

# CURRICULUM VITAE

NAME	<b>GEORGE MILLER</b>
DATE OF BIRTH	5 December 1983
NATIONALITY	South African
EQUITY STATUS	White male
RESIDES	Cape Town, Western Cape
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	<b>Admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa (May 2011)</b>
EDUCATION	<b>University of Witwatersrand / Mandela Institute</b> Certificate in Mineral & Prospecting Rights (2012)  <b>University of Stellenbosch</b> B.Phil in Journalism – <i>cum laude</i> (2011) LLB (2007) B.Com in Law (2005)  <b>Stellenberg High School, Durbanville</b> Matric with A-aggregate & 6 distinctions (2002)
ACHIEVEMENTS	Recipient of the Department of Journalism's award for innovation and creativity Awarded postgraduate degree in journalism, <i>cum laude</i> Awarded Media24 journalism bursary for postgraduate study at Stellenbosch University Included in the dean's merit list (Faculty of Law) as one of the ten students with the highest aggregate Chairman (2007) and member (2006) of Stellenbosch University's student court Member of the editorial committee of <i>Responsa Meridiana</i> , a peer-reviewed student law journal jointly published by Stellenbosch University and University of Cape Town
SYSTEMS EXPERIENCE	<b>Microsoft Office Package, WinDeed, LexisNexis, Jutastat</b>
CAREER HISTORY	
March 2014 – Present	<b>BM ATTORNEYS, Cape Town</b> <b>Consultant</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• BM Attorneys is a young firm with a strong focus on property law and litigation</li><li>• As consultant to BM Attorneys, I advise on matters relating to corporate and commercial law, trusts, the Competition Act, the Consumer Protection Act and succession</li><li>• I also assist with commercial and property-related litigation in the high court</li></ul>
Apr 2013 – Oct 2013	<b>READ HOPE PHILLIPS ATTORNEYS, Melrose Arch, Johannesburg</b> <b>Associate</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Read Hope Phillips is a boutique corporate and commercial law firm with a strong presence in mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, project and development finance and commercial and public law litigation</li><li>• Member of the firm's mergers and acquisitions practice group</li></ul>

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- Also advised on antitrust / competition law matters, including matters involving multi-jurisdictional investigations and merger filings
- Part of the team advising one of South Africa's largest listed pharmaceutical companies (which has operations in various other African jurisdictions as well as in India) in relation to various offers received to acquire the whole or part of its issued share capital, as well as advising it in relation to a potential hostile takeover by one of South Africa's largest industrial conglomerates. The matter *inter alia* involved cross-border due diligence and a potential inward listing on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange
- Responsibilities included: drafting and reviewing agreements (including license, distribution, confidentiality, sale of business and sale of shares, shareholders' and other transactional agreements)
- Drafting opinions, consulting with clients to provide legal and strategic advice
- Conducting due diligence investigations
- Liaising with regulators, most notably the Competition Commission of South Africa and the Takeover Regulation Panel

Nov 2011 – Mar 2013

### **NORTONS INC., Sandton** **Associate**

- Practiced broadly in the regulatory field, principally in antitrust/competition law, including cartel investigations, corporate leniency applications, merger control and merger interventions and general competition litigation before the competition authorities and in various divisions of the High Court of South Africa, as well as the Swaziland High Court

Was *inter alia* involved in the following matters:

- Part of the team that successfully represented a subsidiary of ABSA Group Limited (a member of Barclays Group) in proceedings to review and set aside a government contract for the payment of social grants valued at ZAR10 billion (approximately \$1,2 billion) (see *AllPay Consolidated Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd v Chief Executive of the South African Social Security agency* 2013 JDR 0579 (SCA) and *AllPay Consolidated Investment Holdings (Pty) Ltd v Chief Executive of the South African Social Security Agency* 2012 JDR 1443 (GNP))
- Advising a large publicly traded financial services group in relation to complaints against one of its competitors under the United States Foreign Corrupt Practices Act, the Listing Requirements of the Johannesburg Securities Exchange and the relevant South African anti-corruption and securities legislation
- Advising one of South Africa's largest milling companies in relation to the Competition Commission's much publicized investigation into the milling industry
- Advising a listed media company in defending a challenge to set aside the conditional immunity granted to it in terms of the Competition Commission's corporate leniency policy for its involvement in cartel conduct
- Advising a multinational agrochemical company in relation to its expansion into various African markets (this included a thorough review of its various license agreements)
- Advising in relation to the Competition Commission's investigation into the freight forwarding industry
- Advising in relation to the first attempt under South African law to institute a class action to recoup antitrust damages (see *Children's Resource Centre Trust and Others v Pioneer Food (Pty) Ltd and Others* 2013 (2) SA 213 (SCA) and *Mukaddam and Others v Pioneer Food (Pty) Ltd and Others* 2013 (2) SA 254 (SCA))

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- Advising a client in the petroleum sector in relation to the complaint referral against a bitumen cartel currently before the Competition Tribunal
- Advising an air cargo client in relation to price fixing of fuel surcharges and various other cargo rates
- advising in relation to various competition law audits and due diligences
- Advising clients on a range of cross-border antitrust and regulatory matters through the firm's relationship with leading law firms in various African jurisdictions, including Mauritius, Zambia, Nigeria and Ghana

Jan 2011 – Oct 2011

### **FINMEDIA24, Johannesburg** **Financial Reporter**

- Wrote news reports and features for Sake24 ("Business 24"), the business section in Media24's Afrikaans language newspapers *Beeld*, *Die Burger*, *Rapport* and *Volksblad*, as well as the websites Sake24.com and Fin24.com
- Areas of interest included corporate affairs, corporate governance, business ethics, corporate law, consumer protection, intellectual property, ICT and technology, mining and minerals, trade and tariffs and social media and privacy

Jan 2008 – Jan 2010

### **WERKSMANS INC., Cape Town** **Candidate Attorney**

- Worked in the corporate and commercial unit as part of a team specialising in mergers and acquisitions, empowerment transactions and due diligence investigations
- Drafting of commercial contracts (sale of shares, share subscription agreements, sale of business, etc) and corporate governance, amongst other things
- In addition to the practical experience that he gained, the directors and associates of Werksmans also presented weekly training sessions covering a variety of practice areas, including corporate and commercial law, banking and finance, dispute resolution, competition law and intellectual property
- Worked in the litigation unit as part of a team specialising in general commercial litigation and media law, especially litigation arising from defamation and the infringement of other personality rights.
- Responsibilities also included
  - Consulting with clients
  - Consulting with counsel (advocates)
  - Conducting legal research
  - Drafting agreement
  - Drafting pleadings and opinions
  - Attending high court and appearing in the magistrates courts
  - Assisting *pro bono* clients