

Dear Sir

Please find under cover hereof, my abridged curriculum vitae ("CV").

INTRODUCTION

I am presently a part time law student and a full time employee.

I will graduate with an undergraduate LLB from UNISA in June/July 2014. I hope to take articles as early as **July 2014** and as such, I am willing to take an appointment as a candidate attorney for a period of three years.

It seems to me that the larger firms favour graduates from the traditional academic universities such as UCT, Wits and Stellenbosch. However, as you will see below, I believe that my previous experience in business and as a compliance consultant will mitigate against any perceived disadvantage I may suffer as a UNISA graduate.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

After having sold my online business, I joined my father's company, Providus Compliance Consulting ("Providus"), as an employee in **May 2010** and have been employed there to date. Providus provides an outsourced compliance service and specializes in providing compliance services as contemplated in financial services legislation. Providus services about 300 clients on a monthly basis.

As a part of my duties as an employee of Providus, I am required to understand and apply all manner of financial legislation. Details of my duties and achievement at Providus are set out in my CV.

PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE

For a variety of reasons, I have been financially independent since a very young age.

From **2005 to 2009** I cycled as a professional athlete. In 2005, I rode for **Keukens Redant in Belgium** and took part in professional races in **Taiwan, Mauritius and Holland from 2006 to 2009**. I retired from professional sport due to a virus related illness, from which I have made a full recovery. Shortened details of my sporting achievement are set out in my curriculum vitae.

After having retired from professional sport, I launched an online business, *My Daily Supplement*. Within one year the business grew and became Cape Town's largest and South Africa's second largest online health supplement and vitamin retailer. At the time, it listed more than 780 products online. In order to concentrate on my studies, and in light of the fact that the business grew to the size it did, I sold the business.

CONCLUSION

As my CV will reveal, I am a responsible goal driven individual, with a principled, but pragmatic, decision making ability. I believe that short term success is not an indicator of long term achievement. Whilst I enjoy business and my present role as an assistant compliance officer, I would like to practice law.

I have worked hard to achieve distinctions in various subjects and will continue to do so. The results should be understood and measured in the context of my business and employment history. I plan to take my studies further and enroll for an LLM at UCT in order to gain further exposure to aspects of corporate and commercial law not presently available to me.

I believe that I will be a good candidate attorney in a commercial or corporate department, particularly in light of my early assumption of financial independence, personal business experience and my experience as an assistant compliance officer.

Please consider my CV and application for articles in that light.

I look forward to hearing from you

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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Date of birth: 20/05/1988
Nationality: South African
Languages: Afrikaans (speak, read and write fluently)
English (speak, read and write fluently)
Driving license code: B

EDUCATIONAL SUMMARY

01/2008 - present: UNISA
LLB Undergraduate Degree

2/2012 ARGUMENTATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP
Writing workshop presented by University of South Africa focused on argumentative writing skills and creative writing.

2007 - 2008: TRAININGPEAKS (USA CYCLING FEDERATION)
One of few South African coaches to be qualified as an International cycling coach:

- Qualified Level 3 Cycling Coach (National)
- Qualified Level 2 Cycling Coach (International)

2006: NORTHLINK COLLEGE BUSINESS MATRIC
Business Afrikaans
Business English
Office Practice
Business Management & Entrepreneurship
Computer Science
Public Administration

2002 - 2004: DF MALAN HIGH SCHOOL
Grade 8 - 10
Certificate in AB&C of Sport Science and Psychology (3 year course)

WORK EXPERIENCE

05/2010 - present: PROVIDUS COMPLIANCE CONSULTING
Providus provides an outsourced compliance service and specializes in providing compliance services as contemplated in financial services legislation. Providus services about 300 clients on a monthly basis.

Role: Assistant Compliance Officer
Duties: General administrations, attend meetings with clients and FSB, assist in annual compliance reports & Financials, and communicate with FSB regarding the relevant legislation.

