

As indicated on our home page, the firm BB&A attorneys is a single practice law and advisory firm. The firm is managed by Dr. Bernard Bekink. Dr. Bekink's abbreviated curriculum vitae is as follows: Bernard Bekink was born in 1967 and matriculated in Pretoria in 1984. He commenced with legal studies at the University of Pretoria in 1985 and completed the degrees BLC in 1988 and LLB in 1989. After the completion of initial undergraduate studies, Bernard served compulsory military services in the then SADF as a platoon commander in 1 parachute battalion in Bloemfontein. After completion of military service, Bernard joined the law firm, Couzyn Hertzog and Horak in Pretoria and enrolled with the firm as a candidate attorney from 1991 - 1993. In 1993 Bernard completed his articles and successfully wrote the attorney's admission exams and was admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa. Bernard then joined the legal department of the former City Council of Pretoria and acted as a senior legal advisor for the Council from 1993 -1997. During March 1995 Bernard also applied and obtained the right of appearance in the High Court of SA. In April 1997 Bernard was appointed as a senior lecturer in the department of Public Law at the Law Faculty of the University of Pretoria. Bernard then followed an academic career that spanned more than 25 years and also practiced law as an attorney for various clients and in various legal matters. In his capacity as a legal academic, Bernard completed an LLM degree in fundamental rights and constitutional practice in 1996 and also an LLD degree in 2006 under the title: "The restructuring of Local Government under the Constitution of the RSA, 1996" Dr. Bekink was promoted to associate professor in 2006 and full professor in 2012. As an academic, Bernard specialized and taught subjects such as: constitutional law, local government law, human rights law, planning law, aspects of administrative law as well as other related legal disciplines such as ADR. Bernard wrote various accredited legal articles, attended and addressed various national and international conference proceedings, was a member of many national and international organizations, including the International Bar Association (IBA), of which he acted as the chairperson of the Public Law Committee from 2010-2013. Bernard is also the author of two published SA legal textbooks under the titles: "Principles of SA local government law" and "Principles of SA constitutional law". Both textbooks are published by LexisNexis in South Africa and also internationally. In summary, Bernard has vast experience as a legal academic and as a practicing attorney of the High Court of SA. Bernard also completed and holds an advanced certificate in Alternative Dispute Resolution (cum laude) and is an accredited AFSA mediator and arbiter. As a practicing attorney/legal practitioner, Bernard is a full and registered member of the Legal Practice Council of SA, and currently also serves as an examiner for the Attorney's competency-based admission exams and as a member of the disciplinary committee of the Gauteng Provincial Council.