumer Court
- Liaising with different stakeholders such as Consumer Court Presiding officers, Magistrate Court Presiding Officers, Consumer Protector, legal practitioners, Public, Plaintiff, Defendant, Senior Investigators, Interpretation service, SAPS, Security officers, all municipalities within the North West Province, sheriff of the Court and attending stakeholders' meetings
- Carrying out an evaluation of the Compliance of the Court and making sure that the court roll is properly drafted and Cases are set down for trial
- In consultation with the stakeholders of the Court, prepare reports and update
- Ensuring that Case Register Systems and Core Systems are established and function effectively such as Case Management System
- Ensuring that reports on statistics on all aspects of the functioning of the Court are Compiled and reported accurately and promptly
- Ensuring that reports on statistics are duly Completed and provided as required
- Ensuring that the Court meets standard as defined in the relevant Act
- Provide any other duties and responsibilities as required by Director or Consumer Protector
- Travelling Extensively

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (2)

- Position : Assistant Director
- Personal no :
- Directorate : Provincial Consumer Affairs
- Unit : Consumer Complaints Handling and Investigation
- Name of the Employer :Department of Economic Development, Tourism and Environmental Affairs (KZN-Province)
- Starting date - From 01 August 2012 until 31 March 2017
- Reason for Termination - Promotion

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Conduct Investigation into complaints from the public into serious and unfair business practices and unlawful infringement of Consumer rights
- Gather all relevant Information pertaining Investigations
- Categorise Complaints according to their significance and seriousness
- Resolving Complaints between Consumers and Service Providers in terms of the Consumer Protection Act, Rental Housing Act, KZN-Consumer Protection Act, National Credit Act and other related legislation through Conciliation and Mediation (ADR)-Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Conduct research to keep abreast of latest advances in Consumer Protection legislations, regulations, policies and regulatory bodies
- Refer matters not falling under the jurisdiction of the Provincial Consumer Affairs to appropriate bodies or Consumer Court and Tribunals and inform the Complainant of such referral
- Performing Customer Care Satisfaction Survey and Customer service Management
- Consultation with public in Consumer law /Consumer Protection law matters, opening and Closing of files, general office administration
- Provide progress reports to both parties about the determination made and resolution of Complaints
- Drafting of Investigation reports for submission to Compliance and Enforcement unit
- Attending Inspection, and external meetings on behalf of Complainants for the speedy resolution of Consumer Complaints
- Assist with Consumer education to public and awareness projects and Campaigns (outreach programmes or Consumer Capacity building)
- Providing legal advice to Consumers in Commercial law such as Credit law, Consumer law, Property law, Business law, Insurance law, law of Contract such as Credit agreement, Cell phone Contract, Lease agreement, Transport Contract, deeds of sale, Insurance Contract, and Loan agreement, Memorandum of understanding, Service level agreement and drafting of settlements agreements
- Adherence to the service delivery guidelines and batho Pele principles
- Liaising with different stakeholders such as Municipalities, NHBRC, Competition Commission, Council for Medical Schemes, Community schemes Ombud service, Various Medical Scheme, Short-term Ombudsman, Long-term Ombudsman, ICASA, NCT, HPCSA, Kwazulu-Natal Rental Tribunal, FAIS, SAPS, FSB, NCR, NCC, Legal Aid of SA, Magistrate Courts, Pension fund Adjudicator, Tax Ombudsman, Ombudsman for banking sector and etc.
- Provide any other duties and responsibilities as required by Deputy Director or Director
- Liaise with communities and Developing partnerships with business regulators
- Prepare and submit monthly, quarterly and annual reports timeously
- Report trends to the education team

Extensive Knowledge

- Public Sector, Private Sector, Computer, Research, Contract Management
- PFMA and Its Regulations, Housing Consumer Measures Act, Competition Act, Prevention of organised crime act ,Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act ,MFMA, FICA ,Debt Collector Act ,Investigation Methodologies, Criminal Procedure Act ,Criminal Justice System in South Africa, Social Security Law and Retirement law , Commercial law , Constitutional law,Civillian Secretariat for Police Service Act , FICA, SAPS Act, Domestic Violence Act ,Firearm Control Act, Investigation Process, Law of Evidence, National Crime Prevention strategy, White Paper on Safety and Security ,White Paper on Policing ,KZN- liquor Act, The Community Schemes Ombud Services Act and Its regulations
- Consumer Protection Act (National as well as Provincial) Company Act, Rental Housing Act, legal practitioners Act, Medicines and related substances Act, Pharmacy Act
- National Credit Act, king II, III Report, Corporate Governance, Competition Act, Access to Information Act, Promotion of Administrative Justice Act, National lotteries Act
- Employment Equity Act, Pension Funds Act, Basic Conditions of Employment Act, Labour Relation Act, and etc.

