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Infrastructure Project Attorneys



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INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECT ATTORNEYS

CORPORATE PROFILE
YOUR BUILT ENVIRONMENT LEGAL SPECIALISTS

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Johan van der Wath (B Comm. Law; LLB) (UP)



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INTRODUCTION

We are passionate about the built environment and specialize in construction, building and engineering law. We regularly act on behalf of Employers, Contractors, Sub-contractor and suppliers. In an attempt to deliver tangible value to the industry we also, in partnership with voluntary associations and professional and industry bodies, present training on all the standard form building contracts and principles of contract management and dispute resolution to stakeholders in the built environment.

VISION

To assist people in navigating through the intricacies involved in the delivery of infrastructure projects.

MISSION

1. To provide cost effective specialist legal advice, services and solutions to our clients in the built environment;
2. To contribute to a sustainable built environment by promoting legal compliance;
3. To develop skills in the built environment by presenting training on the standard form building & engineering contracts, principles of contract management and dispute resolution;
4. To transform the application of Alternative Dispute Resolution in South Africa by introducing effective mediation services.

CULTURE

As individuals, we strive to excel in specific areas of the law so that as a collective we can go further.

VALUES

- Excellence – to become acknowledged experts in specific areas of law in order to add maximum value to clients.
- Honesty & Integrity – to do what we say and to say what we do whilst showing respect for each other and our clients.
- Shared vision – every action of the RNI team must be informed by the vision and mission of RNI.
- Leadership – each individual must strive to lead themselves and create leaders around them.
- Promote diversity and value our team as they are our most important asset
- Innovative and dynamic in an ever-changing world where the needs of our clients and their businesses require new and unique solutions



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ABOUT US

At RN Incorporated, we have dedicated ourselves to construction, building and engineering law.

We ensured that we possess expert knowledge in the associated fields of insurance, commercial, property and contract law to deliver a bespoke service to our clients.

We pride ourselves on the fact that we have been able to tailor our services to all role players in the built environment from the feasibility phase to project close out and defects liability phase. We deal with projects in most sectors, including Transport, Healthcare, Leisure and Hospitality, Commercial & Residential Property, Energy & Oil & Gas.

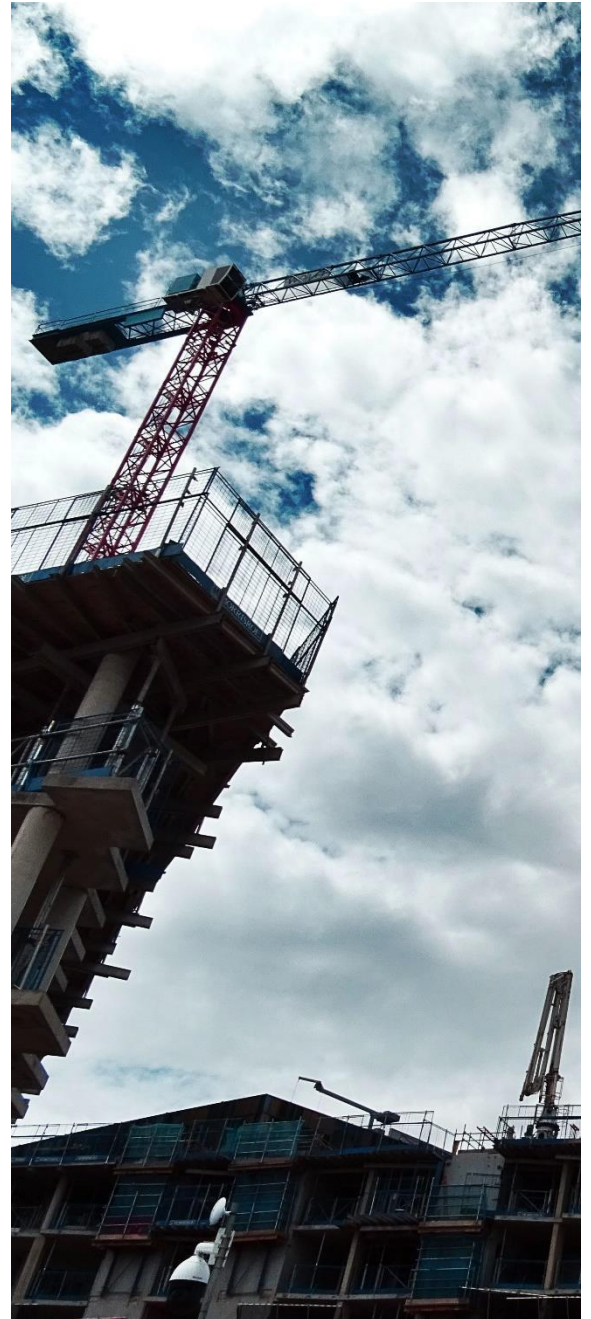
We are very aware of the prohibitive cost of expert legal advice and as a result, we have purposefully kept the firm as streamlined as possible in order to deliver the best value proposition to our clients.

