

CATHERINE WARBURTON

ABRIDGED RESUMÉ

Managing Director: IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Specialists (Pty) Ltd

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From 2007-2011 the Practical Law Company in London has ranked Catherine as a "highly recommended" attorney in the field of environmental law in South Africa.

EDUCATION

- ▣ **BA (Bachelor of Arts):** Majors: Law and Clinical Psychology, University of the Witwatersrand, 1992.
- ▣ **LLB (Bachelor of Laws),** University of the Witwatersrand, 1994.
- ▣ **International Sustainable Development Programme** (2 years) through LEAD International & funded by the Rockefeller Foundation

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS:

- ▣ Admitted as an attorney, February 1996.
- ▣ Law Society of the Northern Provinces (and serves as Chairperson of the Law Society of South Africa's Committee on Environmental Law)
- ▣ Environmental Law Association of South Africa
- ▣ LEAD Fellow, Cohort 8

EXPERIENCE:

December 2000 to present:
IMBEWU Sustainability Legal Consultants (Pty) Ltd and Warburton Attorneys:

- ▣ Specialise in all aspects of environmental law and assist with management and/or review of most of the work completed by other professionals at IMBEWU and Warburton Attorneys.
- ▣ Experience in climate change work with particular attention to the developing international and South African climate change legal regimes, and the implementation of Clean Development Mechanism (CDM) projects in South Africa.
- ▣ Advised on the environmental legal aspects of the Gautrain Project and other major SA EIAs.
- ▣ Member of the Province Support Management Team for the Gautrain Project from 2007 – 2011.
- ▣ Legal input into an EIA for SAs first Landfill Gas CDM Project and assistance with the development of the CDM project.
- ▣ Assisted with the Legal Review for the investigation on the extension of the Greater Addo National Park.
- ▣ Have compiled electronic SHE Legal Registers for mining and non-mining operations.
- ▣ Legal input into due diligence investigations, risk assessments, EMPs and have conducted numerous workshops and training sessions on enviro-legal issues.

- ▣ Assisted LEAD International and Anglo Coal with inputs to the WSSD in Johannesburg 2002.
- ▣ Provide general support and advice on corporate level SHE and Sustainability legal, policy and reporting issues.
- ▣ Monitoring of sustainability legal developments and provide input into legislative and policy developments.
- ▣ Conducted SHE legal audits for industrial and mining operations.
- ▣ Drafting of a Memorandum of Understanding between GAUTRANS and GDACE on environmental issues.
- ▣ Advising the SA Chinese Tigers Trust on legal issues pertaining to the importation and re-wilding of Chinese Tigers in SA & the establishment of a reserve for the Tigers.
- ▣ Acting for various private nature reserves in successfully opposing certain developments through the Development Facilitation Act Tribunal Process and the EIA processes and with on-going environmental and land related issues on private reserves.
- ▣ Assisting numerous project development companies with the planning of new developments.
- ▣ Process related advice and review of EIAs for a number of linear infrastructure developments with a focus on transportation infrastructure and transmission lines.
- ▣ Conduct High Court litigation on environmental matters especially review applications.
- ▣ Involved in a number of Arbitrations regarding responsibility for environmental liabilities.

May 1998 – December 2009:

Anglo American Corporation of South Africa Limited – Legal Department – in-house Environmental Legal Counsel:

- ▣ General environmental legal advice provided to Anglo American Group companies.
- ▣ Involved in the Environmental Legal Due Diligence for the listing of the Anglo American on the London Stock Exchange.
- ▣ Involved in the environmental legal aspects of the Anglo American purchase of the Zambian Copper mines and a detailed review of Zambian environmental and health and safety legislation.
- ▣ Assessed feasibility of potential projects in the DRC.
- ▣ Compiled electronic SHE Legal Registers for mining and non-mining companies in the Anglo Group.
- ▣ Monitoring of and advice on sustainability legal developments and provided input into legislative drafting and policy developments through entities such as Business SA and the Chamber of Mines.
- ▣ Assisted Anglo Coal with the development of its Climate Change Policy & representation on SA Business Lobby Groups at national and international meetings on Climate Change matters.

1996 – April 1998:

**Moolmans Attorneys Inc
Associate**

- ▣ Involved in all aspects of environmental legal work at Moolmans Attorneys Inc as a Professional Assistant and an Associate.
- ▣ Enviro-legal work included input to EIA's, EMS's, Due Diligence investigations, Cost Benefit Analyses, Awareness Training, Workshops and multi-disciplinary Risk Assessments.
- ▣ Acted as an adjudicator for the Provincial Government's Housing Department and conducted general litigation matters including environmental litigation.

