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## **Mediator – Advocate – Raqeem Saint**

**Advanced Mediator** SABWIL Chambers - Mediation  Diamond Member

*Ubuntu. Dignity. Practical solutions. Meaningful outcomes. Vuk'uzenzele.*

Advocate Raqeem Saint is a highly regarded dispute resolution professional whose work is distinguished by exceptional interpersonal skill, commercial insight, and a genuine commitment to helping people resolve conflict constructively.

Widely respected for his calm temperament, practical approach, and ability to build trust, he has established himself as a mediator to whom clients return repeatedly and confidently refer others.

An Advocate of the High Court of South Africa since 2006, Adv Saint brings nearly two decades of legal experience to the mediation process. His extensive exposure to complex disputes, combined with his natural aptitude for facilitating difficult conversations, enables him to assist parties in identifying practical solutions that preserve relationships, manage risk, and create sustainable outcomes.

Known for his people-centred approach, Adv. Saint understands that successful mediation requires more than legal knowledge. It requires trust, emotional intelligence, sound judgement, patience, and the ability to guide parties through uncertainty toward resolution. His ability to quickly establish rapport and create a constructive environment allows parties to engage meaningfully in a process that is confidential, balanced, and future-focused.

## **SPECIALISATION FOCUS: COMMERCIAL, PERSONAL INJURY AND CIVIL DISPUTES**

Advocate Raqeem Saint is particularly well suited to disputes requiring commercial awareness, practical problem-solving, and effective stakeholder management, including:

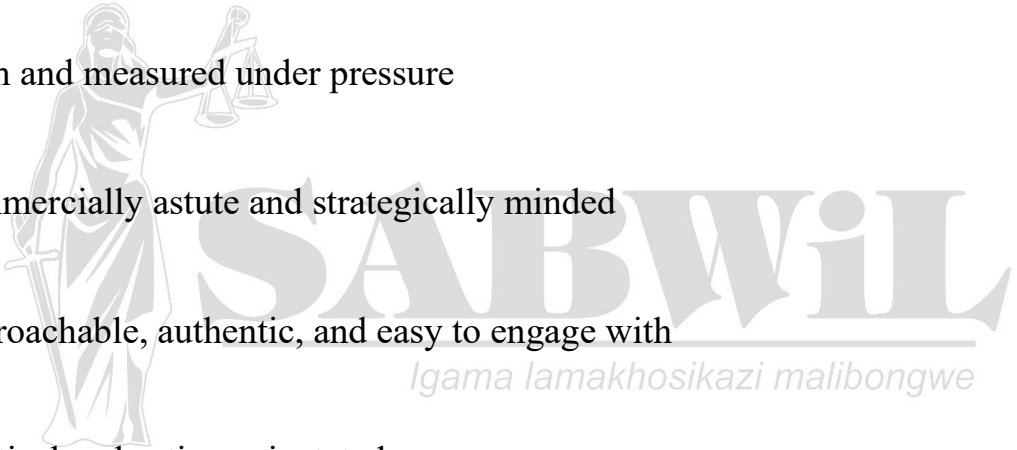
- Commercial and contractual disputes
- Insurance-related disputes
- Medical negligence matters
- Personal injury claims and broader civil disputes
- Relationship-based disputes requiring careful facilitation

- Multi-party disputes requiring pragmatic negotiation and consensus-building

His mediation style combines commercial realism with empathy and practical wisdom, enabling parties to focus on achievable outcomes rather than entrenched positions.

## WHAT CLIENTS CAN EXPECT

Clients working with Advocate Saint can expect a mediator who is:

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- Calm and measured under pressure
  - Commercially astute and strategically minded
  - Approachable, authentic, and easy to engage with
  - Practical and action-orientated
  - Respectful, fair, and impartial
  - Skilled at building trust and reducing conflict
  - Focused on outcomes rather than adversarial positioning
  - Dedicated to helping parties achieve lasting resolution

Adv. R. Saint is particularly effective in matters where parties require a mediator who can manage strong personalities, diffuse tension, maintain momentum, and guide discussions toward practical agreement. His ability to connect with people from diverse backgrounds and perspectives is one of the defining strengths of his mediation practice.

## **CREDENTIALS & QUALIFICATIONS**

### **Academic**

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of the Witwatersrand

### **Professional Standing**

- Advocate of the High Courts of South Africa, admitted 2006
- Member of the Legal Practice Council, Referral Advocate
- Accredited Mediator, University of Cape Town,

### **ADR & Specialist Training**

- SABWiL RAF Panel Training Course Contributor

- Advanced Mediator, SABWiL Chambers - Mediation

## **LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION**

Advocate Saint is deeply committed to the growth, transformation, and advancement of mediation in South Africa. He believes that access to high-quality dispute resolution should be expanded and that the mediation profession should actively invest in the development of future practitioners.

He has demonstrated this commitment through practical support for junior mediators, particularly Black mediators seeking opportunities to develop sustainable professional practices. His contribution extends beyond mentorship and encouragement, including meaningful financial support towards professional development and transformation initiatives.

Adv. Saint is also committed to sharing his practical experience with aspiring mediators through SABWiL training initiatives. As a contributor to the SABWiL Road Accident Fund Mediation Panel Training Programme, he assists in equipping future mediators with the skills, insights, and practical understanding required to build successful and ethical mediation practices.

His commitment to developing others reflects a belief that the mediation profession is strengthened when experienced practitioners invest in the next generation.

## A NOTE ON HIS APPROACH

Advocate Saint possesses the qualities that many regard as the hallmark of an exceptional mediator. Naturally calm, balanced, and solutions-focused, he approaches conflict not as a contest to be won but as an opportunity to create understanding and progress.

He has an instinctive ability to identify underlying interests, uncover common ground, and assist parties in moving beyond positions toward meaningful resolution. While robust and confident when required, he remains approachable and respectful throughout the process, ensuring that parties feel heard, valued, and able to participate fully in shaping their own outcomes.

His success as a mediator is built on trust. Clients are consistently drawn to his authenticity, practical wisdom, and ability to navigate challenging conversations with confidence and ease. These qualities, combined with his commercial savvy and extensive legal experience, have earned him a reputation as a mediator whose services are sought out repeatedly by those who value practical and effective dispute resolution.

## BEYOND PRACTICE

Beyond his professional work, Adv. Saint is known first and foremost as a people person. He genuinely enjoys working with others, building meaningful relationships, and helping individuals navigate challenges constructively.

Colleagues and clients alike recognise him for his warmth, generosity of spirit, and exceptional character.

His natural ability to connect with people from all walks of life is one of the qualities that distinguishes him both personally and professionally. Whether dealing with sophisticated commercial parties or individuals experiencing difficult personal disputes, he has a remarkable capacity to make people feel comfortable, respected, and understood.

Practical, grounded, and action-oriented, Adv. Raqeem Saint believes that progress comes through engagement, trust, and purposeful action. This philosophy informs his approach to mediation and has contributed significantly to the strong reputation he enjoys among clients, colleagues, and professional peers.

*"The most durable resolutions are achieved when people are heard, understood, and empowered to shape their own future."*



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