

PROFILE

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A brief example of a deal you worked on that stands out for you:

I advised all the shareholders of Get Educated Pty Ltd t/a GetSmarter in their disposal of 100% stake in Getsmarter to 2U Inc (a US-listed entity), for USD 103 million in cash plus USD 20 million earn-out. DiGame was awarded 'Large Cap Exit of the Year' for the disposal of its shares in GetSmarter to 2U Inc at the Annual Private Equity Africa Awards (London). We also acted for DiGame in its acquisition of a 20% stake in GetSmarter eight months before the 2U Inc deal.

What is your expertise/specialist knowledge?

I specialise in general commercial and corporate law, including M&A, joint ventures and restructurings, having worked on deals in a variety of industries.

Some of my recent deals include advising:

- > *One Thousand and One Voices on its acquisition of a stake in Pay At Holdings Proprietary Limited, a payments aggregator;*
- > *Pioneer Foods Group Ltd on the firm intention offer by PepsiCo Inc. to acquire the ordinary shares by way of a scheme of arrangement or standby offer valued at ZAR 25 billion;*
- > *Yoco Technologies on its USD 16 million Series B funding round; and*
- > *Macquarie Bank on its disposal of a majority stake in its South African stockbroking business to a BEE consortium, and the subsequent wind-down.*

AN INTERESTING PERSONAL FACT ABOUT YOU:

I've made many wedding dresses (sewing has been a hobby since I was 16). I intended to study fashion designing, but my school principal refused to sign my application forms and insisted I enrol for an LLB instead (assuring me I could pursue fashion design later). I started part-time design school a few years ago, but after completing the first year I simply couldn't keep up with my work, family, and other commitments. Perhaps someday.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Named by Best Lawyers 2019 - 2021 as a leading individual

Your advice to women in the corporate world

Be brave, don't be afraid of being yourself. Keep showing up and speaking up! Share your experiences and help empower other women. Be kind to yourself.