Achievements:

- Signed up one of the company's biggest monthly paying clients to date
- Developed a functional communication and storage platform between Providus and its clients, simplifying the monitoring of requirements enforced by the Financial Services Board (FSB)
- Introduced the first Providus fortnightly newsletter and multifunctional website

06/2012

SMITH TABATA BUCHANAN BOYES (TYGERVALLEY)
Assistance to litigation and property department.

12/2011

SMITH TABATA BUCHANAN BOYES (CAPE TOWN)
Vacation programme offered by STBB.

04/2010 - 04/2011:

MY DAILY SUPPLEMENT

Cape Town's largest and South Africa's second largest online health supplement and vitamin retailer, specializing with more than 780 products online.

Role: Founder/Owner/Manager/Developer

Duties: Direct sales and marketing strategies. Introduced new products to the sporting community and oversaw the company financials.

Achievements:

- Achieved 1200% growth in one year before selling the company
- Grew to become South Africa's second largest online health supplement and vitamin retailer

03/2008 - 04/2011:

BIKEMAXPOWER

BikeMaxPower, South Africa's premium sports coaching business.

Role: Head Coach

Duties: Analyzed heart rate graphs and power output data; created an annual training plan and assisted clients achieve their goals.

Achievements:

- Developed a bicycle fitment and science center - assisted more than 700 athletes a year to achieve their goals
- Worked with many National/International athletes
- Was on the SASCOC coaching committee for cycling South Africa

03/2008 - 04/2010:

CYCLE LAB

South Africa's largest cycling retailers

Role: Head of the performance lab for professional athletes

Duties: Created protocols for the performance testing of athletes, lab testing, bicycle fitments and general sales.

Achievements:

- Presented seminars to the public including Virgin Active South Africa

01/2010

GO MULTI MAGAZINE

Go multi Magazine is South Africa's largest multisport magazine.

Role: Cycling Columnist

Duties: Wrote many successful articles for the Gomulti Magazine which was published and distributed to more than 30 000 readers.

AWARDS AND HONOURS

My cycling career took most of my time and dedication. I pushed myself physically and mentally to become one of South Africa's best cyclists. Some of my awards are based around my cycling career:

2010:

- Helped with the organization of one of Cape Town's biggest cycling events, the 99er Cycle Race, and appeared on radio Tygerberg representing the cycle tour
- Successfully helped with the launch of Cycle Lab's 13th cycling store

2009

- Represented South Africa at Tour of Taiwan
- Winner of the youngest rider at Tour of Mauritius (5 day International cycling tour)
- 1st Western Province Championships (road race and Time Trial)

2008

- 13th in the Pick n Pay Cape Argus Cycle Tour (record time of 2h28min)
- Appeared on Goodhope FM after my achievement in the Cape Argus Cycle Tour
- Represented South Africa at the Intaka-Tech UCI (world event) for cycling

2007

- 1st National Championships (Cross country, Mountain Biking)
- Winner of Tour de Boland (u/23)

2006

- Represented South Africa at World Cycling Championships, Belgium
- 1st Western Province road cycling champ, 3rd in Time Trial

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Stock market and investments
- Reading
- Trail running, nature & adventure sports
- Empowering myself with extra knowledge (I'm often referred to as a "knowledge sponge")
- Business ventures and SME's
- Entrepreneurship

Full and comprehensive CV is available on request.

Academic Record

All Results for LLB (U/GRAD)

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Apply to UNISA Contact centre for an official academic record.

