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Focus on Adams & Adams

Growing our own timber

Adams & Adams holds the conviction that, both from a growth strategy perspective and for the achievement of transformation goals, a more sustainable success rate can be achieved by a process of 'homogeneous growth', which includes a focused and proactive recruitment initiative, an intensive and tailor-made internal training programme for new recruits, coupled with personal mentoring and, finally, providing young qualified practitioners with opportunities for specialisation and practice expansion in an enabling and supportive environment.

This policy has again proven itself. Adams & Adams is proud to announce that four new partners have been admitted with effect from 1 March 2004, as well as six new associates appointed with effect from 1 January 2004. The new partners and associates were promoted from within the ranks of its professional staff. The firm is also proud of the twelve new candidate attorneys, who are all law graduates recruited from eight South African universities.

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New recruits

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The firm is proud to welcome four new partners to the partnership.



Leander Opperman holds a BLC degree from the University of Pretoria and LLB and LLMD degrees from the University of South Africa. He joined the firm in 1997 as a candidate attorney, qualified and was admitted as an attorney

in 1999 and practises in the General Law department of the Pretoria Office, specialising in the areas of personal injury, banking insurance and commercial law, and related litigation.



The photo shows (in front) Lucy Signorelli and Kelly Thompson, with Adams & Adams Chairman, Chris Job, (standing back left) with Claire Russell and Leander Opperman

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Lucy Signorelli, a qualified trade mark practitioner, is a member of our litigation team in the Trade Marks department of the Pretoria office. She holds BProc and LLB degrees from the University of Pretoria, both cum laude. Lucy joined the firm in 1997, served her articles with Adams & Adams, and was admitted as an attorney in 1999. She specialises in trade marks, copyright, passing-off, unlawful competition, and close corporation and company name objections.



Claire Russell was admitted as an attorney in 2001 and qualified as a patent attorney that same year. She holds BSc (Chem) and LLB degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand. She practises in the Patents department of the Pretoria office, and specialises in the preparation, filing and prosecution of patent and design applications.



Kelly Thompson holds BA LLB degrees, both from the University of Stellenbosch, served her articles of clerkship with Adams & Adams upon joining the firm in 1999 and was admitted as an attorney in 2001. She also qualified as a trade

mark practitioner in 2001. She practises in the Trade Marks department of the Pretoria office, and is a member of the litigation team handling trade mark, copyright, domain name and counterfeit goods matters.



Bruce Lister holds BBus Sci (Hons) and LLB degrees from the University of Cape Town. He joined the firm in 1999, was admitted as an attorney in 2001 and now practises in the Trade Marks department in Pretoria.



Nishi Harryparsad is a qualified trade marks practitioner and holds BA and LLB degrees from the University of Natal (PMB). She joined the firm in 2000 and was admitted as an attorney in 2002 and is a member of the litigation unit in the Trade Marks department in Pretoria.



Steven Yeates, a qualified trade mark practitioner, holds BCom (Law) and LLB degrees, both from the Rand Afrikaans University. He joined the firm in 2001, qualified and was admitted as an attorney in 2002, and practises in the litigation unit of the Trade Marks department in Pretoria.

New associates

Adams & Adams is pleased to confirm the appointment of six new associates: three in the Trade Marks department and three in the Patents department. These talented young professionals have distinguished themselves over the past few years in their different areas of practice and are seen as valuable members of the firm. Bruce Lister, Nishi Harryparsad and Steven Yeates practise in the Pretoria office, with Dieter Welthagen, practising in our Durban office and Jan Wolmarans and Deborah Marsicano, both practising in our Johannesburg office.



The photo shows (in front from left) Nishi Harryparsad, Chris Job, Chairman of Adams & Adams, and Deborah Marsicano, and (at back from left) Dieter Welthagen, Jan Wolmarans, Bruce Lister and Steven Yeates.

New recruits

An intake of twelve new candidate attorneys will be serving their articles of clerkship and undergoing practical legal training over the next two years. These first year candidates will be joining the 19 existing candidates to give the firm a total complement of 31 candidate attorneys.

The academic qualifications of the new recruits are impressive: apart from law degrees, which all of them hold, there are two with LLM degrees, one each with a BCom, BMus, and BEng (Electronic) degree, and one holder of BSc (Hons) and PhD degrees.

Adams & Adams believes that its complement of young professionals is an investment in the future, and is committed to empowering them to become successful practitioners.



The photo shows (seated middle front) the Chairman of Adams & Adams, Chris Job, with the new candidate attorneys.



Deborah Marsicano holds a BSc Eng (Chemical) degree from WITS and an LLB degree from UNISA. She was admitted as an attorney in 2001 and joined Adams & Adams in the same year. She is a member of the Patents department in Johannesburg and is a registered patent attorney.



Jan Wolmarans, also a qualified patent attorney, holds BEng and BProc degrees, both from the University of Pretoria. He joined the firm in 2000, was admitted as an attorney in 2002 and practises in the Patents department in Johannesburg.



Dieter Welthagen is a registered patent attorney and holds BEng (Civil) (cum laude) and LLB degrees from the University of Pretoria. He joined the firm in 2000, was admitted in 2003 and practises in the Patents department in the Durban office. Dieter was previously a structural engineer.