We have achieved this by compiling an elite team of legal counsel, technical consultants and expert witnesses and by forming strategic alliances with other bespoke legal, financial and building services firms as well as freelance professionals.

We believe in approaching all matters in a practical, cost effective and, as far as possible, non-litigious manner with an elite team of aptly qualified and experienced professionals to find a workable solution that is in the best interest of our clients.

The firm operates as an unlimited liability company and currently has only one director, Roelf Nel.

We have local partner firms in Zambia, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe, Ghana and Kenya and operate seamlessly in these jurisdictions



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EXPERTISE

The firm was founded by Roelf Nel.

He obtained his LLB degree Cum Laude from the University of Pretoria in 2002, following which he went on to complete his articles at one of the larger litigation firms in the Western Cape. During 2005 he moved back to Pretoria where he practiced as a professional assistant at a leading Pretoria criminal law firm. During 2007, he moved to Markram Incorporated where he practiced as an Associate in, what was then, a niche construction and engineering law firm.

Roelf specializes in Construction and Engineering Law. He focuses on equipping individuals and entities to avoid most arbitration and litigation proceedings, to avoid delays and to proactively deal with disputes. All of this is achieved by effectively managing the building contract.

He regularly advises employers and contractors on contract placing strategy, which includes the drafting of project specific documents and additions and amendments to standard form building and construction contracts, sub-contracts, guarantees, sureties and professional services agreements

During his time at Markram Incorporated, he regularly dealt with Professional Indemnity insurers and often advises on both internal and external project risk and the appropriate cover

Roelf is regularly involved in arbitration and litigation proceedings acting for both employers and contractors.

He also advises professionals on all aspects of service delivery and their contractual and delictual obligations towards all project stakeholders. Roelf has successfully completed the Royal Institute of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) mediation training and is a firm believer of the mediation process he was appointed to the RICS presidents panel of Mediators during 2016.

He presents CPD accredited training on the JBCC, FIDIC, NEC and GCC contract suites to professionals in the built environment on behalf of the JBCC, RICS, the Pretoria, Gauteng, Western and Eastern Cape, Free State and KZN Institutes of Architects, the Architects Association of Botswana and to Master Builders South Africa North.

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OUR SERVICES

ENVIRONMENTAL LAW:

- Interpreting environmental legislation. Representation in construction related mediation
- Auditing and compliance advice
- Permitting and licensing advice
- Advising on environmental impact assessments
- Litigation and alternative dispute resolution

LITIGATION:

- Building, Construction and related commercial litigation
- Civil Litigation
- Environmental law litigation

ADJUDICATION

- Acting as Arbitrator
- Acting as Adjudicator

MEDIATION SERVICES:

- Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS) accredited Civil Commercial Mediator
- Representation in construction related mediation
- Acting as mediator

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER SERVICE:

Advising and assisting developers from pre-feasibility through:

- Acquisition
- Financing
- Rezoning
- Appointment of consultants
- Project stage 1-4
- Construction
- Close Out
- Operations and Maintenance

CONVEYANCING & PROPERTY LAW:

- Acquisitions & Disposals
- Structuring
- Financing
- Land Use Rights
- Letting
- Selling

ARBITRATION:

- Representation of parties under AFSA, Association of Arbitrators and ICC Rules
- Representation of parties under JBCC, GCC, FIDIC and NEC forms of contract

