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Academic Qualifications:

- B Eng (Civil) (U Stellenbosch 1979)
- Fellowship Certificate in Arbitration (AoA 2025) - qualified arbitrator
- AoA Certificate in Arbitration (2020) – qualified adjudicator
- B Sc (Computer Science majors) (UNISA 2010)
- National Diploma in Datametrics (UNISA 1995)
- International Certification of Digital Literacy (ICDL) (UNISA 2008)

Membership of professional institutions

- Fellow of the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC (AoA)
- Fellow of South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE)
- Professional Engineer registered with the Engineering Council of South Africa (ECSA)
- Panel member of Construction Adjudication Association of South Africa (CAASA)
- Panel member of Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) President's List of Arbitrators, Adjudicators and Mediators
- Member of the Institute of IT Professionals SA (IITPSA)
- Retired member of the South African National Committee on Large Dams (SANCOLD)
- Retired member of the South African Roads Federation (SARF)



Experience

Forty-five years of experience as a graduate civil engineer in:

- contractual dispute resolution
- contractual advisory services
- professional services agreement disputes
- claims advice
- extensive caselaw knowledge
- ECSA disciplinary appeals, hearings, investigations and expert witness
- ECSA assessor of applicants for professional registration
- CPD training
- Consulting engineering:
 - Contract and tender document preparation and evaluation
 - Construction and contract administration
 - Design of water and sewer reticulation systems and wastewater treatment plants

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Specialization in Dispute Resolution

- Online Dispute Resolution (ODR) - construction contracts and professional services agreements
- Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) - construction contracts and professional services agreements
- Arbitration and adjudication
- Advisory services on engineering contracts, professional services agreements, claims,
- ECSA validated Continued Professional Development (CPD) training since 2016 for CESA, AoA, SACPCMD, SACNASP and SAICE totaling over 120 events with over 1990 attendees and awarding of over 3000 CPD points.
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Supplementary Professional Involvement

- ECSA hearings on unprofessional conduct of ECSA registered persons (2023- current):
 - Appeals Board Member
 - Tribunal member
 - Investigator
 - Expert Witness
- ECSA applicants for professional registration (2020 – current):
 - Interviewer
 - Assessor
- ISO 9001 Management Representative and lead quality auditor at a large firm of consulting engineers (2011-2012) with 2 successful ISO 9001 company re-certifications managing a team of 18 internal quality auditors at 12 national offices.



Volunteer Involvement

- SABS National Technical Committee Member: SANS 10400 Standards which Address the National Building Regulations (2015-current): TC 0060 collaboration and revision
- SABS National Technical Committee Member: SANS 2000 Buildings and Civil Engineering Works (2015-current): TC 1098 collaboration and revision
- Member: Procurement Committee of Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) (2013-current):
 - Revision of the ECSA Guideline Scope of Services collaboration
 - Six CESA model forms of professional services agreements collaboration
 - ECSA-validated CPD courses development and training
- Member: Quality, Risk and Sustainability Management Committee of Consulting Engineers South Africa (CESA) (2018- current):
 - Represent CESA at two SABS technical committees
 - Advise CESA on SABS Standards for public comments
- Chairperson: SAICE Contractual Affairs Subcommittee (2016-2022), continued membership, collaboration in drafting, revision and maintenance of the latest editions of the four SAICE standard forms of construction contract (GCC 2025, GCSC, SGCC, GCCSF)
- Guest Lecturer: Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC – Hardcore GCC (2020)
- Guest Lecturer: University of Stellenbosch - Engineering Management 454 (2021-2022)