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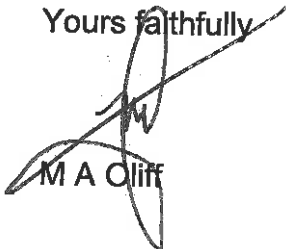
I, Mark Albert Oliff, a practicing advocate of the KwaZulu-Natal Bar in Durban do hereby nominate Lourens Johannes De Klerk for the position of a Commissioner of the Electoral Commission.

I have worked with Lourens over the past five years in various matters including electoral issues.

I have found his knowledge of the law relating to electoral issues to be unsurpassed, coupled with a clear, decisive and pragmatic approach to the realities on the ground.

Lourens is a fit and proper person and would be an asset to the Commission.

Yours faithfully



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22 October 2015

To: Mr Sello Chiloane

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Dear Sir/Madam

**RE: ACCEPTANCE OF NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS
COMMISSIONER TO ELECTORAL COMMISSION**

I hereby accept the nomination dated 22 October 2015 by Advocate I Veerasamy and Advocate Mark Oliff (hereto attached) for the appointment as a Commissioner to the Electoral Commission as advertised in the 11 October 2015 issue of the Sunday Times Newspaper.

I hereby apply for the position however I am only available on the condition that I am appointed on a permanent basis. I note that the advert was placed to fill a vacancy on a part time basis however as this would cause a conflict of interest for me I can only apply on condition that I am appointed permanently.

I am currently a Sole Practitioner Attorney. I have over 26 years of practical experience in the legal field and more specifically in Electoral law and have represented several political parties in the Electoral Court.

It would be a privilege and an honour to be appointed as a Member of the Electoral Commission. I believe I am a unique and suitable candidate for such a position for the following reasons:

I represent a very broad constituency and have a very close relationship with rural traditional communities and also a middle class constituency. I understand the needs of the poor masses as they are my primary clients with which I have had a very close working relationship for many years. I understand the needs of the majority of voters.

Because of the abovementioned I will bring immense value to the Commission.

I have actively participated and assisted with the entire electoral process for over 25 years from the very initial stages to the last stages of the entire electoral process and therefore have immense practical and legal experience in the process.

I have a passion and love for the entire election process.

I have attached a comprehensive Curriculum Vitae for your perusal.

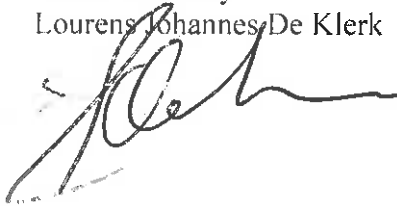
I am available at any time to commence my duties.

I wish to thank you for the time taken to peruse my CV.

I can be contacted at lourensdeklerk@telkomsa.net or on 082 557 1579.

Yours faithfully

Lourens Johannes De Klerk

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CURRICULUM VITAE

**LOURENS JOHANNES
DE KLERK**

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SOUTH AFRICA
0825571579, lourensdeklerk@telkomsa.net

PERSONAL PARTICULARS

Surname : De Klerk
Full Name : Lourens Johannes
Gender : Male
Identity Number : 6510265056085
Date of Birth : 26/10/1965
Address : 16 Glen Place , Amanzimtoti
Marital Status : Married
Children : Two Sons
Driver's Licence : Yes
Own Vehicle : Yes
Nationality : South African
Passport : South African
Languages Spoken and written : English, Afrikaans
Criminal Offences : None
Health : Excellent
Sports and Interests : Fishing, Travelling, reading and
Researching.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Secondary Education Verwoerdburg High School
1983
Matriculation certificate, with exemption

Tertiary Education UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
BACCALAUREUS IURIS DEGREE
OBTAINED IN 1990

UNIVERSITY OF PRETORIA
BACCALAUREUS PROCURATIONIS
DEGREE
OBTAINED IN 1993

EMPLOYMENT HISTORY/EXPERIENCE

Current Employment

Organisation **LOURENS DE KLERK ATTORNEYS**
Office 2 A Durban Club Place, Durban
Period 1998 to Present
Job Title Attorney (Sole proprietor)
Reason for leaving Currently employed in this position

Organisation **NELL KOTZE AND VAN DYK ATTORNEYS**
Office Pretoria
Period 1995-1998
Job Title Attorney (Partner)
Reason for leaving Start own practice in Durban

Organisation **NELL KOTZE AND VAN DYK ATTORNEYS**
Articles: April 1993- May 1995
Reason for leaving Admitted as Attorney

