

Curriculum Vitae

Carolyn Ah Shene - Verdoorn

PERSONAL DETAILS

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EDUCATIONAL HISTORY

UNIVERSITY EDUCATION

1993 – 1996 - B. Juris Degree at University of Port Elizabeth
1997 – 1998 - LLB Degree at Vista University

ORGANISATIONAL EXPERIENCE

Professional:

- Served two years of articles (1999 – 2001)
- Admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa during April 2001.
- Accreditation as SAQA Assessor.

PRESENT EMPLOYMENT

Name of Company: **BirdLife South Africa**
Period: August 2006 to present
Position: Division Manager: Policy & Advocacy

Current duties:

Management of the Policy & Advocacy Division with the main focus on organisation's development and/or review of policy and legislation impacting on environment with the national offices of the Department of Water & Environmental Affairs (DWEA), Department of Minerals (DoA) and support with the implementation of multilateral agreements such Ramsar & CITES in South Africa.

Support is also offered to the provincial conservation agencies of DWEA regarding review and /or drafting and amendment of policy and legislation and capacity – building training. Participation in Environmental Impact Assessments (EIAs) that fall either within our Important Birding Areas (IBAs) or their surrounding areas, or ones that are of national or significant concern to conservation.

From a regional perspective, duties include support to Regional office of BirdLife International, building relations with neighbouring country state departments, the SADC Secretariat, the NEPAD Secretariat and the Secretariats of international conventions and treaties.

PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENT

Name of Company: **TRAFFIC East/Southern Africa – South Africa**
Period: August 2004 to July 2006
Position: Trainer / Trainer - coordinator

Duties:

- Trainer in the TRAFFIC/DANIDA Project.
- Trainer and trainer co-ordinator of Environmental Management Inspector (EMI a.k.a Green Scorpion) Training with the national office of the Department

of Environmental Affairs & Tourism (DEAT) from September 2005 – June 2006.

DANIDA Training:

Focus on law enforcement and capacity –building training (peace officer accredited training) with conservation law enforcement officials from KZN, Limpopo and Eastern Cape.

EMI (Environmental Management Inspectors) Bridging Training:

TRAFFIC and University of Pretoria was contracted by the DEAT to compile a training manual and conduct the national bridging training of environmental inspectors. This was the first national training of environmental enforcement officials in South Africa and the first time that environmental inspectors were given national capacity. These appointments gave the inspectors the mandate to deal with both biodiversity and pollution issues depending on their designations.

Name of Company: **Laetoli**
Period: April 2004 to July 2004
Position: Marketing/Business Development Assistant

Name of Company: **Sanlam, Port Elizabeth**
Period: May 2003 – June 2004
Position: Financial Adviser

Name of Company: **Legal Aid Board**
Period: June 2002 – December 2002
Position: Senior Legal Admin Officer

Name of Company: **Ah Shene Attorneys**
Period: April 2001 – May 2002
Position: Director of Company

My practice mainly focused on criminal litigation and to a lesser extent civil litigation, MVAs and conveyancing practice.

Name of Company: **Keith Dietrich Attorneys**
Period: 1 March 2000 – 28 February 2001
Position: Articles of clerkship

Name of Company: **Griebenow & Nel Attorneys**
Period: 1 March 1999 – 28 February 2000
Position: Articled Clerk

Articles of Clerkship:

The greater part of my articles of clerkship was directed at criminal litigation court which included interaction with the prosecutors at the different magistrates' courts, investigating officers from the different SAPS stations as well as officials from Correctional Services in Port Elizabeth.

REFERENCES

1. Mr. Ashley Ally - Ex-Legal Aid Board Executive
083 449 0293
2. Dir. Keith Meyer - SAPS Director (Port Elizabeth)
082 304 7406/ 082 333 0507
3. Mr. David Newton - TRAFFIC East /Southern Africa
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5. Keith Dietrich - Keith Dietrich Attorneys
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