

Curriculum Vitae 2010

JOSIE EASTWOOD

Languages: English (first language)
Afrikaans (second language)
Xhosa (conversational)

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2008: Rights of appearance in the High Court of South Africa

2006: Masters Degree (LLM): Constitutional & Administrative Law (UCT) (Cum Laude)
(Subjects included SA and International Environmental Law)

1998: Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (UCT) (Deans Merit List: 1997, 1998)

1996: Bachelor of Arts (UCT)
(Deans Merit List: 1994, 1996)
(Academic Merit Scholarships: 1994, 1995, 1996)
(Twamley Academic Scholarship: 1994)

KEY EXPERTISE

I am an attorney with substantial experience in civil litigation, drafting and research. I am currently employed as a senior specialist prosecutor in the Asset Forfeiture Unit, Cape Town (AFU) where my primary responsibilities are to assess potential cases referred by law enforcement agencies; draft court papers and argue applications.

Prior to joining the AFU, I specialised in environmental law, first in the dual position of attorney at Winstanley & Cullinan and consultant to Enact International and thereafter as a consultant to Cliffe Dekker. I have wide-ranging expertise in opinion work, capacity building and litigation and have advised public and private sector clients extensively on the application of environmental legislation. I have a particular interest in the conservation of biological diversity and have undertaken written reviews of various biosafety laws in the SADC region. My environmental practice has included a specialised focus on administrative and constitutional law, which complements my interest and experience in capacity building with government departments and community based organisations.

Before specialising in environmental law, I worked as a commercial attorney at Edward Nathan Sonnenberg where I acquired wide-ranging expertise in commercial drafting and provided legal advice in relation to the establishment and operation of business entities such as companies, close corporations, and trusts.

For a six-month period in 2007, I was employed as a legal and business development consultant by the founders of Smartlaw (Pty) Ltd, to arrange for the registration of the company and to establish banking; IT and other business systems.

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY

Employer	Post held	Time period	Reason for leaving
Asset Forfeiture Unit, Cape Town	Senior state advocate	Sept 2008 to date	Not applicable
Cliffe Dekker Cape Town	Consultant	March 2008 –Sept 2008	Accepted a position at Asset Forfeiture Unit
SmartLaw (Pty) Ltd Cape Town	Legal and business development consultant	June 2007 - Feb 2008	Accepted a position at Cliffe Dekker
Winstanley & Cullinan Cape Town	Senior associate	Sept 2003 – May 2007	Accepted a position at Smartlaw
Edward Nathan Sonnenberg, Cape Town	Associate and candidate attorney	Jan 2001 – Aug 2003	Accepted a position at Winstanley & Cullinan
Slaughter and May London	Legal secretary	Aug 1999 – Oct 1999	Returned to South Africa
Legal Aid Clinic UCT	Legal advisor	Feb 1998 – Nov 1998	Position terminated when I graduated

Highlights of asset forfeiture law experience:

- ◆ Obtained restraint order under the Prevention of Organised Crime Act (POCA) in the matter of *NDPP v Van Staden* involving the restraint of more than R100 million of assets;

Highlights of environmental law experience:

- ◆ Part of drafting teams for the Sustainable Development Bill for the Western Cape Province and for the Prevention and Management of Waste Bill for the KwaZulu-Natal Province;
- ◆ Undertook legislative review of the Mozambique Biosafety Framework; the Ugandan Biosafety Bill; and a review of all current and proposed biotechnology legislation in South Africa, Zimbabwe, Namibia, Zambia and Lesotho;
- ◆ Conducted part-time lectures at UCT on the Cartagena Protocol on Biosafety;
- ◆ Co-wrote a report advising Marine and Coastal Management in relation to the protection of the wild abalone fishery and co-ordinated a multi-disciplinary team;

- ◆ Co-wrote a guideline on sustainable development in decision-making for the Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning, Western Cape;
- ◆ Wrote materials for and co-presented a workshop on the Environmental Impact Assessment Regulations, 2006 for government officials in North West Province;
- ◆ Wrote materials for and co-presented capacity-building workshops on environmental law for Western Cape and Northern Province government.

Highlights of commercial law experience:

- ◆ Extensive experience in commercial drafting while working in the commercial department of Edward Nathan Sonnenberg Inc (then Sonnenberg, Hoffman, Galombik), including drafting sale of business and sale of shares agreements; association, partnership and shareholders agreements; loan and share subscription agreements; sale of movable and immovable property agreements;
- ◆ Conducted research and wrote report on the extensive body of legislation regulating companies and the financial services industry in South Africa;
- ◆ Advised extensively on the application of company and insolvency law to business entities, including close corporations, companies, trusts and the like.

SELECTED PAPERS

“The Genetically Modified Organisms Act: paying lip service to public participation sows seeds of dissent” (2005) 12 SAJELP

“GMO Amendment Bill – Perpetuating the shortcomings of the GMO Act?”

Paper on the South African Genetically Modified Organisms Amendment Act, presented at Environmental Law Association conference (March 2006).

“Waste legislation: A paradigm shift”

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“Managing the relationship between the national government and the provinces: A discussion of provincial environmental initiatives with reference to section 24 of NEMA”

Paper completed (with distinction) during LLM degree

“A critical appraisal of the Cartagena Protocol with particular regard to the scope and adequacy of its environmental risk assessment tools”

Paper completed (with distinction) during LLM degree

HOBBIES AND INTERESTS

- Involvement in community projects as committee member of the Kalk Bay-St James Ratepayers Association;
- Involvement in environmental and sustainability issues, including offering *ad hoc* legal advice to organisations such as Biowatch and Safeage;
- Involvement with social upliftment projects such as Help2Read, a schools-based reading programme;
- Hiking, walking and generally spending time in nature;
- Reading; playing guitar; painting; cooking; spending time with family and friends.

REFERENCES

Name	Title	Contact details
Terry Winstanley	Partner at Cliffe Dekker (Previously the managing partner of Winstanley & Cullinan)	Office: 021 481 6332 Cell: 082 574 5173 Email: Terry.Winstanley@dlaadh.com
Rachel Wynberg	Founder and trustee of Biowatch; Consultant at Environmental Evaluation Unit, UCT	Cell: 083 255 8217 Email: rachel@iafrica.com
Leslie Liddell	Currently working with Primary Science Programme (Previously Director of Biowatch)	Office: 021 691 9030 email: leslie@psp.org.za
Charmaine Treherne	Director of Safeage	Office: 021 447 8445 Cell: 072 450 8229 email: safeage@mweb.co.za
Tony Trimmel	Chairperson of Kalk Bay-St James Ratepayers Association	Home: 021 788 2827 Cell: 082 564 5555 Email: ttrimm@telkomsa.net