Organisation **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Office: Pretoria
Period January 1990-March 1993
Job Title Prosecutor: District and Regional court
Reason for leaving To undertake articles

Organisation **DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT**
Period 1989
Job Title clerk of court
Reason for leaving Appointed as Prosecutor

RELEVANT POINTS OF INTEREST

1. Member of KZN Legislator : 2009-2014 and served on the following committees:
 - Corporate Governance and Traditional Affairs;
 - Public Participation
 - Safety and Security
 - Health
2. I sat as an Assessor in High Court with Acting Judge Jeff Huwett (2007)

I have been an attorney acting on behalf of the Inkatha Freedom Party since 1995, during this period I advised several political parties on electoral matters and also assisted several political parties in filing objections during elections in terms of the Electoral Act in the Electoral Court. I specialize in Administrative law , Electoral law , Criminal law, Municipal , Constitutional law .

I was the Attorney of Record in the following reported cases:

Inkatha Freedom Party v The Electoral Commission 2011 JDR 0816 (EC)

Inkatha Freedom Party v The Electoral Commission 2011 JDR 0459 (EC)

Electoral Commission v Inkatha Freedom Party 2011 JDR 0421 (CC)

MEC for local government, housing and traditional affairs Utrecht municipal council and others 2007 (3) SA 436 (N)

The Democratic Alliance and Another v eThekweni Municipality 2010 JDR 0629 (KZD)

Buthlezi v BDFM Publishers (Pty) Limited 2012 JDR 1921 (GSJ)

Richter v Minister of home affairs and others 2009 (3) SA 615 (CC)

Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi v BDFM Publishers (Pty) Limited 2012 JDR 1706 (GSJ)

Buthlezi v MEC For Co-Operative Governance and Traditional Affairs, KwaZulu-Natal 2012 JDR 1019 (KZP)

Member of the Executive Council for KwaZulu-Natal of the Department of Co-operative Governance and Traditional Affairs v Inkatha Freedom Party 2013 JDR 2569 (KZP)

**MCOYI AND OTHERS v INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY
MAGWAZA-MSIBI v INKATHA FREEDOM PARTY 2011 (4) SA 298 (KZP)**

Inkatha Freedom Party, Nongoma v Electoral Commission 2014 JDR 1869 (EC)

**PRETORIUS AND OTHERS v MAGISTRATE, DURBAN, AND OTHERS 2013
(2) SACR 153 (KZP)**

In 1995 I moved from Pretoria to Durban and was one of the attorneys of record in the P Msane criminal trial / the Magnus Malan Trial.

I was the Attorney in the well know Shobashabane Trial. I represented hundreds of people during the people war during the period of 1995-2005. I represented several people for presidential pardons.

I was involved in thousands of political cases in KZN during times of political violence.

I also represented several applicants during the Truth and Reconciliation Commission.

I was the Attorney of record on behalf of the Inkatha Freedom Party in the much publicized matter of the Dalai Lama visiting South Africa

I have dealt with numerous Defamation matters on behalf of Prince Mangosuthu Buthelezi and the IFP and also Ilanga Newspaper.

I have also dealt with several civil matters regarding internal disciplinary procedures within the IFP.

I have advised and represented clients regarding: Land claims; Disputes in Traditional Leadership; Human Rights Commission complaints; Labour Law and have represented several councillors of the EThekweni Municipality before the Ethics committee

I have personally appeared in the High Court on numerous matters.

REFERENCE

The following references may comment on my personal and professional conduct:

1. **Professor Max Du Plessis**
Tel: 031 304 5512
Cell: 084 512 7406
2. **Advocate Sarah Pudifin Jones**
Tel: 031 301 0994
Cell: 082 578 0008
3. **Koos Van Der Merwe (previous MP)**
Cell: 082 444 4944
4. **Advocate Immanuel Veerasamy**
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Cell: 083 235 7512

IN DIE HOOGGEREGSHOF VAN SUID-AFRIKA (TRANSVAALSE PROVINSIALE AFDELING)

PRETORIA , hede die 9de dag van MEI 19 95

Voor Sy Edele Regter KIRK-COHEN
Voor Sy Edele Regter DANIELS

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OF THE ORIGINAL HEREOF


JUSTINE PETIT
BROGAN & OLIVE ATTORNEYS
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COMMISSIONER OF OATHS
REF.911/8/2 DURBAN 08/05/95

