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Admitted as an attorney in 2006, Carel served his articles of clerkship at Pretoria firm, Macintosh, Cross and Farquharson. As a young attorney, Carel attended to the labour department at Blake Bester Attorneys, flourished and built up a wealth of knowledge and experience. It was in 2009 that Carel decided to make the bold move of starting a practice aimed at providing specialized services to clients.

Carel currently boasts a client base of several JSE listed companies and major pension funds and advises clients on employment law. Carel interacts with the FSB and Pension Fund Adjudicator, SARS and the Reserve Bank on a regular basis, on behalf of his clients. Carel has an extensive insolvency and civil litigation practice and advises clients on all aspects thereof.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from the University of Pretoria, a Post-Graduate (AIPSA) Diploma in Insolvency Law, an Mcom degree with specialization in tax from Witwatersrand University (WITS), a Post-Graduate Diploma (cum laude) in Business Administration from UNISA School of Business Leadership and is in the process of completing his Masters in Business Leadership (MBL).

Carel is a member of SASLAW, an association of labour practitioners as well as its international counterpart, the ILO.

Carel is recognized as a master Tax practitioner by the South African Institute of Tax Professionals and as such hold the designation MTP (SA) (SAIT).

Through various instructions received from clients, Carel has gained substantial experience in the field of tax. From 2013 Carel worked on company tax and VAT matters. Since 2014, he has been involved in wealth tax (capital gains & estate duty) transfer duty, STT, income tax, international tax, dividends tax, trusts, objections and appeals at SARS, high court and tax court litigation, transfer pricing as well as voluntary disclosure programs (VDP) - making him knowledgeable in all that is tax related.

Carel's experience also includes liquidations, sequestrations, insolvency-related court applications, insolvency inquiries, insolvency litigation including claims for reckless trading and impeachable transactions, the taking of security schemes of arrangement, compromises and business rescue.