

WELCOME TO
CLAASSEN INC

We are a **boutique law firm** that offers personalised, quality legal services.

Are you or your business facing a challenge or need other legal assistance?

WE CAN OFFER YOU
A SOLUTION

ABOUT US

We are business minded and our purpose is to find solutions to our clients' challenges or needs that are robust, efficient and cost effective. We find fulfilment in doing so without compromising on; and in a way that advances; our core values.

OUR CORE VALUES

1

Unwavering honesty, integrity and respect towards each other and any other person we engage with.

2

Cultivating relationships premised on trust between ourselves, our clients, our peers and the public.

3

Presenting ourselves, the firm and the legal profession in a professional, respectable and reputable manner.

4

Maintaining an unquestionable level of ethical conduct.

We focus on what we are good at. We apply the legal tools available to us to find the best suited solution to our clients' challenges or needs. We trust each other and for this reason we can identify what knowledge, skills and resources a challenge or need requires and we assign our resources accordingly.

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OUR SERVICES



BUSINESS RESCUE, RESTRUCTURING AND TURNAROUND

- Business rescue is a legal tool available to businesses that are in financial distress.
- We apply our expertise in this field to help our clients:
 - Identify, manage and overcome financial distress.
 - Recover monies from their business partners that decided to employ this tool.
 - Understand the risks and benefits of this process.
 - Understand and exercise their rights on whatever side of the fence they find themselves.



INSOLVENCY

- Insolvency is a legal tool aimed at preserving and advancing the rights of creditors that are owed money by an insolvent person or business.
- We apply our expertise in this field to help our clients understand, exercise and protect their rights whether as an insolvent, or as a creditor.



DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- We apply our expertise in this field to help our clients diffuse complex disputes in an efficient and cost effective manner. This way our clients can get on with business.



COMMERCIAL CONTRACT DRAFTING

- We apply our expertise in this field to help our clients negotiate and close deals on contractual terms that protect and advance their interests.



OTHER SERVICES

- We have a wide network of reputable law firms that we trust and that assist us with any area of law not falling within our areas of expertise, not limited to our clients' conveyancing needs.

OUR TEAM

OUR TEAM IS DEDICATED TO ADVANCE YOUR BUSINESS INTERESTS

Nico Claassen

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Position: Director (Founding)

Education: BCom (Law) (2004) (Stell)
LLB (2006) (Stell)
LLM (2007) (Stell)
Short Course in Business Rescue (Unisa)

Professional: Attorney of the High Court of South Africa (February 2010)
Member of the South African Restructuring and Insolvency Practitioners Association (SARIPA)
Member of the International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals (INSOL)

Nico has over 12 years' experience as a lawyer. His passion is Dispute Resolution, Restructuring and Insolvency. He applies his skills to diffuse complex disputes to the benefit of his clients. His goal is to do so effectively; cost and otherwise; and efficiently by applying the legal tools available to him.

He sharpened his skills in his areas of passion mainly by representing large credit providers, but have also advised business rescue practitioners, liquidators and other clients within this context. Nico established the firm in December 2021 to re-focus on and further pursue his passion.



Catherine Dix

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Position: Senior Associate

Education:
LLB Law Bachelor of Laws (2017) University of Cape Town
BCom Business/Commerce, General (2015) University of Cape Town

Catherine is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa, currently practicing as a Senior Associate at Claassen Inc. With a robust legal foundation and extensive experience, Catherine provides expert legal counsel and representation across a wide range of areas.

Catherine holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) and a Bachelor of Commerce (BCom) from the University of Cape Town, where she developed a strong academic background in law and business. This dual expertise allows Catherine to approach legal challenges with a comprehensive understanding of both the legal and commercial landscapes, enabling them to deliver strategic and informed advice to their clients.



Sharan Lala

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Position: Candidate Legal Practitioner
Education: BSocPsy (Law and Politics) (2018) (Rhodes University)
LLB (2021) (NWU)

Sharan commenced his training with the firm in July 2022. He is an invaluable member of the team and offers support to the lawyers of the firm. Sharan is dedicated to his growth as a lawyer and his aim is to help the firm's clients by maintaining a high standard of work ethic and professionalism.

Desima Beukes

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Position: Consulting Attorney
Education: Baccalareus Artium (cum laude), Arts and Philosophy, 1982 (University of Pretoria)
Baccalareus Procurarationis, 1985 (University of South Africa)
Postgraduate Diploma, Tax Law, 1993 (University of Cape Town)
Certificate in Compliance Management, 2012 (University of Cape Town)
Professional: Attorney of the High Court of South Africa (1986)

Desima has over 30 years' experience as a lawyer. She has been involved as a drafter in a number of high value mergers and acquisitions. She is known for strong drafting skills and attention to detail. In addition to commercial drafting, she is capable in transaction project management as well as document review, both on-site and remotely.

Desima advocates high quality but affordable commercial legal services to small, medium and large businesses alike. Her working style on larger deals is to get on it with it quietly in the background, by leaving boardroom negotiations to the experts in that field and then taking her instructions from them. That approach frees up her time and allows for clear focus on proverbially crossing the t's and dotting the i's, which is where her greatest strength lies. In smaller deals, with perhaps less legally sophisticated clients, Desima enjoys walking clients through the process.



Gerhard Rudolph

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Position: Consultant Attorney
Education: LLB (2009) (University of Pretoria)
Professional: Attorney of the High Court of South Africa (August 2011)

Gerhard practiced as a lawyer for approximately two years after his admission. In December 2013 Gerhard joined one of the largest credit providers in South Africa. There he honed and developed his legal skills. He was promoted to a legal manager within the organisation in April 2015 and was tasked with advising on and mitigating the organisation's legal risks within a team of legal specialists. He oversaw various legal-teams and law firms and managed and advised on a substantial amount of litigious matters. Gerhard was awarded several prestigious awards for outstanding performance and management while at the organisation.

Gerhard joined the firm as a consultant attorney in August 2022 and offers invaluable knowledge pertaining to credit and consumer law. He places high standards on himself and aims to provide an effective and efficient solution to any challenge the firm's clients are faced with.

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