



Lerato Motlhabe

Associate

Qualifications:

LLB - University of Cape Town 2020

LERATO is an experienced Legal Forensic Practitioner with a strong background in forensic investigations, risk and compliance, legal analysis and advisory services.

PROFESSIONAL JOURNEY

Lerato obtained her Bachelor Of Laws degree from the University of the Western Cape in 2020.

From March 2021 to March 2023, Lerato embarked on her journey of serving her articles of clerkship at a boutique law firm in Sandton. During her time as a Candidate Legal Practitioner, she conducted forensic investigations, interviewed relevant personnel, analysed documentary evidence and drafted forensic investigation reports.

At the end of her articles in March 2023, she was appointed as an Associate at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in the Dispute Resolution Practice, under the Forensic and White Collar Crime Investigation department. She continued to conduct complex forensic investigations and had an opportunity to conduct financial investigations across the boarder.

In July 2024, Lerato was appointed as a Forensic Consultant at Ubuntu Business Advisory and Consulting, she led a team of forensic investigators on multiple projects which dealt with, amongst others, unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure, procurement fraud, anonymous whistleblower investigations, and workplace investigations.

In September 2023, Lerato joined MBA Incorporated as an Associate, bringing her extensive knowledge and expertise to the firm.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Lerato has extensive experience in:

- Forensic investigations
- Evidence collection and analysis
- Report writing

- Ethic and compliance
- Conducting legal research
- Risk management
- Report presentation

EXPERIENCE HIGHLIGHTS

- Conducted an Unauthorised, Irregular, Wasteful and Fruitless expenditure investigation at a State Owned Company in Gauteng over R2 million was declared as an irregular expenditure.
- Conducted a lifestyle audit against a top executive in the telecommunications industry and provided a legal opinion pertaining to section 34 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act, 2004.
- Conducted a fraud risk assessment that uncovered control weaknesses in a R22 million supply chain and the recommendations were adopted company-wide.
- Drafted an Anti-Money Laundering (AML) Policy following a high-risk client onboarding review, aligning the business with regulatory expectations.
- Collaborated on a forensic audit for a public entity, and identified over R8 million in irregular expenditure and leading to disciplinary action.

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