Skills

- Ability to operate advance computer and to Interpret Legislation in order to make legal arguments to reach an impeccable conclusion
- Communicate at all level and work under pressure, Interpersonal relations
- Planning and organizing, analytical thinking
- Investigation, Conflict management, Time management
- Diplomacy, development and facilitation skills
- Business planning and project management, presentation and report writing skills, leadership and capacity building
- Ability to outsource, analyse and provide data and statistics in dynamic manner, team-oriented environment, effective event management, Negotiation
- Trial advocacy, Advisory skills

Values

- Integrity
- Loyalty
- Punctuality
- Professionalism
- Analytical
- Honesty

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (3)

- Name of the Employer – (Self-Employed) Practising as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa
- Duration –from 01 April 2012 to 30 July 2012

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Representing Clients in Criminal and Civil Litigation in the High court and Magistrate Court, drafting legal opinion on the following field of law, law of Contract, commercial law, labour law, Consumer law, Corporate law, Insurance law, Pension law, Constitutional law and Administrative law, Drafting of Investigation reports
- Neutral chairing of disciplinary hearing, Specialist Mediator, Arbitrator and facilitator, Representing Employees in CCMA, Appeals, Labour Court and at various Administrative Tribunals

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (4)

- Name of the Employer- Department of Justice and Constitutional Development Limpopo Province (Magistrate Court-Bela Bela)
- Personal no - :22755594
- Position - :Administration Clerk
- Duration - :From 01 April 2009 until 30 March 2012
- Reason for Termination - :looking for challenging Position

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Liaising with Magistrates, Prosecutors, Legal representatives, Police Officers and other Public Officials regarding Criminal and Civil matters
- Assisting with office administration in the criminal section
- Maintenance of criminal record books and charge sheets
- Writing and tracing of summonses
- Writing of witness fees books
- Completion and issuing of arrest warrants, declaration of unfitness or notification in terms of the firearms control Act 60 of 2000 and section 35 of the national road traffic Act 93 of 1996
- Provide administrative support in general court and case flow management
- Filling of case documents, charge sheets and court documents
- Perform digital recording of court proceeding and ensure integrity of such records
- Operate and provide support to court systems e.g. case management systems (CMS), video remands, document scanning, data capturing, etc.
- Provide any other administrative support as required by judiciary, court manager and supervisor

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (5)

- Name of the Employer -: Marivate Attorneys, Conveyances and Notaries (Gauteng province)
- Position - : Candidate Attorney
- Duration -: 1 year from 22 October 2006 to 22 October 2007 (Contract)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Representing clients in civil and criminal court, CCMA, arbitration, labour bargaining council and other tribunals, handling civil litigation in high court
- Briefing of Advocates and liaising with private Attorneys in litigation matters, researching in legal matters, providing legal advice on property law, family law, labour law and commercial law
- Drafting of representation for liquor licenses, drafting settlements, registering of trusts and transferring of property
- Administration of deceased estate, curatorship
- Debt collection, drafting contracts such as lease agreement, building contract and many more, Road Accident fund claims, issuing summons and warrants
- Handling of in and out coming calls
- Opening of files and general office administration

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY (6)

Name of the Employer -: Department of Public Transport, Road and Work (Gauteng province)

Directorate -: Legal Services

Personal no -

Position -: Legal Administration Officer (Internship Programme)

Duration -: 1 year from 19 November 2007 to 20 November 2008 (Contract)

DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- Drafting legal opinions, researching
- Handling civil litigation in magistrate court and High Court
- Handling investigations and instruct tracing agents
- Drafting and editing contracts, advising provincial public road and transport legal entities, dealing with motor vehicle accidents claims, writing off losses and debts owed to the state in terms of Treasury Regulations and PFMA, Labour law matters
- Liaising with the State Attorneys and private Attorneys regarding litigation matters, Conveyancing matters, Consult with Advocates and advising the department on the legal issues and attending consultation, knowledge of the promotion of access to information Act 2 of 2000 and its application, PAJA

REFERENCES

(1) Name: Mr L Rabotani (Attorney)

(2) Name: Mr J. Nkomo (Attorney)

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(3) Ms I.S Masetloa

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(4) Name: Mr M. Mokgobu (Attorney)

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