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Profile

Mediator Calvin Madavha

Active Mediator SABWIL Chambers - Mediation 🏆 Gold Member

Ubuntu. Integrity. Practical solutions. Lasting outcomes.

Advocate Calvin Malope Madavha is an experienced Advocate of the High Court of South Africa and dispute resolution professional whose work is defined by fairness, sound judgement, and a practical approach to resolving disputes. With approximately thirteen years of legal experience, he has built a respected practice appearing before the High Courts, Labour Court, Regional Courts, Magistrates' Courts, and various tribunals throughout South Africa.

Admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa on 8 August 2013, Adv Madavha combines extensive litigation experience with a strong commitment to alternative dispute resolution. His experience representing government departments, state institutions, financial organisations, businesses, and private litigants provides him with a comprehensive understanding of both the legal and practical dimensions of conflict.

As a mediator, he is recognised for his analytical ability, sound legal reasoning, calm temperament, and practical problem-solving skills. He believes that effective dispute resolution should not only address the immediate issues in dispute but should also create sustainable outcomes that allow parties to move forward constructively.

SPECIALISATION FOCUS: COMMERCIAL, LABOUR, CIVIL AND WORKPLACE DISPUTES

Advocate Madavha is particularly well suited to disputes that require careful analysis, strong process management, and practical solutions, including:

- Commercial disputes
- Labour and workplace disputes
- Civil disputes
- Contractual disputes
- Land claim disputes
- Administrative law matters
- Constitutional disputes

- Medical negligence matters
- Police liability, unlawful arrest and detention claims
- General commercial litigation and related disputes

His mediation style is informed by years of courtroom advocacy and judicial experience, enabling him to help parties identify key issues, understand risk realistically, and work towards practical and sustainable resolutions.

WHAT CLIENTS CAN EXPECT

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

- Calm, professional, and approachable
- Analytical and solutions focused.
- Fair, impartial, and respectful
- Skilled at managing complex disputes
- Practical and commercially aware

- Patient and attentive to the interests of all parties
- Committed to dignity, fairness, and procedural integrity
- Focused on finding workable and lasting outcomes

Adv Madavha is particularly effective in matters where parties require a mediator who can balance legal complexity with practical problem-solving while maintaining a respectful and constructive environment.

CREDENTIALS & QUALIFICATIONS

Academic

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of Venda, 2012

Professional Standing

- Advocate of the High Court of South Africa admitted 8 August 2013
- Member of the Limpopo Society of Advocates
- Member of SABWIL Chambers - Mediation

Mediation & ADR Qualifications

- Mediation Training, University of Cape Town

Judicial Experience

- Acting Magistrate, Polokwane Magistrates' Court, November 2022 to February 2024

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & PROFESSIONAL CONTRIBUTION

Advocate Madavha's professional journey reflects a deep commitment to public service, access to justice, and the effective administration of the law. His career includes experience within the National Prosecuting Authority, Legal Aid South Africa, private practice, and judicial service as an Acting Magistrate.

Through these varied roles, he has gained significant insight into the challenges faced by individuals, businesses, public institutions, and communities when conflicts arise. This broad experience enhances his ability to assist parties in reaching practical settlements that are informed by both legal realities and human considerations.

Throughout his career, he has remained committed to professionalism, ethical conduct, constitutional values, and the advancement of fair and accessible dispute resolution processes. His contribution to mediation reflects a belief that

disputes can often be resolved more effectively through dialogue, understanding, and informed decision-making than through prolonged litigation.

A NOTE ON HIS APPROACH

Advocate Madavha brings to mediation the perspective of a legal professional who has served the justice system in multiple capacities, including prosecution support, legal aid, advocacy, and judicial office. This breadth of experience allows him to understand disputes from a variety of perspectives and to assist parties in evaluating both risks and opportunities realistically.

He approaches every matter with integrity, independence, and respect for the dignity of the individuals involved. His calm demeanour, strong reasoning skills, and understanding of human behaviour enable him to facilitate productive discussions, even where relationships have become strained or positions appear entrenched.

His focus remains on helping parties move beyond conflict toward practical, achievable, and sustainable solutions.

BEYOND PRACTICE

Beyond his professional life, Adv Madavha enjoys spending time outdoors and has a strong appreciation for nature, adventure, and recreation. His personal interests include fishing, boat cruising, and jet skiing, pursuits that provide

balance to a demanding legal career while allowing him to recharge and maintain perspective.

Those who know him describe him as grounded, thoughtful, disciplined, and approachable. He values meaningful relationships, community, and continuous personal growth, qualities that naturally complement his work as a mediator.

His appreciation for patience, observation, and steady decision-making extends beyond recreation and into his professional life, where he is committed to helping parties navigate challenges with clarity, respect, and confidence.

These qualities, together with his legal experience, practical mindset, and commitment to fairness, continue to distinguish him as a trusted dispute resolution professional.

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“Lasting resolution is achieved when parties are given the opportunity to be heard, understand their options, and work together toward a practical way forward.”



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