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INTRODUCTION

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.

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

VISION

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

CULTURE

We are committed to achieving excellence in the specialized areas of law, ensuring our clients receive the highest quality service, while we maintain a collaborative and enjoyable work environment.

MISSION

- To provide cost effective innovative legal solutions to our clients.
- To identify and mitigate project and commercial risks.
- To help our clients keep pace with the legal considerations associated with the implementation of new technology in the built environment.
- To enhance skills by presenting relevant built environment training.

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.



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ABOUT US

At RN Incorporated, we have dedicated ourselves to Construction, Building and Engineering Law.

We ensure 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, Renewable Energy (Solar, Wind and Hydro) and 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 two directors, Roelf Nel and Sanjee Maharaj. 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.

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 construction contracts, sub-contracts, guarantees, sureties and professional services agreements across transport, healthcare, leisure and hospitality, commercial and residential property, renewable energy and oil & gas.

During his time at Markram Incorporated, he regularly dealt with Professional Indemnity insurers and now 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.

Roelf serves as mediator, adjudicator and arbitrator on the South African Institute of Civil Engineers (SAICE) president's list and is a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (MCIArb) and an Associate member of SAICE and the Association of Arbitrators.



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SERVICES

LITIGATION

- Building, Construction, and related Commercial Litigation.
- Civil Litigation.

ARBITRATION

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

CONVEYANCING & PROPERTY LAW

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

MEDIATION SERVICES

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

ADJUDICATION

- Acting as Arbitrator under JBCC, GCC, FIDIC and NEC forms of contract
- Acting as Adjudicator

CLAIMS AND DISPUTES

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



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SERVICES

CONSULTING

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

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

DEVELOPMENT MANAGER SERVICE AND BIM IMPLEMENTATION

Advising and assisting developers
from prefeasibility through:

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



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STANDARD FORM CONTRACTS

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

GCC

- 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

JBCC

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

LEGAL PRACTITIONERS



ROELF NEL

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OUR TEAM



JACQUES SMITH

Jacques is a Senior Associate at the firm with over 20 years of experience in the field. He obtained his LLB from the University of South Africa in 2004, and became an admitted attorney in the same year. Before his time at the firm, Jacques was accomplished in commercial litigation, and has brought his passion in this field into RN Inc. This passion is channeled into his work; as a result, she has been involved with and continues to run various adjudications, arbitrations, and high court litigation matters. His further interests lie in educating and raising up those around him, which is why he began the firm's "Candidate Attorney Mentorship Program".

He focuses on ensuring his matters are run smoothly, with as much insight as possible, and often brings up new points of view and stimulating discussions on the points of law encountered. All in all, he ensures the firm is well able to handle any litigious matter, whilst ensuring his fellow colleagues grow through each task.

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 at the firm, holding a BCom Law from North-West University and an LLB from University of South Africa. He specialises in the commercial and contractual aspects of the built environment, advising contractors, employers, and consultants on construction, engineering, and professional services agreements. His work includes drafting and negotiating contracts for property development and infrastructure projects. He also has experience in construction and engineering disputes, including adjudication, arbitration, and High Court proceedings under the JBCC, GCC, and FIDIC contract suites.

PELONOMI LETSHOLO

Pelo joined RN Inc. as a Candidate Attorney in February 2023 after completing her BA in Law and LLB at North-West University.

She is passionate about Construction Law and is gaining experience in contracts and dispute resolution processes like mediation and arbitration. Committed to growth, Pelo values the firm's role in sharpening her leadership and professional skills as she works toward admission in 2025. In her free time, she enjoys travel, family, and discovering new restaurants.

She believes greatness comes through responsibility and accountability.



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DANIEL PILLAY

Daniel is a dedicated candidate attorney who joined RN Inc in January 2024. He holds a BCom Law (2021) and LLB (2023) from North-West University.

With a strong interest in contract, construction, and environmental law, he is driven by justice, sustainability, and ethical practice. Known for his work ethic and proactive approach,

Daniel is committed to continuous learning and aims for admission in 2026.

MATTHEW WEBB

Matthew is a Candidate Attorney who joined the firm part-time in 2024 while completing his LLB at the University of Pretoria, having previously obtained a BA Law from Tuks.

After impressing during his part-time tenure, he joined the firm full-time as a CA in January 2025.

He is dedicated to learning and professional growth, and is known for his strong work ethic, approachable manner, and commitment to becoming a capable and reliable attorney.



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MALEFO MAKENA

Malefo is a Candidate Attorney at RN Inc, having joined the firm in September 2024. He obtained his LLB from the University of South Africa in 2022 and completed his PLT at the University of Pretoria in June 2023.

He began his legal career in 2023 as a Contracts Administrator at a Johannesburg-based Grade 9 construction company, where his interest in construction law developed.

Calm and patient by nature, he is focused on growing his expertise in contract and construction law while working toward admission.

VICTORIA BOTA

Noloyiso Victoria Bota joined RN Inc. as a Candidate Attorney in June 2025. She obtained her LLB degree from the University of South Africa in 2022.

Victoria has a keen interest in contract law, the interpretation of legislation, legal research, and compliance.

She is passionate about developing her legal skills across a wide range of legal work, including research, drafting, and assisting in litigation and commercial matters, while contributing meaningfully to the firm's practice.



SUPPORTING STAFF



MEOKGO MOHALE

Meokgo is a detail-oriented Receptionist and Creditors/Debtors Clerk with strong skills in administration and client account management.

She holds a National Diploma in Marketing Management from Tshwane University of Technology and is pursuing a BCom in Accounting Sciences through UNISA.

Known for accuracy and professionalism, she resolves account queries efficiently and builds solid client and supplier relationships, delivering consistent results with integrity.

We look forward to partnering with you.



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