

Johann Jacobs

Consultant



Johann Jacobs is an Consultant in our Trusts & Estates practice. Johann has practiced exclusively and specialises in work relating to the law of succession, and estate and trust administration. This entails estate planning, the drafting of wills, deceased estate administration, advising parties in contentious estates, curatorship administration, drafting and registration of trust deeds and trusteeship and trust administration.

About Johann

Johann began his career as a secondary school teacher. After further post-graduate studies he lectured at tertiary level in Educational Psychology and Sociology. Whilst studying law part-time, Johann completed his articles at Macintosh Cross and Farquharson in Pretoria, whereafter he moved to Cape Town and was appointed as a Professional Assistant at Walkers. After three years he founded and remained a partner at Jacobs and Pieterse for six years, then returned to Walkers as a Director for a period of six years. After a short period in New Zealand as a senior advisor at a large trust company, he returned to South Africa in August 2008 to take up an appointment as a Director and the National Practice Head at Cliffe Dekker (now Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr). Johann retired from directorship at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr with effect from 31 March 2019, when he took up the position of Consultant.

Johann was appointed as an examiner for the Attorneys Admission examination in August 2011, and was appointed as a member of the FISA Disciplinary Committee in 2013. He became Chairman of the Disciplinary Committee in 2014 and remained in office until his retirement from the Disciplinary Committee at the end of March 2019.

Credentials

Education

- BA HdiEd (PG), University of the Witwatersrand
- BEd MEd BProc, Post-graduate paper on estate duty, donations tax and transfer duty, University of South Africa
- Estates and Trust paper (Equity) of the New Zealand Law and Practice admission exam
- Recognised as an Education, Training and Development practitioner by LEAD in 2004
- Year of admission as an attorney: 1992
- Qualified as a mediator: 1993
- Year of admission as a conveyancer: 1998

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Expertise

[Trusts & Estates Law](#)

[Mediation](#)

Location

Cape Town

Language

English

Afrikaans



- Qualified as an arbitrator: 1999
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

News

[Legislation to support people living with dementia is still missing in SA](#)

Johann Jacobs, Consultant in the Trusts & Estates practice was featured in Smart About Money where he discussed Legislation to support people living with dementia is still missing in SA.

[Burial Rights](#)

The phrase – ‘burial rights’ – relates to the whole range of death and burial practices.

[A COVID-19 health check for the Wills Act](#)

Every aspect of life has been affected by COVID-19. Estate planning is no exception, especially the execution of wills.

[Preparing for incapacity](#)

Families are sometimes confronted with the emotionally taxing and difficult problem of assisting a family member, who lacks capacity, with their affairs. The cause of such malady may be physical, mental or both. With increased longevity so, too, rises the prevalence of dementia. Typically, the care of the elderly persons falls on their adult child. To provide such care, the “child” often needs to access their parent’s funds to settle ongoing expenses or sell an asset to re-home their parent. Many hold out a Power of Attorney as proof of their entitlement to manage the person’s finances and estate. Unfortunately, this reliance is misguided and unlawful. *Editor’s note: This alert was updated on 26 November 2018

[The fate of interest free loans?](#)

The draft Taxation Law Amendment Bill became available to the public for comment on 8 July 2016. The Amendment Bill contains the proposed incorporation of a new s7C, headed: “Loan or Credit Advance to a Trust by a Connected Person”.

Videos

[Exclusion of adopted children as beneficiaries](#)

Johann Jacobs, Consultant in our Trusts & Estates practice joined eNCA to discuss the landmark Constitutional Court ruling, that ruled against the exclusion of adopted children as beneficiaries. He unpacks the implications of the ruling.

Podcasts

[Investment portfolios after death](#)

Johann Jacobs, Consultant in our Trusts & estate practice joined Moneyweb to discuss investment portfolios after death or even mental impairment.

[Should South Africans have the right to die with dignity?](#)

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