

## Short Curriculum Vitae: Terry Winstanley

Date of birth: 29 June 1964  
Academic qualifications: BA (Hons) MA LLB LLM (UKZN),  
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of South Africa, Chair of Law Society of South Africa's  
Environmental Law Committee  
Accolades: Rated by Practical Law Company as leading South  
African environmental lawyer 2005 to 2008.  
Described by the *Cross Border Environmental Law  
Handbook* as "the doyenne of environmental law in South  
Africa".

### **Career**

Terry completed her articles in Durban in 1991 after which she worked for a large law firm in Durban. In 1997 she established the first boutique environmental law firm in South Africa based in Cape Town, through which entity she practised for 11 years. She joined Cliffe Dekker (as it then was) in 2008.

### **Practical experience**

Terry has worked exclusively in environmental law and policy in Southern Africa for the last 17 years. She has extensive experience in advising clients in all aspects of pollution control and natural resources law. Her commercial clients are drawn from the aviation, energy, petro-chemicals, forestry, pulp and paper, mining and manufacturing sectors. She specialises in the legal aspects of pollution control, environmental impact assessment, water law and regularly conducts pre-acquisition due diligence exercise and advises potential purchasers and/or lenders on environmental liability arising out of the transaction.

Terry's government clients include national, provincial and local governments including those of Namibia, South Africa, Swaziland, the Western Cape, KwaZulu Natal, Cape Town, Durban, Johannesburg and Richards Bay. She has assisted these governments in drafting legislation regulating mining, environmental impact assessment, biodiversity and pollution control. She has also advised on the implementation of those laws.

NGO clients for which Terry has acted include the Endangered Wildlife Trust, Biowatch, WESSA, Save the Flamingo Association, a group of architects opposed to the destruction of 10 buildings with heritage value. She was on the steering committee of the Legal Resources Centre's Environmental Justice Project from its inception, for the duration of that project's five year lifespan.