

About Me

I love to win.

Most people are drawn to the justice of law whereas I am drawn to the art of the win and the ability to strategize to achieve that win. I am always willing to take initiative and put in the hard yards with case research and comprehensive trial preparation in order to succeed at trial.

I am willing to work my way up the ladder and do whatever is necessary to become formidable in both the legal world and the business world.

Experience

1) Siven Samuel & Associates (2009 - Present)

Positions

- Legal Columnist at the Post Newspaper. Column title: Legal Eagle. (2017 – Present)
- Candidate Attorney and Head of Debt Collection & Agency Departments (2015 – Present)
- Personal Assistant to the Partners (2010 – 2014)
- Legal secretary (2009 – 2010)

Noteworthy

- Compiled a winning defence against an Application for Rescission of Judgement including applicable law, case law and an argument.
- Case research including case law, applicable law and an argument for a maintenance matter in which paternity of the child was a point of issue, which resulted in a win for our client.
- Case research including case law, applicable law and argument for a High Court trial regarding the validity of written testimony of a deceased person. The case was won based on that research
- Competent in filling out and submitting transfer duty receipts.
- Conveyancing experience, attending to transfer duty receipts, rates clearance certificates and affidavits of insolvency.
- Excellent with case research (Acts, cases, notes etc.) and compiling detailed bundles for use at trial.
- Good with drafting Summons, Particulars of Claim, Affidavits, Application for Summary Judgement, etc.
- Experience drafting Drug Free Sport reports and law society reports.
- Attended court for trials to take notes in Magistrates Court, High Court and CCMA.
- Experienced at drafting transcripts for various matters.
- Assisted and drafted reports, transcripts and/or minutes for VSA (Volleyball South Africa), CAVB (African Volleyball Confederation), FIVB (Federation of International Volleyball) and The Olympic Committee.
- Drafting and choosing the contents/ topics for my column – The Legal Eagle.

Duties

- Case research for a variety of Civil, Criminal, Family law and labour law cases
- Attending to drawing, serving and filing notices and documents in various courts
- Drafting contracts, affidavits and legal reports
- Taking notes in court during trial
- Attending to reports for KZN Law Society inquiries

- Attending to the firm's Law Society requirements, documentation, payments, etc.
- Running the Debt Collection department, attending to payment structures for clients and attending to drafting letters of demand, summons, particulars of claim, default judgement, summary judgement, rescission of judgement, etc.
- Running the Agency Department, attending to instructions from other law firms, documents, filing, serving, etc.
- Liaising with the auditors, preparing and compiling all documentation for audits and submitting same for audits and attending to the firm's audits
- Drafting Drug Free Sport reports, including research and applicable law
- Attending to finances and payroll

References

- Available on request

Education & Articles

1) University of South Africa (UNISA) (2018)
LLB (Undergraduate)

- Academic transcripts available on request
- I am currently serving articles registered with the KZN Law Society (reg no: 185/15). I plan to write Attorney Admission examinations in August 2019.

Column at the Post Newspaper

Column name: Legal Eagle

Links to previous columns:

<https://www.iol.co.za/thepost/legal-eagle-12802218>

<https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/post/20170906/281681140026777>

<https://www.pressreader.com/south-africa/post/20180307/281711205155692>

<https://www.iol.co.za/thepost/legal-eagle-know-your-options-when-it-comes-to-marriage-13671046>

<https://www.iol.co.za/thepost/no-winners-in-joint-estate-divorce-cases-11929435>