

CURRICULUM VITAE

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SUMMARY

- Accomplished legal and compliance professional with over 25 years of international expertise in corporate governance, regulatory compliance and company secretarial functions across multiple jurisdictions. Proven track record of advising boards, establishing governance frameworks, and ensuring compliance with complex regulatory environments.
- Currently serving as Head of Legal & Compliance and Company Secretary for Allianz Commercial South Africa, a role I singlehandedly established from the ground up in 2013. In this capacity, I have built and led the Legal and Compliance functions across Africa, ensuring robust governance structures, regulatory compliance, and risk management. Prior to this, I was Group General Counsel for Argenta Plc in London, a managing and members' agent at Lloyd's.
- I have held several senior governance roles throughout my career and am qualified and have worked in the UK, New York, and South Africa, with additional professional experience in Switzerland.
- As a member of my employer's Social and Ethics Committee, I have driven transformation, anti-corruption initiatives, ESG strategies, and socio-economic development programs, aligning corporate responsibility with meaningful impact, sustainability, and community development. I was part of the team that won the Allianz Group Social Impact Fund twice (€40k for each designated charity).
- I also serve as a non-executive director for a South African life insurer, providing strategic oversight and governance expertise.
- I was invited by the Group Head of Internal Audit in 2024 to serve as a Guest Auditor to leverage my expertise in various governance requirements.
- I was the recipient of the 2025 GLUE Program, enabling a month-long exchange in a flagship Allianz office to share best practices with global Legal & Compliance colleagues.
- I am passionate about preserving South Africa's national parks, wildlife, and biodiversity, I have hands-on volunteer experience having previously assisted in supporting sustainable agriculture initiatives through Farm Africa in Kenya. I am committed to leveraging my skills to support conservation, sustainability, and community development efforts.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

South African Attorney : 1 March 1999
English Solicitor : 1 May 2002
New York Attorney : 18 February 2009
Southern District of New York : 24 February 2009
Financial Services Board RE5 : May 2016

EDUCATION

University of Natal - Durban, South Africa

BA (1992 - 1994) **LLB** (1995 - 1996)

University of London – School of Oriental and African Studies

MA International Studies and Diplomacy (2008-2010) (obtained with Merit)

KEY SKILLS

- Corporate Governance & Strategy
- Litigation Management
- Risk Assessment and Management
- Regulatory Affairs
- Financial Services
- Insurance and Reinsurance
- Alternative Risk Transfer

COMMUNICATION AND INTERPERSONAL SKILLS

- Cross-cultural communication
- Negotiation
- Stakeholder engagement
- Strong attention to detail, report writing and presentation skills