

Lerato Motlhabi

Associate



Lerato Motlhabi is an Associate in our Dispute Resolution practice.

About Lerato

Lerato completed her articles of clerkship at a black commercial law firm in the Forensic Investigations and Advisory Services department. During her articles, she was exposed to conducting forensic investigations for both public and private entities.

At the end of her articles, Lerato was appointed as an Associate Designate at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in the Dispute Resolution Practice, specifically dealing with Corporate and White-Collar Investigations. In late 2023, she was admitted as an Attorney of the High Court and was subsequently appointed as an Associate.

Credentials

Education

- University of the Western Cape, LLB: 2020
- University of Pretoria, Postgraduate Diploma: Investigative and Forensic Accounting: 2024

Memberships

- Association of Certified Fraud Examiners, Certified Fraud Examiner (CFE)

Experience

- **Forensic investigations scoping**

Determine the scope of work based on the information provided by the client; identify persons who are deemed to have relevant and corroborative information in relation to the scope of work; and identify and request all the relevant documentation.

- **Imaged devices and documentary analysis**

Conducting digital forensic investigations and the analysis of the forensic imaged devices; and decipher and establish evidence.

- **Advisory services**

Providing clients with tailor suited advisory services with specific focus on legislative prescripts including inter alia, POPI Act, FICA, PRECCA and POCA.

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Expertise

Dispute Resolution

Corporate & White Collar Investigations

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- Legal due diligence

Conducting comprehensive due diligence and determination of any risks and red flags on behalf of clients.

News

[Public Procurement Office: Investigation and prosecutorial powers](#)

In terms of section 4 of the Procurement Bill, the Public Procurement Office (PPO) is to be an office established within National Treasury that must perform its functions without fear, favour or prejudice.

[Obtaining and managing evidence in corporate forensic investigations: Legality, sources and integrity](#)

The manner in which evidence is obtained and relied upon during forensic investigations plays a critical role in the whole investigative process, especially in establishing investigation findings and making recommendations that can be acted upon. In the context of internal corporate investigations, it is often challenging to obtain the required information from employees who are subjected to the investigation processes where such information is not known or accessible to the employer. While it is known that forensic investigators have the capabilities to obtain the necessary information, in order to maintain the integrity of the evidence, information must be obtained legally and directly from the relevant sources.

[Anti-Money Laundering: A reminder to comply with legislation and work towards South Africa's removal from the FATF grey list](#)

Money laundering is the illegal practice of making proceeds obtained through criminal activities, such as the trafficking of illegal drugs, corruption, ransom demands, and human trafficking, appear to have been obtained from legitimate commercial activities and sources.

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