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PRACTICE AREAS

- Business Crimes & Investigations
- Disputes
- Technology & Innovation

EXPERTISE

- Commercial Dispute Resolution
- Business Crimes & Investigations
- Technology & Innovation
- Administrative and Public Procurement Law
- Mediation and negotiations
- Data Breach Crisis Management
- Legal Strategy and Consulting
- Legal Crisis Management
- Cross Boarder Litigation and Transaction Management

Industries Advised:

- Fibre and Telecoms
- High Value Goods Manufacturers
- Medicines and Pharmaceuticals
- Property, Development and Construction
- Banking and FinTech
- Technology
- Mining, Oil, Energy and Fuel
- Public Procurement
- Advisory
- JSE and FSCA

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Being retained to provide ongoing legal and strategic commercial advise to various clients in relation to matters involving their international, multi-national and national operations as well as how to navigate the South African state procurement space to mitigate and prevent being exposed to corrupt activity in the provision of services and goods to the state as well as providing strategic legal guidance in practically resolving matters in the best interests of the clients. This advice is provided on an ongoing basis from time to time.

- Being appointed to advise a major and global Chinese based tech conglomerate, ZTE Global in relation to matters involving white-collar crime and major litigation from time to time by the International company as well as its local subsidiary.
- Being appointed to advise a major and global South Korean based conglomerate, Samsung, in relation to matters involving white-collar crime and major litigation from time to time by the International company as well as its local subsidiary.
- Lead attorney representing PRASA to review and set aside the allegedly corrupt award of a tender for the installation of speed access gates and related security equipment involving in excess of ZAR 6 billion.
- Acted for PRASA in the reviewing and setting aside a corrupt tender for the acquisition of 70 locomotives which were not suitable for the South African railway gauge to the value of ZAR 3.5 billion.
- Lead Attorney representing Listed entity in the Health and Pharmaceutical space in a pending arbitration wherein they are being sued for ZAR 54 million in damages arising from an alleged breach of contract.
- Lead Attorney in an investigation into potential exposure arising out of relationships with individuals in newly acquired enterprises who had been identified as having links to entities identified in the State Capture commission.
- Key member of the team appointed by the South African Prudential Authority to conduct an investigation in terms of the newly promulgated Financial Sector Regulations Act into the demise of VBS mutual bank and have set the precedent for the manner in which future investigations of that nature are to be conducted in terms of that act. This also culminated in the famous "Motau Report" relating to the demise of VBS Mutual Bank. Werksmans was the first team to be appointed in this regard.
- Represented former high-ranking employees of the South African Revenue Services ("SARS") who were victims of the State capture of SARS and were criminally prosecuted for allegedly constituting a "Rogue Unit". Werksmans successfully secured the withdrawal of the prosecution.
- Representing a major USA based entity in an action in the High Court where they suffered damages in the amount of ZAR 60 million as a result of a fraudulent misrepresentation and scheme perpetrated by third parties involving the construction of two power plants for Eskom.
- Representing a major entity in the Medical Aid and Health space in a detailed investigation into a large series of frauds.
- Conducted an investigation for a cellular company into internal corporate espionage
- Conducted an investigation for the Technology Innovation Agency of South Africa ("TIA") into the misappropriation of a sizeable investment made by TIA.
- Advised the MultiChoice South Africa Group in the investigation launched by the sector specific regulator (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa) into competition within the subscription television broadcasting sector in South Africa.
- Investigated a range of reportable irregularities that were raised by their auditors in compliance with their duties arising from IFRIS.
- Successfully representing the Public Protector and the Office of the Public Protector in opposing a review application brought by the previous public protector in respect of a decision to not pay her a gratuity payment subsequent to her removal from office.

CAREER

- Higher Diploma in Advanced Companies Law *(cum laude)*, University of the Witwatersrand, 2010
- Higher Diploma in Advanced Competition Law, University of the Witwatersrand, 2011
- Admitted as an Attorney, 2011
- LLB, University of the Witwatersrand, 2009
- BCom (Business Finance & Law), University of the Witwatersrand, 2007

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked as a Leading Lawyer (Band 2) by Chambers Global | 2026 | Corporate Investigations
- Ranked as a Thomson Reuters Stand-out Lawyer since 2022
- Ranked as a Leading Lawyer (Band 3) by Chambers Global | 2022 – 2024 and 2025 (Band 2) | Corporate Investigations
- Ranked lawyer (Up and Coming) by Chambers Global | 2020 – 2021 | Corporate Investigations
- Appointed to firm EXCO Committee 2020
- Ranked as a Top 10 South African Corporate Investigation lawyers dominating in 2023 by Business Today News