



COMPANY PROFILE



ABOUT

At VFV Attorneys, our law firm personifies integrity, excellence in service, and an unwavering commitment to justice. Our partners and associates strive to ensure favourable tailor-made resolutions in partnership with our clients.

We adhere to ethical standards and strive for value-driven solutions in a cost-effective manner while honouring the highest levels of integrity.

Our philosophy is simple...if our advice keeps our clients in business, they will keep us in business.

Whether you call us attorneys or lawyers, we have you covered.

VFV
ATTORNEYS



OUR PEOPLE

Founded in 1979, our law firm embraces 6 partners, 2 consultants and has an employee compliment of around 75 people.

As we continue to grow, we remain focused and disciplined to our core values from cultivating and maintaining relationships with clients and partners to our daily interactions with team members across the firm.

We are driven to continually develop, enhance, and apply our knowledge and skills to guarantee a satisfactory outcome for all clients.



PARTNERS



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QUALIFICATIONS

- B Com
- B Proc
- AIPSA Diploma
- Certificate in advanced Corporate and Securities Law

PROFILE

Admitted as an attorney at law in 1992, Jan is an experienced legal professional with an impressive track record of providing superior legal services and solutions to his clients.

He has an in-depth understanding of the legal landscape and has been instrumental in solving complex legal issues for businesses across various industries with a specific focus on the insurance industry.

As conveyancer, Jan also creates solutions for property related and property development issues.

EXPERTISE

- Commercial & Corporate Law
- Insurance Law
- Family Law
- Property Law
- Trusts & Estate Planning
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution including Mediation & Arbitration



PARTNERS



MELISSA MARITZ



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QUALIFICATIONS

- BA LLB
- Certificate in Advanced Corporate and Securities Law
- Registered Tax Practitioner

PROFILE

Melissa was admitted as an attorney at law in 2003 and has more than 20 years' experience in litigation and dispute resolution. She also advises regularly on employment matters and has successfully mediated various labour disputes.

Melissa assists various clients with regulatory compliance in various industries and has a solid commercial law practice and advises on all types of commercial agreements. She also assists start-up businesses with appropriate structuring advice, registrations and internal agreements.

Melissa also regularly assists importers and exporters in customs and excise-related matters. She has also assisted various clients with trade remedy applications in terms of the International Trade Administration Act.

Melissa's multifaceted skillset, coupled with her dedication to providing outstanding legal services, renders her an invaluable asset for legal representation.

EXPERTISE

- Administrative Law
- Commercial & Corporate Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Customs and Excise
- Employment Law
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution Including Mediation and Arbitration
- International Trade
- Regulatory Compliance
- Tax Law (Including customs and excise)



PARTNERS



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QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB
- Certificate in Advanced Corporate Law and Securities Law
- Advanced Course in Construction Contracts

PROFILE

Admitted as an attorney at law in 2003, Bertus proudly contributed to the success of VFV over the past 20 years. Bertus has a well-established reputation as a ruthless but fair litigator.

Bertus leads High Court matters, arbitration matters, and mediations in landlord and tenant and landlord disputes. With experience in commercial litigation, insurance law, corporate law, corporate recoveries, building and construction law, Bertus advocates for various industries while ensuring compliance in heavily regulated industries.

Bertus prides himself on delivering excellent service and advice to his clients which is attested to by his many loyal clients extending over various industries who place their trust in him to protect their interests.

EXPERTISE

- Building and Construction Law
- Commercial & Corporate Law
- Commercial Law & Litigation
- Insolvency Law
- Debt Recovery
- Insurance Law
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution Including Mediation and Arbitration



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QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB

PROFILE

Admitted as an attorney at law in 2010, Hein has regular court appearances and successfully represents various clients in both civil and criminal proceedings in the High and Magistrates Courts.

Using the experience gained over 14 years coupled with building a value-driven practice, Hein specialises in dealing with complex civil litigation and family law related matters.

Proving that Hein embodies perseverance, he also gained experience in building and construction disputes, commercial disputes, debt collection, delictual claims, evictions, and dispute resolution.

EXPERTISE

- Family / Divorce Law
(Divorces, Custody Disputes, Family Court)
- Commercial Litigation
- Criminal Lawyer
- Debt Recovery
- Building and Construction Disputes
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution including Mediation and Arbitration
- Commercial and Corporate Law



PARTNERS



HEMISHA GIHWALA

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QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB
- Registered Insolvency Practitioner
- Certificate in Advanced Insolvency Law
- International – Programme in South African Insolvency Law and Practice

PROFILE

Admitted as an attorney at law in 2016, Hemisha focuses on securing the best possible outcome for her clients in a variety of matters ranging from general litigation, debt collection, commercial litigation, eviction applications, mining law and immigration law.

