

CURRICULUM VITAE

MATTHEW FRANCIS

QUALIFICATIONS	<p>BA – (Hons) in Political Science – UWC Degree awarded <i>cum laude</i></p> <p>MA LLB (Political Science) (Natal) Degree awarded <i>cum laude</i></p> <p>Post Graduate Diploma in Environmental Law</p>
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS	<p>Attorney of the High Court of South Africa - 1993</p> <p>Conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa - 1993</p>
POSITION IN THE FIRM	<p>Chairman of Venn Nemeth & Hart Inc.</p> <p>Director, Commercial Department</p>
OUTSIDE POSITIONS HELD	<p>Chairman, the Bid Appeals Tribunal for the province of KwaZulu-Natal.</p> <p>Member, the Provincial and Local Government Law sub-committee of the KwaZulu-Natal Law Society.</p> <p>Trustee, Awesome South Africa, a non-profit organisation established to popularise the more positive aspects of living in South Africa.</p>
EXPERTISE	<p>Practice principally in the areas of Public Law with special emphasis on Local Government Law.</p> <p>Research, lecture and provide advice on Administrative and Local Government Law.</p> <p>Provide legal advice to a wide range of private and public sector clients.</p> <p>Written articles for in-house Law Letter publications</p>

Publications

May Day Report (1986) (with Messrs Carrim, Bhamjee and Sikhosana), DSRG Working Paper No. 13.

Unemployment & Public Works Programmes in the Pietermaritzburg District (1987) (with Bromberger, Bhamjee and Sikhosana), DSRG Working Paper No. 14.

"Procedural Rights" in van Wyk, Dugard, de Villiers & Davis (eds.) Rights and Constitutionalism – The new South African Legal Order Juta, 1994.

Series of Articles on Local Government Law for Lawyers published in **De Rebus** from January 2005 – June 2006:

1. "Spheres and tiers.. the status of local government"
2. "A tour of municipal legislation"
3. "Structures, functionaries and officials"
4. "Rates and services charges"
5. "Access to municipal information"
6. "Human resources in municipalities"

"The principles of Local Government Law: B. Bekink", book review published in **De Rebus**, December 2007.

Papers presented

"The past is theirs the future is ours: a study of the United Democratic Front in the Western Cape", paper presented at a Workshop on the History of the Western Cape, University of Cape Town, 1985.

"Councillors and Bureaucrats", paper presented at the Political Science Research Colloquium hosted by the Political Science Association of South Africa, 1986.

"The Local Transport Bureaucracy", paper presented at the Political Science Research Colloquium hosted by the Political Science Association of South Africa, 1986.

Papers presented

“The restructuring of local government institutions in South Africa”, paper presented at a workshop hosted by the Institute of Multi-Party Democracy, 1994.

“Local Democracy”, paper presented at a workshop hosted by the Institute for Multi-Party Democracy, 1994.

**PUBLICATIONS AND
SEMINARS
PRESENTED**

“Rates and Rebates: Levelling the playing fields in the transition to local democracy”. Paper presented to the Society of University Law Teachers, Cape Town, January 1996.

"Bullet Proof Discipline", seminar presented to the PMB Chamber of Business, 6 December 2002.

"Discipline and dismissal in the Public Sector", 18th Annual Labour Law Conference, Sandton Convention Centre, June 2004.

"Umgungundlovu District Municipality, Human Resources and Sound Governance", presentation to the Umgungundlovu District Municipality, August 2004."Preferential Procurement and BEE", presentation to attorneys as part of the CLE programme, Law Society of South Africa, September 2004.

"Agri BEE", presentation to the KwaZulu-Natal Agricultural Union, 6 April 2005.

"The External Environment and Protection of Intellectual Property Assets", Robben Island Museum: Management Team, 16 February 2005.

"Public-Private Partnerships", BLA Commercial Law Education Programme, November 2005.

"Provincial and Local Government Law", lecture to attorneys as part of the CLE Programme, Law Society of South Africa, November 2006.

PUBLICATIONS AND
SEMINARS
PRESENTED (cont)

"Discipline and Dismissal in the Public Sector – Recent Developments", 20th Annual Labour Law Conference, Sandton Convention Centre, 4 – 6 July 2007

"Procurement in the University Context", presentation to the Legal Practitioners Forum, 2 August 2007

OUTSIDE INTERESTS

Travelling
Visual arts
Attending theatre
Watching movies and engaging in various cultural activities.