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Our dedicated pro bono practice provides free legal services to indigent or disenfranchised members of society in order to facilitate access to justice. Additionally, we advise and assist non-profit, public benefit and civil society organisations who aim to effect positive societal transformation by engaging in human rights, public interest or social justice-related work.

In line with the Constitution of the Republic of South Africa, our pro bono practice aims to advance social justice* by using the law as a tool for the enforcement of rights and making the law work for people.

Our pro bono work involves five kinds of activities: staffing law clinics (including one specifically established by Werksmans in Diepsloot in 2012); generally providing advice or representation to individuals or organisations; assisting organisations with various advocacy initiatives; presenting informational seminars or webinars to members of the public; and engaging in strategic, constitutional or public interest litigation.

Pro bono legal services are provided to qualifying individuals and organisations,

taking into account various factors, including a means test, our pro bono policy and any public interest or social justice considerations.

Unfortunately, our pro bono practice does not assist with certain types of matters, claims or areas of law, including the following in particular: road accident fund matters, motor vehicle accidents, medical negligence (and personal injury claims), defamation, administration of deceased estates, family law (e.g. divorces) and criminal law.

Our Pro Bono Practice comprises three experienced pro bono lawyers, namely Dakalo Singo, Naledi Motsiri and Harold Jacobs.

If you have a pro bono enquiry, please email it to: probono@werksmans.com.

*Social justice is “a system of values and conscientiousness, predicated on an innate sense of justice and Ubuntu, which enjoin every socially responsible person to take positive action for the betterment of fellow human beings and society at large. The means by which this may be achieved may vary depending on both the context of

the actor and the societal structures within which they act, but the aim is ultimately to attain a basic set of entitlements for all people, which at the very least must include human dignity, freedom, equality, and justice for all members of society.” - Dakalo Singo and Alicia Raymond, “Clinical legal education and social justice — A perspective from the Wits Law Clinic” (2018) 29 Stellenbosch LR 295 (page 302).

➤ Resources

[Download: Diepsloot Law Clinic information sheet Link](#)

[Download: Consumer Rights Handbook - The 10 Rs of Consumer Responsibility](#)

[Listen: Understanding your basic rights against abuse](#)

[Listen: Understanding UIF and other employee benefits](#)

[Read: *The Case for Asylum Seekers' Entitlement to Unemployment Insurance Fund Benefits: Musanga v Minister of Labour* by Dakalo Singo](#)

[Download: UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights](#)



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About us

Established in the early 1900s, Werksmans Attorneys is a leading South African corporate and commercial law firm, serving multinationals, listed companies, financial institutions, entrepreneurs and government.

Operating in Gauteng and the Western Cape, the firm is connected to an extensive African legal alliance through LEX Africa. LEX Africa was established in 1993 as the first and largest African legal alliance and offers huge potential for Werksmans' clients seeking to do business on the continent by providing a gateway to Africa.

With a formidable track record in mergers and acquisitions, banking and finance, business rescue and restructuring, commercial litigation and dispute resolution, Werksmans is distinguished by the people, clients and work that it attracts and retains. Werksmans' more than 200 lawyers are a

powerful team of independent-minded individuals who share a common service ethos. The firm's success is built on a solid foundation of insightful and innovative deal structuring and legal advice, a keen ability to understand business and economic imperatives and a strong focus on achieving the best legal outcome for clients.



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