



Curriculum Vitae of Simoné van Helsdingen (née Wessels)

Professional career

Simoné, an admitted advocate since 2009 with an LLB in law from the University of Pretoria (UP), obtained her master's degree (LLM) in criminal law *cum laude* at UP in 2009.

She started her professional career in 2008 at the University of Pretoria, as a permanent academic associate in the Department of Mercantile Law. She also held temporary lectureships in mercantile law during 2008 and foundations of South African law during 2009 at the University of South Africa.

Simoné practiced as an advocate and full-time member of the Pretoria Society of Advocates from 2010 until the end of 2017, where she gained extensive litigation experience in the High Court and Magistrate's Court. During this time, she also served as a research assistant at the University of Pretoria's Law Clinic for a period of four months and she was elected as secretary and honorary secretary of the Pretoria Society of Advocates from 2012 to 2013. As a member of the ethics committee of the Pretoria Society of Advocates, Simoné investigated complaints against members of the society.

Because of her keen interest in promoting professional ethics, Simoné joined ProEthics in January 2018 where she is responsible for the following:

- Development of corporate training and e-learning programmes
- Presentation and facilitation of in-house training courses
- Research in various legal fields, including ethics and anti-corruption
- The drafting of legal opinions
- Ethics investigations on behalf of clients

Recently, she has presented training courses to senior delegates and/or staff members of the Vaal University of Technology, the University of Pretoria, Nedbank, Rand Merchant Bank (RMB), the Lewis Group, the Compliance Institute Southern Africa, the Department of Public Service and Administration, Barloworld Equipment South Africa, National Lotteries Commission and Johannesburg Water. She also teaches short programmes on ethics, governance and anti-corruption at the Wits Business School Leadership Development Centre.

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