

MARGA VAN DER MERWE

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ABRIDGED RESUMÉ

IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd – Sustainability Legal Consultant

EDUCATION:

- **LLB (Bachelor of Laws)**, North West University, 2009 – 2012.
- **LLM (Masters of Law) (Environmental Law and Governance)**, North West University, 2013 – 2015.
- **Environmental Management & Regulation** short course, University of Pretoria, 2015.
- **TraProBio** (Transboundary Protection of Biodiversity) Summer School, 2013
- **PLT (Practical Legal Training)**, Law Society, School of Legal Practice, 2014.

ADMISSIONS:

- Admitted as an attorney, September 2015.
- Admitted as a notary public, March 2017.

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- Member of the Environmental Law Association.

EXPERIENCE:

IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd – Sustainability Legal Consultant

June 2017 – present:

- Providing general advice on environmental, health and safety and mining legal matters.
- Assistance in creating and updating SHE Legal Registers for mining and industrial companies.
- Assistance in updating SHE Legal Registers for African countries, specifically Botswana and Mauritius.
- Conducting seminars and workshops on various new developments in environmental, health and safety, mining and energy law.
- Assisting senior staff with conducting environmental legal compliance audits for mining operations.
- Providing advice on draft Basic Assessment Reports and draft Scoping Reports in terms of the NEMA EIA Regulations.

Van der Merwe Van Den Berg Attorneys Attorney and Notary

April 2016 – May 2017:

- Commercial litigation.
- High court litigation, specifically related to mining and Magistrate court litigation.
- Company secretarial work.
- Drafting of company documents such as shareholders agreements and MOI's and also involved in the administration of the companies.

- Drafting of various contracts as well as peruse and give advice on contracts received from clients, specifically related to coal mining.
- Attending to matters relating to the *Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act (MPRDA)* i.e. section 11 Applications in terms of the MPRDA.
- Drafting of notarial documents such as notarial bonds, long-term lease agreements and antenuptial contracts.
- Eviction applications.
- Attending creditors meetings.
- Drafting of various other agreements such as trusts and testaments.

Candidate Attorney and Attorney – Tim du Toit & Co Inc (Pretoria office).

April 2014 – March 2016:

- Assisted with various matters in the High Court and Labour Court Departments.
- Assisting with matters at the CCMA, relevant Bargaining Councils and Labour Court.

Candidate Attorney – Hack Stupel and Ross Attorneys

November 2013 – March 2014

- Assisting with administration of bond foreclosures and preparation of court documents for counsel.
- Collection litigation in Magistrate and High Courts.
- Insolvency matters.
- Attending creditors meetings on behalf of trustees.

PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS:

- Co-presented a full-day workshop on recent changes to environmental legislation: presented on Water Law, August & October 2017.
- Co-presented a full-day workshop on compliance with and enforcement of the Waste Act, February 2018.