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CONSULTING

- Analysis, advice and mitigation of internal and external project risk
- Advice on project specific insurance requirements
- Advice on procurement and contracting strategy

BESPOKE DRAFTING

- Drafting of project specific contracts, documents:
- Project Finance Agreements
- Joint Venture Agreements
- Off-Take Agreements
- Build-to-Suit Agreements
- Development Agreements
- Amendments and/or additions to standard form building and/or construction contracts
- Amendments and/or additions to standard form professional fee agreements

CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

- Claims preparation, appraisal & defence
- Dispute avoidance
- Representation in arbitration and other ADR procedures

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STANDARD FORM CONTRACTS

JBCC

- Advice on contract preparation
- Advice on contract implementation
- Advice on dealing with disputes using the contract mechanisms

GCC

- Advice on contract preparation
- Advice on contract implementation
- Advice on dealing with disputes using the contract mechanisms

FIDIC

- Advice on contract selection from the FIDIC suite
- Advice on contract preparation
- Advice on contract implementation
- Advice on dealing with disputes using the contract mechanisms

NEC

- Advice on contract selection from the NEC suite
- Advice on contract preparation
- Advice on contract implementation
- Advice on dealing with change and compensation events using the contract mechanisms
- Preparation and assessment of quotations for CE's





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SANJEE MAHARAJ

Sanjee is the senior associate at the firm.

Sanjee is a Senior Associate at Roelf Nel Inc. She qualified as a legal practitioner in 2019. She was previously employed at a construction boutique law firm in Sandton and thereafter worked at an international law firm in Sandton, specializing in projects and construction.

In summary, Sanjee has acted on behalf of various clients involved in complex disputes, both in adjudication and arbitration proceedings in the engineering and construction sectors. Whilst her experience is mainly disputes, she is passionate about commercial drafting and enjoys drafting construction-based contracts. Johan has recently obtained associate membership at the association of arbitrators and will in 2021 complete the association of arbitrator's course to become enrolled as an arbitrator.

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DANIELLÉ GIANNICO

Daniellé is an associate at the firm.

She obtained her LLB from the University of Pretoria in 2018, joined the firm in early 2019, and was admitted as an attorney in 2021. Since joining the firm Daniellé has been focusing on litigation, which has become a passion of hers.

This passion is channelled into her work; as a result, she has been involved with and continues to run various adjudications, arbitrations, and high court litigation matters.

Her further interests lie in tackling the challenges of ever-advancing technology and how the law, which is often slow to catch up, applies to these new advancements. Her focus is on the challenges faced by industry role players operating in ever more collaborative environments which the current standard form construction contracts do not provide for.

DANICA NEL DE LA REY

Danica is an associate at the Firm.

She obtained her LLB degree in 2002 from the University of Pretoria. She obtained her LLM degree in 2005, from the same Institution, in the field of Mercantile Law.

Danica moved to the United Kingdom during 2006 and successfully passed her QLTT exams in 2007. She is admitted to practice in both South Africa and England and Wales.

WILHELM SMITH

Wilhelm is an associate at the firm, since joining the firm in 2023.

Wilhelm was admitted as an attorney in 2012, and since then he was admitted as both a Conveyancer and a Notary in 2018. Wilhelm is the head of the Conveyancing department of RN Inc.

He assists clients with the transfer of their immovable property or antenuptial agreements.

He can also be found doing litigation. He has a keen eye for detail and enjoys the thrill of successful litigious matters.

When not working Wilhelm enjoys spending time in the great outdoors.

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KEEGAN BEATON

Keegan is an Associate Designate at the firm.

Keegan is a legal intern at the firm, who has a passion for corporate and contract law. He intends on gaining maximum exposure in these legal fields while assisting the various role players within the industries Keegan obtained his B. Comm Law Degree from North-West University in 2017 and is set to obtain his Bachelor of Laws degree at the end of 2022.

Keegan is an analytical thinker and enjoys the intricate challenges that the Construction and engineering legal fields comprise. He is passionate about his work and is always eager to learn.

When Keegan is not trying to further his knowledge and skills in law, he is outdoors enjoying his active passion on the cricket field.

