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Professional Profile

Dynamic, ambitious and innovative academic professional with 30+ years' experience in the field of accounting, auditing and governance. Dedicated, confident and forward-thinking leader who motivates and inspire others to achieve results and fulfil their potential. Continuously engages with national and international academia and business to stay informed about new developments in the fields of auditing, governance and business to execute further professional practicum.

Career Summary

University of Johannesburg (UJ): Professor and Director, School of Accounting, since 2024

University of Johannesburg (UJ): Professor and Head of Department, Accountancy, 2017—2023

Vice-chairman of the Department of Accountancy, head of the Programme for CA Studies, section head of Auditing, UJ, since 2006

Chairman of the Department of Auditing and Head of the Unit for CA Studies, UJ, 2005

Professor and Head of Auditing, Department of Accounting (RAU, now UJ), since 1995 (lecturing Auditing)

Associate Professor, Centre of Accounting, University of the Free State (UOFS) (lecturing Auditing and Financial Management), 1994

Senior Lecturer, Department of Accounting, UOFS (lecturing Auditing and Financial Management), 1991-1993

Part-time Lecturer, Department of Accounting, UOFS, (lecturing Tax and Auditing), 1990-1991

Auditing Clerk, Deloitte and Touche, 1989-1991

Fields of Expertise

Accounting and Auditing

Corporate Governance and Sustainability

IT Governance and Risk Management

Companies Act, 2008

Audit Committees

Social and Ethics Committees

Board Governance

Education

Degrees and Diplomas

DCom, University of Johannesburg, 2009

MCompt (cum laude), UOFS, 1988

CTA, UOFS, 1988

BCompt (Honours), UOFS, 1988

BCompt (cum laude) UOFS, 1987

Professional Qualifications and Registrations

Chartered Director South Africa, 2018 (CD(SA))

Fellow of Institute of Company Secretaries South Africa, 2011 (FCIS)

Association of Chartered Certified Accountants of the United Kingdom, 1998 (FCCA)

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Professional Affiliations

Co-founder and Managing Director of Accounting Professional Training (APT), since 1998

Non-executive Director of KPMG, (SA), since 2019

Non-executive Director of Growthpoint Healthcare, since 2019

Independent Chair of KPMG, South Africa Audit Quality Committee, since 2018

Director and Audit Committee Chair of Hulisani Limited (listed company), 2017-2021

Trustee and Audit Committee Member of Spectramed Medical Aid Fund, 2017-2019

Member of the Audit Committee and Group Risk Committee of the City of Johannesburg, 2014-2017

Director and Audit Committee Chair of Morvest Business Group (listed company), 2011-2017

Director and Committee Chair of QVC Group of Companies, since 2010

Director and Committee Chair of Digicore Limited (listed company), 2008-2016

Audit Committee Member of VKB, 2003-2015

Consultant to Sizwe Ntsaluba on Audit and Corporate Governance, 2003-2007

Consultant to Businesses on an ad hoc basis on Accounting, Auditing and Corporate Governance, continuous

Awards, Fellowships, Grants

ABASA Presidents Transformational Impact Award, 2023

SAICA Chairman's Difference Makers Award for Academia, 2022

Panelist of the CFO of the Year Awards, South Africa, 2013-present

Honorary membership, Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries in SA, for contribution to the field of governance

University of Johannesburg Vice Chancellor's Distinguished Educator Award, 2011

South African Accounting Association Accounting Research Award, 2011

Best Lecturer in Accounting in SA Award, 2000

Doctoral Thesis on Audit Committees published internationally by LAP Lambert Academic Publishing AG & CO KG, 2010

Best Paper: The role of the modern audit committee in supporting the external audit's independence and quality of work, 2009

Best lecturer in the Accounting field in South Africa in an independent market survey conducted by Market Research Journal, 2000

Publications: Textbooks

Dynamic Auditing (Afrikaans version—Dinamiese Ouditkunde). Textbook for Honours degree Auditing students. First published 1988. (14th edition, 2022). Original author and editor.

Application Questions of Auditing. First published in 2011 (10th edition, 2017). Co-author.

Fundamentals of Auditing. First published in 2009. (7th edition, 2020). Co-author.

Practical Legislation for Students (1st, 2nd and 3rd editions published 1997—2000). Co-author.

Various chapters in other accounting and auditing text books.

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Publications: Accredited Articles and Refereed Papers

More than 80 accredited articles and papers published on:

- Role of Audit Committees
- External Audit Functions Governance in Business
- Ethics in Business
- Sustainability and Assurance
- Information Technology and Key Audit Matters
- Accounting Standards and Financial Reporting
- Integrated Reporting
- Risk Assessment
- Governance and Artificial Intelligence

External reviewer for accredited national and international journals since 1995 (Meditari, AJBER, JFF, SAJAR, JNGS, etc)
Presented numerous research papers at national and international conferences

Study Guidance and Supervision

Study Leader for over 30 Master's students since 1993

Study Leader and Co-study Leader for 14 completed doctoral students in Auditing and Business Ethics and Governance

External moderator for Master's and PhD students since 2002

Umpire for Part I (ITC) and Part II (APC) SAICA Qualifying Examinations, since 2006

References

Will be provided on request.