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Profile

Mediator Masebala Motimele

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Non-Practising Attorney | Accredited Mediator

Ubuntu. Dignity. Inclusive dispute resolution. Vuk'uzenzele.

Masebala Motimele is a non-practising attorney of the High Court of South Africa and an accredited mediator whose work is grounded in legal clarity, procedural integrity, and practical resolution. She brings a calm, pragmatic, and compliance-conscious approach to mediation, helping parties navigate disputes in a process that is structured, respectful, and focused on meaningful outcomes.

Her mediation practice bridges the adversarial nature of litigation with the strategic efficiency of alternative dispute resolution. She is particularly attuned to the importance of ensuring that mediation is not treated as a mere procedural formality, but as a robust, legally compliant, and constructive opportunity for parties to resolve conflict.

Masebala is qualified to conduct private and court-annexed mediations, including mediations contemplated under Rule 41A of the High Court Rules.

Her legal background, litigation experience, and training as a dialogue facilitator strengthen her ability to assist parties in identifying the true issues in dispute, managing difficult conversations, and moving toward practical settlement.

SPECIALISATION FOCUS: COMMERCIAL, RAF, WORKPLACE AND INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DISPUTES

Masebala is particularly well suited to disputes that require legal discipline, structured engagement, and practical settlement thinking, including:

- Road Accident Fund matters
- Commercial disputes
- Insurance-related disputes
- Banking-law-related disputes
- Workplace disputes
- Intellectual property conflicts
- Contractual and compliance-related disputes
- Negotiations, facilitations and court-annexed mediation processes

Her professional experience includes managing litigation portfolios, client reporting, case strategy, pleadings, court appearances, legal research, opinion drafting, and dispute resolution matters. This gives her a strong appreciation of

litigation risk, client expectations, and the value of early, informed, and well-managed resolution.

WHAT CLIENTS CAN EXPECT

Clients working with Masebala can expect a mediator who is:

- Pragmatic, structured, and resolution-focused
- Calm and constructive in difficult conversations
- Attentive to legal compliance and process integrity
- Skilled in helping parties move from positional conflict to practical settlement
- Sensitive to the commercial, relational, and reputational consequences of unresolved disputes

She is particularly effective in matters where parties require a mediator who understands both the legal framework of a dispute and the need for a respectful process that allows participants to be heard.

CREDENTIALS & QUALIFICATIONS

Academic and Professional Standing

- Bachelor of Laws, University of Limpopo
- Attorney of the High Court of South Africa (non-practising roll)
- Accredited Mediator

- Student Member, South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law

Mediation, ADR and Specialist Training

- Certificate of Training in Mediation
- Road Accident Fund mediation training
- Intellectual property and technology transfer training
- Practice Management Training
- Practical Legal Training

LEADERSHIP, SERVICE & PUBLIC LEGAL EDUCATION

Masebala has a strong history of contribution to SABWiL's work in legal education, public dialogue, and professional development.

She was the Founder and Producer of the Law and Life Matters Podcast, a SABWiL public legal education initiative that created accessible conversations about law, life, legal development, constitutional consciousness, and the lived experiences of legal professionals.

She also served as a hostess on Law and Life Matters, including SABWiL podcast episodes engaging with legal, constitutional, and social themes. This work reflects her commitment to making law more accessible, relatable, and useful to the public.

Her SABWiL leadership journey includes service as an Inaugural Executive Committee Alumni Member and Projects and Events Coordinator of South African Black Women in Law. Through this work, she contributed to programmes that advance legal consciousness, representation, and meaningful public engagement.

BEYOND PRACTICE

Beyond formal legal practice, Masebala has consistently invested in public legal education and meaningful dialogue. Through Law and Life Matters, SABWiL programming, and dialogue facilitation work, she has helped create spaces where complex legal and social issues can be discussed with clarity, humanity, and purpose. This public-facing work enhances her mediation style: she listens carefully, asks thoughtful questions, and values the power of conversation to shift understanding.

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A NOTE ON HER APPROACH

Masebala brings to mediation the perspective of a lawyer who understands both litigation risk and the value of constructive dialogue.

Masebala Motimele recognises that effective mediation requires more than procedural compliance; it requires preparation, trust, clear communication, and a process that allows parties to engage with dignity and confidence.

“Clarity, compliance and dignity turn mediation from a procedural step into a meaningful opportunity for resolution.”



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