



Curriculum Vitae of Simoné van Helsdingen (née Wessels)

Professional career

Simoné, who has been an admitted advocate since 2009 and holds 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 end 2017. During this time, she 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 this society.

Most recently, she has presented training courses to senior delegates and/or staff members from the Vaal University of Technology, the Lewis Group, the Compliance Institute Southern Africa, the Department of Public Service and Administration, Nedbank, SAAFF, Eqstra, Rosond, Rand Merchant Bank (RMB) and Barloworld Equipment South Africa.

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

- Development of corporate training and e-learning programmes
- Research in various legal fields, including ethics and anti-corruption

- Presentation and facilitation of in-house training courses
- The drafting of legal opinions.
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