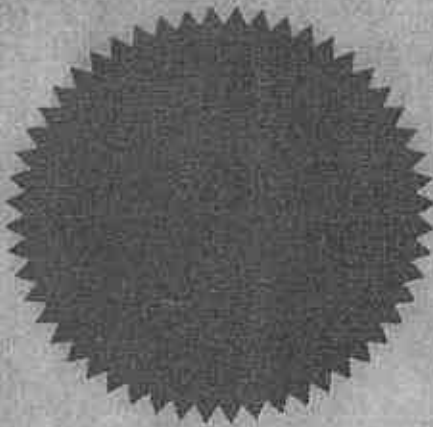
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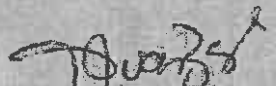
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Griffier.

Op dieselfde dag ingeskryf.


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Case no. 1386/99

**IN THE HIGH COURT OF SOUTH AFRICA
IN DIE HOOGGEREGSHOF VAN SUID-AFRIKA
(NATAL PROVINCIAL DIVISION)
(NATALSE PROVINSIALE AFDELING)**

**In the application of : LOURENS JOHANNES DE KLERK
In die aansoek van :**

**This is to certify that
Hiermee word gesertifiseer dat**

LOURENS JOHANNES DE KLERK

has this day been granted **right of appearance in the High Court of South Africa** in terms of section 4(2) of Act No 62 of 1995 and that his/her name has been entered on the roll of attorneys who have the right of appearance in the High Court in accordance with section 4(3) of the said Act.

vandag die reg verleen is om in die Hooggeregshof van Suid-Afrika te verskyn ingevolge artikel 4(2) van Wet Nr 62 van 1995 en dat sy/haar naam ingevolge artikel 4(3) van genoemde wet op die rol van prokureurs wat reg tot verskyning in die Hooggeregshof het, aangebring is.

Given under my hand and Seal of the High Court of South Africa.
Gegee onder my hand en Seel van die Hooggeregshof van Suid-Afrika.

At **PIETERMARITZBURG, THIS 22nd DAY OF April 1999**
Te **PIETERMARITZBURG, HIERDIE DAG VAN 1999**

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OF THE ORIGINAL HEREOF

JUSTINE PETIT

**BROGAN & OLIVE ATTORNEYS
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**E M KRIEL
REGISTERAR GRIFFIER**



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ISISHAYAMETHO SAKWAZULU - NATALI
KWAZULU - NATAL WEGTGEWER



Recognition of Service

AWARDED TO HONOURABLE

Lourens J. De Klerk

In recognition of your immense contribution, hard work,
tireless dedication and commitment in serving the people of
KwaZulu-Natal as a public representative within this
20 years of democracy.

Mrs L. Johnson M.P.
Speaker of Kwa-Zulu Natal Legislature

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Universiteit van Pretoria

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Visekanselier en Rektor

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Voorsitter

Geteken namens die Fakulteit
Regsgeleerdheid

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Registrateur

1993-03-30



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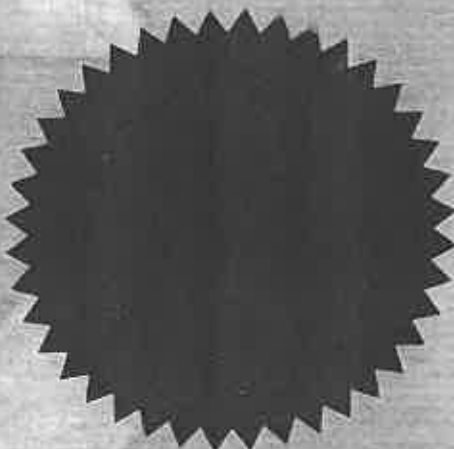
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Registrateur (Akademies)



1990-04-03

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22 October 2015

**RE: NOMINATION FOR APPOINTMENT AS COMMISSIONER TO
ELECTORAL COMMISSION: LOURENS JOHANNES DE KLERK**

Dear Sir/s

1. I would like to nominate Lourens Johannes De Klerk for consideration, for the appointment as Commissioner to the Electoral Commission.
2. I have known Mr De Klerk for a period of greater than two years and find him to be a fit and proper individual to hold such position.
3. Mr De Klerk is well versed with the issues, which are dealt with and will be dealt with by the Commission, on a daily basis.
4. To my knowledge he has extensive experience in the litigious matters which arise out of the issues which are dealt with by the Commissioners who are appointed to the Commission.
5. In my respectful opinion, Mr de Klerk will be an asset to the Commission.

Yours faithfully


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