

LEANNE GOVINDSAMY

EDUCATION & TRAINING

Attorney of the High Court of South Africa, admitted as an attorney in May 2011

University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, (December 2006)

LLB (Law degree)

- University Representative – 14th Annual All Africa Moot Competition
- Leon Sapire Award for Best Student in the International Moot

University of Notre Dame, Indiana, USA (May 2009)

LLM, International Human Rights Law

- Dean's List honor distinction – *Summa Cum Laude*

Young Africa Leadership Initiative, South Africa (October 2013 – October 2014)

Leadership Initiative developed by the Aspen Institute. The initiative focuses on young people and their role as leaders in South Africa.

University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa, (July 2014 – Current)

MA, Anthropology, part-time.

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Corruption Watch (Transparency International Chapter, South Africa)

(September 2014 – Current), **Head, Legal & Investigations**, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Management of legal and investigations team consisting of a forensic investigator, junior lawyer, legal researcher and junior legal personnel
- Investigation into reports of corruption, formulation of legal solutions to corruption and advocacy around the issue of corruption including preparation and oral presentation of submissions before Parliament;
- Drafting of pleadings, opinions and memoranda and vetting of articles and other publications and development and oversight of strategic impact litigation;
- Management of relationships between Corruption Watch and other anti-corruption and investigative bodies
- Management of budget and drafting of reports for funders

Cheadle Thompson & Haysom Inc. (January 2008 – July 2008) (October 2009 – July 2014) **Senior Associate**, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Researched legal issues and drafted pleadings, opinions and memoranda
- Management of the relationship between clients and the counsel who were briefed to argue matters on their behalf
- Ensured that clients were kept informed of their matter and that they fully understood the risks and complexity of litigation and other legal solutions
- Management of general practice and files and supervision over junior professionals at the firm
- Research and assistance in policy and legislative drafting

Alternative Law Forum (August 2009 – September 2009) **Intern**, Bangalore, India

- Researched state disability laws and regulations vis-à-vis international standards
- Researched other state laws and various rights violations in Bangalore and surrounds.
- Presentations made on research topics at weekly seminars

Nishan, (July 2009) **Intern**, Haryana, India

- Researched the impact of corruption on human rights in Kurekshetra
- Field work in rural villages in Northern India, engagement with social justice issues and the documentation of human rights abuses

Constitutional Court of South Africa, (December 2006 – December 2007)

Law Clerk, Johannesburg, South Africa

- Provided general assistance to Justice T Madala in the performance of all his duties
- Analytical research and discussion and preparation of memoranda on matters before the Constitutional Court
- Training of new clerks