View: Display all study units

Exam date	Study unit	Description	Mark	Result
20-10-2008	FLS101V	THE ORIGINS OF SOUTH AFRICAN	62	Passed
16-10-2008	FLS102W	FOUNDATIONS OF SOUTH AFRICAN	61	Passed
28-10-2008	PVL101Q	LAW OF PERSONS	52	Passed
23-10-2008	SCL1014	SKILLS CRSE FOR LAW STUDENTS	60	Passed
27-10-2010	ADL201M	ADMINISTRATIVE LAW	50	Passed
20-10-2010	FUR201F	FUNDAMENTAL RIGHTS	51	Passed
13-10-2011	CIP2601	GEN PRINCIPLES OF CIVIL PROC	52	Passed
09-11-2011	CRW2601	GEN PRINCIP OF CRIMINAL LAW	64	Passed
16-05-2011	CSL2601	CONSTITUTIONAL LAW	67	Passed
06-05-2011	FAC1503	FIN ACC PRINC FOR LAW PRACT	75	Passed with Distinction
24-05-2011	IOS2601	INTERPRETATION OF STATUTES	61	Passed
27-10-2011	MRL2601	ENTREPRENEURAL LAW	65	Passed
17-05-2011	PVL2601	FAMILY LAW	60	Passed
01-11-2011	PVL2602	LAW OF SUCCESSION	58	Passed
14-05-2012	CIP3701	CIVIL PROCEDURE: COURT PROCE	55	Passed
24-05-2012	CMP2601	LAW OF CRIM PROCED: PRE-TRIA	69	Passed
01-11-2012	CMP3701	LAW CRIM PROC:TRI & POST-TR	53	Passed
18-05-2012	CRW2602	CRIM LAW: SPEC CRIME	75	Passed with Distinction
17-05-2012	ENN106J	ENGLISH COMMUNIC FOR LAW	61	Passed
24-10-2012	EVI3701	EVIDENCE: ADMIS OF EVIDENCE	75	Passed with Distinction

23-01-2012	ILW1501	INTRODUCTION TO LAW		Exemption
09-05-2012	IND2601	AFRICAN CUSTOMARY LAW	86	Passed with Distinction
08-11-2012	LJU4802	PROFESSIONAL ETHICS	75	Passed with Distinction
29-10-2012	PVL3701	LAW OF PROPERTY	75	Passed with Distinction
06-11-2012	PVL3703	LAW OF DELICT	98	Passed with Distinction

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REPLACEMENT CERTIFICATE

issued to

MICHAEL MULLER VAN STADEN

Identity number

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Subjects the candidate passed and the symbols obtained:

Office Practice
Small Business Management & Entrepreneurship
Computer Practice
Sake-Afrikaans : Eerste Taal
Business English : Second Language
Public Administration

N3	B	70%-79%
N3	C	60%-69%
N3	E	40%-49%
N3	B	70%-79%
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N3	E	40%-49%

Certificate awarded:

NATIONAL SENIOR CERTIFICATE

(BUSINESS STUDIES : ACC/ADMIN)

With effect from

December 2006

Chief Executive Officer

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To Whom It May Concern:

I wish to recommend Michael van Staden. His performance working as an Assistant Compliance Officer for Providus Compliance Consulting proved that he will be a valuable addition to any company.

I have known Michael for three years in my capacity as Compliance Officer at Providus Compliance Consulting. Michael worked with me on various projects as a consultant, and based on his work, he has excellent written and verbal communication skills, is extremely organized, can work independently and is able to follow through to ensure that the job gets done.

During his tenure at Providus Compliance Consulting, Michael was involved in the monitoring of client's records, communication with the FSB regarding relevant legislation, assisting with compliance reports and providing his expertise in business development.

Michael distinguished himself by consistently submitting exceptionally well-researched and well-written reports on our clients. Michael has good analytical and communication skills.

If his performance in our company is a good indication of how he would perform in yours, he would be an extremely positive asset to your program.

If I can be of any further assistance, or provide you with any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours Sincerely,

Cobus van Schalkwyk

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To whom it may concern,

I know that Michael van Staden has applied for a position as a Candidate Attorney and wanted to write to you to give you the reasons why I can absolutely recommend Michael for this position in your firm.

I have known Michael for 7 years now. We established a very reputable and growing business in the sporting industry; providing clients and high net worth individuals with quality, reliable and professional services. In my time with Michael, I have learned that he is an invaluable member to any team. He constantly strives to achieve and then surpasses any goals set as well as works as a morale booster for the rest of the team. Michael always expresses a willingness to learn, grow and develop himself to the best of his abilities.

I have noticed that Michael is up for anything, never complains about work set before him. I am proud to know Michael, and I know you will be happy to have him as part of your team.

Please contact me if you would like me to answer any questions or give you some specific examples. I am based in Saudi Arabia, so communication via email will suite me better.

Sincerely,

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