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As Deputy Chief State Law Adviser, I provide strategic legal advice and legal instruments to organs of state mostly in the national sphere of Government. I head a team of dynamic, forward-thinking and committed legal professionals who attend to the briefs referred to us by national government departments and members of the National Executive. I have in the recent past been involved in the certification of the National Health Insurance (NHI) Bill, in the provision of legal advice relating to and certification of the Expropriation Bill and the provision of legal advice relating to the payment of social grants by the South African Post Office

I was a young adult when our first democratic elections were held and was witness to the excitement and hope it generated. I felt that our new society would require the contribution of all its members to make it successful. I felt that with a major in English and Politics and armed with a law degree I would be in a position to respond to the call for South Africans to build and contribute to what we then called the "Rainbow Nation".

I have been privileged to lead the office of the Chief State Law Adviser in an acting capacity for a period of almost three years. Never before has the position of Chief State Law Adviser been occupied by a woman. Since 2017 however it has been. This is evidence that in previously male-dominated areas women have taken up positions and have been successful in functioning in these roles. When committed to becoming your best self, one is able to transcend the barriers that have held so many of us back. My career path reflects that opportunities for women are endless.

