



# Ba Shaquille Pofelo

**Candidate Attorney**

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- **2024:** Bachelor of Laws – University of Botswana

## **BACKGROUND**

Ba completed his law qualification in 2024, with a continuous grade point average of 4.2/5.0 - 84%, being top 2 of the best performing students in his class at the University of Botswana. He serves as a volunteer of the Implementation Committee under the Motheo Mentorship Lawyers Trust. Ba was appointed President of the University of Botswana Law Society in 2023. He is a Candidate Attorney in the Corporate and Commercial Department and also part of our Dispute Resolution Department.

## **LEGAL EXPERIENCE**

- **July 2024 - Current:** Candidate Attorney, Desai Law Group
- **November 2024 - May 2025:** Candidate Attorney, Collins Chilisa Consultants
- **June 2023 - October 2024:** Intern: Babuseng and Maswabi Attorneys at Law
- **June 2022 - July 2022:** Collins Newman and Company

## **ACCOLADES & PROFESSIONAL RECOGNITION**

- University of Botswana Law Society: President
- Centre for Human Rights (University of Botswana): University of Botswana Representative in Moot Competitions
- Motheo Mentorship Lawyers Trust: Implementation Committee Member
- University of Botswana (Constitutional Review Colloquium): Rapporteur of the Program
- Section 18-Human Rights Forum (Non-Profit Civic Society Organisation): Chairperson

## **CAREER HIGHLIGHTS**

### **COMMERCIAL LITIGATION**

- Part of the litigation team representing client, Tourism Development Consortium in repossession matters.
- Acted for several clients on employment law disputes.
- Part of the legal team advising a reputational bank on labour law issues.
- Represented clients on debt collection matters.
- Part of the legal team representing Botswana Development Company (**BDC**) in a high-profile matter.
- Assisting in matters concerning commercial disputes arising out of a breach of a contractual agreement between clients.

### **BOARD SECRETARIAL**

- Assisting *Rainbow Schools* with board secretarial services.

### **ARBITRATION**

- Member of the team representing Tourism Development Consortium in arbitration against Setlhoa Homeowners Association.
- Part of the legal team representing Baisago University in an arbitration matter.
- Part of the team representing Rainbow Schools in an arbitration matter.

## **CORPORATE COMMERCIAL**

- Advising clients on listing processes on the Botswana Stock Exchange.
- Member of the legal team advising clients such as Bayport Botswana on corporate restructuring.
- Part of the legal team providing crucial insights to Jindal Africa for the preparation of a bid to construct and manage a 300MW coal plant and 100MW solar plant.
- Provided guidance to clients on regulatory compliance pertaining to foreign collective investment undertakings, new product launches, and competition law in Botswana.
- Advising several clients on the regulation of international money transfer systems in Botswana and overall banking laws, including providing counsel to the World Bank on national banking legislation.
- Conducted meticulous legal due diligence exercises for several clients such as Wilderness Botswana.
- Rendered advice to client Wilderness Safaris on issues of company migration.
- Advising client with regards to compliance with Non-Banking Financial Institutions Laws and Regulations.

## **MERGERS AND ACQUISITIONS**

- Part of the legal team representing Sir Ketumile Masire Teaching Hospital in its partial acquisition of CTL Amedica.
- Integral member of the corporate team advising Actis Holdings on its acquisition of General Atlantic.
- Assisted with advise to clients on Share Purchase Agreements.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL LAW & CORPORATE ESG**

- Working with and advising clients on matters to ensure compliance with relevant local environmental law regulations and implementing governance policies that align with ESG standards.

## **WILLS & ESTATES**

- Drafted several Wills and Trust Deeds, ensuring that each document accurately reflected the clients' wishes and complied with all relevant legal requirements.