Hemisha is actively involved in alternative dispute resolution and arbitrations with recent experience in high profile insolvency matters which included a number of section 417 / 418 enquiries and meetings of creditors.

Hemisha is honoured to have been selected to attend the INSOL Future Leaders Programme in 2025.

EXPERTISE

- Commercial and Corporate Law
- Insolvency Law
- Mining Law
- Debt Recovery
- Immigration Law
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution Including Mediation and Arbitration




PARTNERS



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QUALIFICATIONS

- LLB

PROFILE

Thys was admitted as an attorney at law in March 2021. Thys attends to various civil litigation matters, which include Magistrate, Regional, High Court matters as well as Arbitration and Mediation proceedings.

Thys attained experience in a variety of legal matters and specialises in insurance law and general commercial litigation. Thys attends to the insurance recoveries' department's litigation matters for various clients, including major insurance companies.

EXPERTISE

- Insurance Law
- Commercial Litigation
- Debt Recovery
- Commercial and Corporate Law
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution Including Mediation and Arbitration



CONSULTANTS



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QUALIFICATIONS

- B Proc
- LLM Tax
- Certificate in Advanced Corporate Law and Securities Law
- Registered Tax Practitioner
- Conflict Dynamics Accredited Mediator

PROFILE

Schalk was admitted as an attorney in 1979, as a Conveyancer in 1980 and as a Notary Public in 1985. He has over four decades of experience as an admitted attorney, conveyancer, and notary public and specialises in creating sustainable legal and tax structures for commercial and residential property developments.

As a founding member of the Tshwane Independent Mediator Association and an accredited mediator, he has mediated various disputes successfully. Schalk is a member of the Legal Practice Council's Disciplinary Committee, and convenor of the Board of Examiners for notarial papers of the Law Society of South Africa

EXPERTISE

- Commercial and Corporate Law
- Property Law
- Tax Law
- Estate Planning
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution including Mediation and Arbitration



CONSULTANTS



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QUALIFICATIONS

- B Proc
- LLM (Commercial and Company Law)
- AIPSA Diploma
- Certificate: Forensic Accounting and Fraud Examination
- Registered Tax Practitioner
- Registered Insolvency Practitioner
- Conflict Dynamics Accredited Mediator

PROFILE

Geoff was admitted as an attorney in 1981. He is a sought-after guest lecturer with four-decades' experience in commercial and insolvency law. Geoff is an insolvency practitioner, a certified fraud examiner, a tax practitioner, and an accredited Conflict Dynamics Mediator.

He advises on business rescues, corporate insolvencies, the buying and selling of businesses and companies, share transactions, mergers and acquisitions and restructuring of companies through compromises and arrangements.

EXPERTISE

- Commercial and Corporate Law
- Insolvency Law
- Business Rescue
- Mining Law
- Trusts
- Estate Planning
- General Litigation and Dispute Resolution including Mediation and Arbitration



PRACTICE AREAS

Our legal law firm mainly represents business clients and entities, our key focus is on commercial work, family law, construction law and general litigation.

Our services include commercial agreements and advice, incorporation of these entities, selling and purchasing entities and stakes therein, advising clients when disputes arise, representing clients in various dispute resolution forums, insolvency and business rescue.

We represent various importers and exporters in cross-border transactions and regularly advise on customs and excise matters, including tariff and valuation disputes.

We also have a Conveyancing and Notary Public department that specialises in property transfers, township establishment and development, registration of sectional titles, sectional title and property development, registration, cession and cancellation of bonds, registration of notarial bonds, registration of servitudes and antenuptial contracts.





AREAS OF SPECIALISATION

Our lawyers include commercial lawyers, family lawyers, labour lawyers, immigration lawyers, medical negligence lawyers, civil litigation lawyers, intellectual property lawyers, wills and estates lawyers, copyright lawyers, conveyance lawyers, insurance lawyers, trust lawyers, eviction lawyers, insolvency and business rescue lawyers.

- Administrative Law
- Commercial and Corporate Law
- Construction Law
- Customs and Excise
- Employment Law
- Family Law
- Immigration Law
- Insurance and Re-insurance
- Medical Negligence Claims
- Recoveries and Debt Collection
- Alternative Dispute Resolution
- Mediation and Arbitration
- Estates
- Forensic Investigations
- Insolvency Law
- International Trade
- Personal Injury Law
- Property Law
- Tax Law





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