DONDRE SAMUELS

Dondre is a Candidate Attorney at Roelf Nel Inc and is working hard toward being admitted in the first half of 2024. He obtained his Law degree at the University of the Free State in 2021.

His main interest is in Contract law, corporate law, and litigation. Dondre is resilient, hardworking, and dedicated to solving problems in a specialized area. Furthermore, he enjoys working on matters which provide commercial and contractual support in the construction industry.

Dondre provides legal assistance under the guidance of the various Associates inside the firm. He intends to become a well-skilled and experienced legal practitioner in the Construction industry.

PELONOMI LETSHOLO

Pelo IS A Candidate Attorney who joined RN Inc as a Candidate Attorney in February 2023 after obtaining her BA in Law (2019) and LLB (2021) degrees from North-West University.

She is a self-driven individual who is motivated and inspired by excellence and positive outcomes. Her candidacy at RN Inc. has provided her with an opportunity to learn more about the specialized field of Construction Law and its intricacies. She hopes to grow in her knowledge of how construction contracts are navigated and how legal disputes arising therefrom are resolved through mediations, arbitrations, and adjudications. She believes through working alongside the incredible team at the firm she will also be sharpened in her leadership, character, and professional development. She is actively working towards her admission in 2025.

Pelo believes that the price of greatness is responsibility and accountability. In her free time, she enjoys spending time with family, traveling, and trying out new restaurants.

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DANIEL PILLAY

Daniel is a candidate attorney who joined RN Inc in January 2024. He earned a B.Comm Law Degree in 2021, laying the foundation for a successful career in law. Building upon this strong academic background, Daniel furthered his education by obtaining an LLB Degree from North West University in 2023, demonstrating a commitment to excellence in legal studies.

Driven by a passion for the intricacies of the law, Daniel possesses a particular interest in contract law, construction law, and environmental law. This keen interest reflects a broader commitment to fostering justice, sustainability, and ethical practices within the legal profession.

Known for his unwavering work ethic and proactive approach, Daniel approaches every task with diligence and determination and hopes to be admitted in 2026. His enthusiasm for the legal field is evident in his eagerness to tackle new challenges, continuously expand his skill set, and stay abreast of emerging legal developments.

NANCY HAMITY

Practice Manager

Nancy joined the RN Inc Team in June 2022 as the Practice Manager, with a special focus on Public Relations, Organization Development, and Training. She also assists with internal affairs like Accounts, HR, QMS, and Compliance.

Nancy studied Architecture at the Nacional university in Cordoba Argentina. While working for an Engineering company she pursued her studies as a Project Manager and a few years later HR Management at the University of Pretoria.

Nancy is enthusiastic about adding value to everything she does. Her personality is based on doing the right thing, and she believes in a team effort in all situations. She is convinced if we do all the good, we can do, no events will have the power to make us happy or unhappy. Recognizing that opportunities do not happen, we create them, we can move forward.

TARINI DAVRAJH

Debtors and creditors clerk

Tarini Davrajh is currently a BCom Law student.

She is a dedicated and detailed orientated professional with a diverse background in office administration, accounting, and sales. She has a proven ability to streamline operations and enhance client interactions.

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WIEHAN PALMER

Consultant

Wiehan is a consultant at the firm, currently studying towards his LLB, and the director of HAC-CS (Pty)Ltd, specializing in Dispute Resolution and Contract Administration under NEC3 & 4, FIDIC, GCC, and JBCC. Wiehan holds a BSc in Construction Management and an MSc degree in Project Management, and a certificate in Construction Adjudication.

Wiehan's significant local and international experience in a wide spectrum of built environment industries including Mining, Hydrocarbons, Infrastructure, Energy, Commercial Building, Education, Medical (Research and Hospital), and Residential has shaped his depth of understanding of contracts from different perspectives under different conditions.

This has enabled him to advise Clients from all spheres of the Construction Industry from pre-tender to closeout phases in the various contract forms and their optimized application and use. The aforementioned has also enabled Wiehan to successfully conclude numerous adjudications with success. Wiehan is also passionate about transferring knowledge and has trained in excess of 3000 delegates in amongst others the NEC3 & NEC4 Suite of Contracts, FIDIC Suite of Contracts, GCC, JBCC, Delay and Disruption, Basic Contract Law etc.

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