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### ***General Legal Overview***

#### ***Common Law Attorney / Legal Officer / Legal Counsel / Relationship Manager / Legal Project Manager***

Eighteen plus years' of extensive litigation and dispute resolution experience in the Arbitration, Mediation (Alternative Dispute Resolution - "ADR") and as a Litigation / Trial Attorney (Magisterial District & Regional Courts, High Courts in multiple jurisdictions and The South African Constitutional Court). In-depth negotiation of commercial transactions, contracts and commercial operational agreements. Managing outside counsel, litigation project management with extensive cross-boarder knowledge of current legal requirements, regulations for corporation compliance in a number of niche industries.

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### ***Information and Communications Technology (ICT)***

Twenty-Five plus years' of in-depth advanced working knowledge of the ICT industry, including primary data generation, processing and analytics, effect and result. A working knowledge of the international ICT compliance environment, from a commercial and governmental policy implementation standpoint, with working experience in strategic processing development and system integration / implementation. Expert working knowledge of commercial regulatory frameworks and functionalities, both local and international.

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### ***Summary of Professional Employment History***

Watson Law Incorporated, Gauteng, Pretoria, South Africa - Managing Director	2013 - Present
Legal Practice Council (LPC South Africa/Gauteng) / Law Society of South Africa (LSSA), Gauteng, Pretoria, South Africa	2020 - Present
Parental Alienation Foundation of South Africa (Non-Profit Organisation), Gauteng, Pretoria, South Africa	2018 - Present
The Watson Group (Pty) Ltd, Gauteng, Pretoria, South Africa - Managing Director/Project Manager	2013 - Present
Brooks & Luyt Incorporated Attorneys, Gauteng, Johannesburg, South Africa - Senior Associate/Attorney–Head of Legal Department	2010 - 2013
Nadeem Mahomed Attorneys, Gauteng, Johannesburg, South Africa - Senior Associate/Attorney	2010
Barnard Incorporated Attorneys, Gauteng, Pretoria, South Africa - Candidate Attorney/Associate/ Senior Associate/ Attorney	2004 - 2010

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***Additional Working Experience & History  
Non-Legal / Consulting***

**Fitbox (Pty) Ltd, Gauteng, Pretoria, South Africa:** Managing Director/Marketing Director  
**Legal Advisor/Legal Claims Handler:** Legalex (Pty) Ltd,  
**National Marketing Manager:** Legalex (Pty) Ltd,  
**Free Lance Contributor:** Future Publishing (Automobil),  
**Regional Corporate Marketing Manager:** Smart Directories (Pty) Ltd (Kzn),  
**Corporate IT Sales Consultant:** Mercedes Data-Core (Pty) Ltd (Gauteng),  
**Corporate IT Sales Consultant and Marketing Manager:** Ariel Toshiba (Pty) Ltd,  
**Floor / Corporate IT Sales Representative:** Incredible Connection (Connection Group)

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***Education and Credentials***

**Master of Laws – LLM (International Trade, Commercial and Arbitration Law) (with merit)**  
University of Essex – Colchester, United Kingdom (Top Postgraduate Law Student of the Year - 2021)

**Bachelor of Law Degree - LLB (Legum Baccalareus) - University of South Africa (UNISA) – Pretoria, South Africa**

**Operational Risk Management - University of South Africa (UNISA) – Pretoria, South Africa**

**Fundamentals of Banking Law - University of South Africa (UNISA) – Pretoria, South Africa**

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***Proficiencies  
Information Technology***

Microsoft Windows OS (95-v10 – Home & Pro); Microsoft Word, Excel, Outlook, Publisher, FrontPage; Ubuntu, Linux (OS), Mint / OpenOffice / LibreOffice; Pastel Accounting / Acc-Pack / MS Quick Books/ QuickBooks / Palladium Accounting; Proprietary Multimedia Software/ Brice 3D/ Photoshop 4-8/ 3D Studio Max / Composer / Director / HTML / CSS / Google Wed Designer / WordPress; Retail Stock Control/ Point-of-Sale (POS) software / Retail Credit Card Terminals / Microsoft System Administrator, Linux (Server Administration), Network integration, Development & Administration.

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***Current Professional Associations / Memberships***

**Member of the Legal Practice Council Examination Board - 2020/'21/'22/'23**  
**Member in Good Standing - Legal Practice Council (LPC – Gauteng) - 2004 - Present**  
**Law Society of South Africa (LSNP & LSSA)**  
**Legal Practitioner with Right of Appearance in the High Court of South Africa**

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