



Application form: Corporate Legal Counsel

Please submit your completed application form together with all the required supporting documents to the Corporate Counsel Association's Secretariat (secretariat@ccasa.co.za).

Incomplete applications will be returned, which will delay the assessment process. Please ensure that all required documentation is accurate and complete.

You will be notified of the outcome of your application **within two weeks** of the Secretariat receiving your **complete application and all supporting documents**.

If your application is successful, you will be permitted to use the awarded **professional designation**, subject to the following conditions:

- You remain a fully paid-up member of the Corporate Counsel Association;
- You comply with the Corporate Counsel Association's **Code of Ethics and Professional Conduct**;
- You meet the annual **CPD requirements**, as outlined in the **CPD Policy**.

Required supporting documentation

The following documentation must be submitted together with your completed application:

- A current **CV**, including full details of qualifications, prior learning, employment history, workplace experience, and current role;
- A **detailed job description** with associated **Key Performance Indicators (KPIs)**;
- **Confirmation of employment** from your employer, verifying your current position within the organization;
- A **testimonial from your line manager or direct supervisor**, commenting on your professional performance;
- A **testimonial from a colleague or peer**;
- A **certified copy of your Identity Document**;
- **Certified copies of your qualifications**;
- Your **CPD records** for the past **two years**.

Applicant's Personal Details*(please complete in full)***Section 1**

Title (Mr/ Mrs/Ms/Other)	
Surname	
First Names	
Known as	
Date of Birth	
Nationality	
ID No.	
Alternative ID No.	
Alternative ID Type	
Home Address	
Code	
Postal Address	
Province	
Code	
Phone No.	
Cell No.	
E-mail address	

Section 2

The following information are required by SAQA for reporting purposes (completion is compulsory)

Gender	Male		Female	
Socio-Economic Status	Employed		Unemployed	
Citizenship Status	South African		Permanent Resident	
	Dual		Other	
Race	African		Coloured	
	Indian / Asian		Caucasian	
	Other (Specify)			
Disability Status	None		Communication	
	Sight		Physical	
	Hearing		Multiple disabilities	
	Other (specify)			
Home Language	English		Afrikaans	
	siSwati		TshiVenda	
	seSotho		isiXhosa	
	sePedi		xiTsonga	
	isiNdebele		seTswana	
	isiZulu		Other (specify)	
Highest School Qualification				
Tertiary Education: List Qualification/s				
Qualifications currently enrolled for				

Section 3

Before your application will be considered, the following criteria must have been met (please tick relevant box):

CONFIRMATION THAT YOU ARE A MEMBER IN GOOD STANDING	Yes	No	Office use
Are you a Corporate Counsel Association Member in good standing?			
Are you in breach of any of the Corporate Counsel Association's Codes or Policies?			

UNDERLYING NQF REGISTERED QUALIFICATION / PART-QUALIFICATION(S)	Yes	No	Office use
Have you successfully obtained at least one of the following degrees?			
Baccalaureus Legum			
Baccalaureus Procuratoris			
Baccalaureus Iuris			
Other equivalent legal degree (<i>please specify below</i>)			
Are you currently enrolled for any qualification? (<i>please specify below</i>)			

RECOGNITION OF PRIOR LEARNING:

EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING / PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

	Yes	No	Office use
Are you actively employed as a bona fide Corporate Legal Counsel?			
Have you actively been employed as a bona fide Corporate Counsel for an organization for a period of at least three years post obtaining your primary legal degree?			
<i>Alternatively - have you been actively employed by an organisation/s in the position where legal services and advice are provided for a period of at least five years post obtaining your primary legal degree? (these positions can include i.e.: practicing attorney, advocate, prosecutor, magistrate, legal consultant, risk manager, compliance officer, forensic auditor, HR legal advisor.)</i>			
Can you provide proof of any additional practical learnings during legal degree and/or related training?			
Have you done Articles of Clerkship or Pupillage?			
Can you provide proof of performance of Practical Legal Training?			
Have you been admitted as an Attorney or Advocate to the High Court?			
Have you been employed as a Prosecutor or Magistrate?			
Have you been employed in a law firm?			
Have you been employed as a legal consultant?			
Have you been employed as a bona fide Legal Counsel?			
Have you been employed as a risk manager / assistant company secretary / compliance officer / Auditor / HR legal advisor providing in part legal services and/or advice?			

GUIDELINES ON SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

Curriculum Vitae

Your CV should contain full details of prior learnings, qualifications, workplace experience, employment history and details of current employment.

The following format is required when listing any previous employers which are applicable to experiential learning / practical experience:

Company name	
Capacity / Position	
Nature of business	
Date of appointment	
Date of leaving	

Job description

When completing your job description, please include the following information:

Job title	Indicate your current position / job title within your employer organisation i.e.: Corporate Counsel; Legal Consultant; Assistant Company Secretary; Risk manager; Compliance officer; Forensic Auditor; HR legal advisor; etc.
Department	Details of department in which you are currently employed. Set out structure and composition of department.
Type of industry and sector type	Indicate industry sector where currently employed in.
Workplace	Describe workplace and facilities available to department.
Support staff	Provide details of legal support staff and/or office support available to department.

Job description (cont.)

