

Tiaan Joubert is the current chairperson of both the Gauteng Attorneys Association (GAA) and the Pretoria Attorneys' Association. He was co-opted onto the Gauteng Legal Practice Council in 2021 and appointed onto the exco in 2021. Tiaan is the current chair of the Professional Affairs Committee and also sits on the Extensions Committee.

The GAA is an umbrella voluntary association comprising the Pretoria Attorneys Association (PAA), Johannesburg Attorneys Association (JAA), West Rand Attorneys Association (WAA) and the Soweto Legal Fraternity (SLF). Tiaan is a founding member thereof. The exco members meet on a regular basis with various stakeholders on a provincial and inter-provincial level, including, but not limited to the Judge President, the respective Deputy Judge Presidents of the Gauteng Division and their chief registrars, the Chief Registrar of Deeds and their officials, the Chief Master of the High Court and the Commissioner of the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) and various officials within these offices.

The PAA is the largest regional voluntary attorneys' association in the Republic, and Tiaan has been the chairperson since 2016. He has served as a member of its Executive Committee since 2008. The PAA's services include offices for attorneys away from their offices, at both the Magistrate's Court and the High Court, regular liaisons and meetings with various stakeholders, such as the Deputy Judge President of the Gauteng Division, court managers of the various Tshwane based courts, the Registrars of the Pretoria Deeds office, the Companies Liaison Committee of the CIPC, the Trade Mark's office, the Master of the High Court and others. The PAA during the Covid-19 pandemic initiated various projects at the High Court to assist its Registrars and legal practitioners with eradicating backlogs, where Tiaan initiated and was actively involved with these projects.

The PAA and its sister associations within the GAA have taken over the trade union function of the now defunct Law Society of the Northern Provinces and the aforesaid associations actively advance and protect attorneys' interests in all fields of practice. Our associations are involved in several matters relating to the RAF, Department of Rural Development and Land Reform (Deeds Office), Master of the High Court and others, as either a party to litigation proceedings or as *amicus curiae*.

Tiaan was a Counsellor of the Gauteng Law Society from 2014 until its dissolution in 2018. He was the convener of both the GLC's Bursary Scheme and Subsidies sub-committees.

He represents the Gauteng Constituents on the Law Society of South Africa. He also sits on the Legal Sector Code Steering Committee as well as the Human Resources Committee.

Tiaan was recently requested to assemble a task team to assist the Deputy Minister of Justice and Constitutional Development regarding the problems attorneys face at the offices of the respective Masters of the High Court. This had directly led to the DM visiting the Cape Town Master's office, which visit was widely publicised.

He was admitted as an attorney in 2000. He received his B.Proc and LLB degrees from the University of Pretoria, and has been based in Pretoria since then. He opened his own firm in 2002 and has since then practised for his own account. In 2021, Tiaan qualified as civil mediator.

He was approached by a legal consultancy in 2001 and was appointed as an outsourced legal advisor for a major iron ore mining company, steel manufacturer and tertiary institution. During his employment with the consultancy he specialized in drafting of contracts and litigation based on contractual disputes, which continued when he left the consultancy, to act as its attorney. He gained experience across several fields of law, including, but not limited to:

- High Court Litigation
- Applications to the Constitutional Court;
- Appeals to the Supreme Court of Appeal;
- Magistrate's Court litigation (inclusive of both District and Regional Courts);
- Criminal law (High Court, District Court and Regional Court);
- Labour law;
- Commercial law; and
- Family law.