

Trade Mark Litigation Partners



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Alan Smith, a partner in the Trade Marks Department and leader of its litigation team, joined A&A in 1974. He holds a law degree from the University of South Africa, and qualified as a South African patent agent in 1976 and as a patent attorney in 1980. He is a past President of the SA Institute of Intellectual Property Law.



Chris Job

Chris Job, the current chairman of A&A and a past President of the SA Institute of Intellectual Property Law, qualified as a patent and trade mark agent in 1976 and was admitted as an attorney in 1978. He joined A&A as a partner in 1993 and specialises in litigation in the areas of trade marks, copyright, unfair competition and anti-counterfeiting.



Jan Stander

Jan Stander has been a partner in the Trade Marks Department of A&A for the past 16 years, specialising in trade mark and copyright litigation, as well as unlawful competition. He holds BA and LLB degrees of the University of Stellenbosch, and was admitted as an attorney, notary and conveyancer in 1975.



Mariëtte Viljoen

Mariëtte Viljoen obtained BLC and LLB degrees from the University of Pretoria and was admitted as an attorney in 1988. She qualified as a trade mark practitioner in 1991 and joined A&A as a partner in 1997. She specialises in trade mark and copyright litigation, and in domain names and other cyberlaw areas.



Charné le Roux

Charné le Roux, with Bluris and LLB degrees from the University of Pretoria, is a qualified trade mark practitioner. She joined A&A in 1994 as an admitted attorney and is a partner in the Trade Marks Department. She specialises in litigation in a variety of trade mark and copyright areas, and also in competition, anti-counterfeiting and advertising matters.



Gérard du Plessis

Gérard du Plessis obtained BLC and LLB degrees (both cum laude) from the University of Pretoria. He joined A&A in 1993 as a candidate attorney and was admitted as an attorney in 1995. He worked in the commercial law section before becoming a partner in the Trade Marks Department. He is a qualified trade mark practitioner and specialises in trade mark, domain name and anti-counterfeiting litigation.



Marilyn Krige

Marilyn Krige, a partner in the Trade Marks Department, holds BA and LLB degrees (1990, 1992) from the University of Cape Town. She joined A&A in 1993 as a candidate attorney and qualified as a trade mark practitioner in 1996. She specialises in litigation in copyright, advertising and internet-related issues, and in anti-counterfeiting.



Suzaan Laing

Suzaan Laing, with BA and LLB degrees (1992, 1994) from the University of Stellenbosch, is a partner in the Trade Marks Department in the Cape Town office. She joined A&A as a candidate attorney in 1995, was admitted as an attorney in 1997. She is a qualified notary and trade mark practitioner and does litigious work in trade marks and copyright matters.

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David Sheppard

David Sheppard, originally from the UK, has been with A&A since 1969. He has a BSc(Hons) degree in chemistry from Kings College University, London and a diploma in law from the University of South Africa. He is a British Chartered Patent Agent, was admitted as an attorney in 1975 and is a registered South African patent attorney. He is a partner in the Patent Department and specialises in all areas of patent litigation.



Alan Lewis

Alan Lewis joined the firm in 1972 with BSc degrees in physics and mathematics and in electrical engineering from the Witwatersrand University. In 1977 he obtained a BProc degree (University of South Africa) and was registered as a patent attorney. He is a partner in the Patent Department (Johannesburg) and does filing and prosecution of patent applications as well as patent litigation. He is a former President of LES South Africa.



Dario Tanziani

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The Maritime Law litigation team at the Durban office, with partners Mike Posemann (right), Patrick Holloway (centre), and Andrew Clark (left).

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