

## PRO BONO PRACTICE AREA

Pro bono publico means much more than “for the public good” in Latin. It speaks to satisfying a genuine desire to make a difference to individuals or causes of humble means. Our pro bono lawyers willingly volunteer their highly-skilled professional services on a regular basis, in recognition of their responsibility to the larger community.

The pro bono team appreciates the need to promote the constitutional imperative of access to justice for all; especially for the poor and vulnerable. For years we identify and take on matters of public significance that have an impact on the lives of people and the environment. Our pro bono lawyers work tirelessly to bring hope to those who may have no other recourse to legal assistance. The team has identified several areas of need which align to the firm’s specialties. These include property rights; consumer rights; children’s rights, disability rights; labour-related rights; access to justice; and rights to healthcare.

### DELIBERATELY CHOOSING THE RIGHT LAWYER

When allocating pro bono work within the firm, we use a pairing process to match a particular cause with an attorney or attorneys with an affinity with that cause. This ensures that our efforts yield the true benefits of pro bono work for all concerned.

Legal Advice clinics are the main component of our pro bono commitment. Our signature project is the Werksmans Consumer Law Clinic, run in conjunction with Afrika Tikkun, in Diepsloot, a township north of Johannesburg. Our pro bono lawyers also address areas of need related to corporate governance and risk management for non-profits. This includes the provision of corporate commercial services including the incorporation of non-profit companies and charitable trusts, and assistance with registration as Public Benefit and Non-Profit Organisations.

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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, and 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.