Job description	<p>Detail the workplace experience received whilst being actively employed as a bona fide Corporate Counsel for an organization/s.</p> <p>In the instance that you haven't been employed as a bona fide Corporate Counsel for a period of three years post obtaining your legal degree, set out details of workplace experience received whilst being actively employed by an organisation/s in the position where legal services and advice were provided, for a period of at least five years post obtaining your primary legal degree.</p> <p><i>As an illustration, when considering the application the following experiential learning and practical experience, prior learnings and related experience received in the following positions will be considered: practicing attorney / advocate / prosecutor / magistrate / legal consultant / risk manager / compliance officer / forensic auditor / HR legal advisor</i></p> <p>Please include detailed experiential learning and practical experience, prior learnings and related experience, i.e. explain type of legal services and advice; explain role in legal team and list your duties.</p>
Main purpose	Set out main purpose of your function, i.e. how and to whom legal advice and related services are provided to in legal department and to low and middle management employees and functions in the employer organisation as a whole.
Reporting structures	Include own organogram of reporting structures within the employer organisation's legal structure (<i>see below example</i>). Applicant to indicate his/her position in structure.

Example:



COMPETENCIES

Applicant must possess and be able to demonstrate the below listed competencies. Applicant to provide detailed account of these competencies in job description.

LEGAL SUPPORT	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)				
Act as support function providing legal services and advice to organisation and is part of either a general or divisional department				
Provide general business services and advice				
Form part of the team providing legal services and advice				
Provide general (rather than specialist) legal advice on general business issues				
Key performance indicators				
Demonstrates understanding of legal issues, applies legal principles to situations in a business context and recommends legally-sound solutions				
Consistently completes work according to plan, identifies and resolves work obstacles and problems effectively and has contingency plans to deliver required output				
Produces balanced output i.t.o. quality, cost, business expectations, risk management and compliance				
Builds sound professional relationships - understands and consistently meets client needs				
Develops trusting / professional relationships to smooth the flow of work				
Supports and participates in corporate citizenship initiatives				
Shares knowledge with team and other professionals				

ETHICS	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Be a fit and proper person, law-abiding and honest, with no previous criminal convictions, showing integrity and objectivity				
Know and apply legal ethics and related behaviours in an in-house environment				
Respond professionally to conflicts of interest				
Key performance indicators				
Recognises circumstances giving rise to ethical problems or conflicts				
Examples of impeccable honesty or an antipathy to doing anything unprofessional or illegal				
Behaviour indicates a solid understanding of legal ethical principles				
Behaviour indicates a solid understanding of conflict of interest, how to avoid and when to disclose				

PRIVILEGE AND CONFIDENTIALITY	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)	Yes	No	Yes	No
Apply understanding of the concept of legal privilege and related principles				
Invoke legal privilege appropriately in order to withhold disclosing or discovering documents				
Apply understanding of the difference between privilege and confidentiality				
Key performance indicators				
Actions demonstrate an understanding of attorney-client privilege				
Actions demonstrate an awareness of and application of the duty of confidentiality				

COMMERCIAL LAW AND LAW OF CONTRACT

Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Knowledge of the law of contract				
Knowledge of the principles pertaining to the interpretation of contracts				
Understanding of basic Commercial Law principles				
Key performance indicators				
At a basic level:				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate ability to apply the laws and principles of contract 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate ability to apply Commercial Law principles 				
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Demonstrate ability to draft and vet a sound, reliable contract 				

LITIGATION

Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Knowledge and understanding of the laws and principles pertaining to litigation				
Key performance indicators				
Demonstrated ability to proceed to recover outstanding debts or to correctly brief collection attorneys				
Demonstrated ability to attempt to resolve disputes before decisions to proceed with litigation				
Demonstrated ability to prepare thorough briefs to attorneys to litigate on a matter on behalf of the company				
Demonstrated ability to settle and close out matters which are under dispute through either alternative dispute resolution or via the courts				

ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTICES

	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)				
Knowledge and understanding of the laws and principles pertaining to alternative dispute resolution				
Key performance indicators				
Demonstrated ability to proceed to alternative dispute resolution forums (alternative to the magistrate or high court processes) and mechanisms such as arbitration or mediation				

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE

	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)				
Awareness of corporate governance principles;				
Knowledge of King III and King IV and previous codes;				
Ability to apply where relevant sound corporate governance principles.				
Key performance indicators				
Demonstrated application of sound corporate governance principles where appropriate.				

COMPANY SECRETARIAL

	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)				
Knowledge and understanding of the SA company laws.				
Key performance indicators				
Demonstrated ability to provide a company secretarial service, advice and related legal commercial advice.				

COMPLIANCE AND RISK MANAGEMENT

	APPLICANT		FOR OFFICE USE	
	Yes	No	Yes	No
Accountabilities & responsibilities (key performance areas & tasks)				
Knowledge of the legal framework applicable to the organisation				
Knowledge of the principles of compliance				
Understanding of the organisation's risk methodology and framework				
Key performance indicators				
Be able to identify the laws applicable to the organisation and develop a draft compliance framework and matrix				
Ability to analyse and understand laws applicable to the organisation				
Ability to develop a compliance risk management register, including risk ratings, relevant department's implicated and required controls and processes to minimise and/or eliminate risk				
Apply the laws to the organisation and develop related summaries and checklist				
Ability to keep the organisation up to date with regulatory and compliance related developments				

DECLARATION BY APPLICANT

I, _____ (*full name of applicant*)
declare that to the best of my knowledge and belief (having taken all reasonable care to ensure that such is the case) the answers to all the above questions are true, and I hereby give my authority to Corporate Counsel Association to disclose any of the foregoing particulars as Corporate Counsel Association may, in its absolute discretion, think fit.

I also acknowledge that I agree to be bound by and to comply with the Corporate Counsel Association's Codes and Policies and related requirements, as amended from time to time, pertaining to the use of the Corporate Counsel Association designation.

Signature _____ **Date** _____