1994 – 1996:

**Moodie and Robertson Attorneys – Candidate
Attorney and Professional Assistant**

- ▣ Dealt with general practical and legal environmental law issues and was specifically involved with prospecting, mining and litigious matters.
- ▣ Obtained extensive experience in both Magistrate's Court and High Court litigation, and in general commercial matters.

PAPERS AND PRESENTATIONS:

- ▣ Numerous presentations and training courses for companies and government, and at conferences, on the implications of environmental legislative provisions and developments in law and policy.
- ▣ Nominated by the Association of Law Societies to attend a United Nations Workshop on Environmental Litigation in Uganda and presented a paper there in August 1997.
- ▣ Published a critical analysis of the Constitutional Court judgement relating to civil imprisonment in the May 1996 issue of the "De Rebus" Attorneys Journal.
- ▣ Published a report on a United Nations Environmental Law Conference in the December 1997 issue of "De Rebus."
- ▣ Conducted International Leadership for the Environment and Development Training Course (LEAD) as a member of the Southern African Region from 1999 to 2001. Graduated in Moscow in September 2001.
- ▣ Nominated by LEAD International for the Global Leaders of Tomorrow Programme in 2004 which is managed by the World Economic Forum.
- ▣ Presented the legal component of a seminar on Environmental Impact Assessments at Rhodes University, Grahamstown in 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2007 and 2008.
- ▣ Attended 13th UNFCCC Subsidiary Body Meetings in Lyon, France in September 2000 as a Business representative.
- ▣ Attended COP 6 Conference on Climate Change at The Hague in November 2000 as a business representative.
- ▣ Presented the legal component of the course offered by Potchefstroom University on Rehabilitation in July 2001 and 2002.
- ▣ Conducted SA Government Training course on environmental law and Climate Change in July 2003.
- ▣ Co-responsibility for drafting of UNDP Report entitled: "*Engaging the Private Sector in Clean Development Mechanism Related Activities in South Africa. National Environmental Legal Requirements Applicable to Landfill Gas Capture and Use on Landfill Sites in South Africa*".
- ▣ Co-drafted a paper entitled "*Clean Development Mechanism Projects and the South African Mining Industry: Key Legal Issues for Consideration*" in 2003 and presented the paper at the Chamber of Mines International Sustainable Development Conference in November 2003.
- ▣ Attended the Fifth World Parks Congress in September 2003 on behalf of the National Parks Support Group Trust.
- ▣ Presented a paper at the 22nd Annual SA Transport Conference on "*The EIA for the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link: Issues, Challenges and Lessons Learnt.*"
- ▣ Presentation to SA Institute of Civil Engineers on "*An Environmental Lawyer's perspective of the Gautrain Rapid Rail Link Project*" in August 2004.
- ▣ Conducted a training workshop in 2005 on Climate Law issues for Price Waterhouse Coopers' prospective Designated Operational Entity (DOE) Team in order to meet the requirements for their registration as a DOE with the Executive Board.
- ▣ Presentation at BASIC (*Building and Strengthening Institutional Capacity in Climate Change in Developing Countries*) Workshop in Paris in March 2005 and participation at BASIC Workshop on Adaptation to the Effects of Climate Change in Delhi, India in May 2006. [IMBEWU was a South African Team member of the BASIC project which is a EU funded capacity-building project aimed at enhancing the capacity of the public sector in the climate change negotiations. See: www.basic-project.net]
- ▣ Co-drafted Paper: "*Options for Greenhouse Gas Mitigation Mechanisms in South African Legislation*", IMBEWU's contribution to the BASIC Project, November 2006.
- ▣ Co-published an article entitled "*Evaluation of alternatives in the EIA process: Have the legal requirements evolved in the new EIA regulations?*" in the September/October 2007 issue of the "Environmental Management" magazine in South Africa.
- ▣ Co-published an article entitled "*Protecting SA's Coastline*" in the September 2008 issue of "Without Prejudice".
- ▣ Published a Book Review of "*Environmental Compliance and Enforcement in South Africa: Legal Perspectives*" in the De Rebus November 2009 Edition.
- ▣ Featured in an article for the Business Day "*Women in Law*" feature in March 2010.