

Company Profile



Mosdell, Pama & Cox
Attorneys • Notaries • Conveyancers

Enthusiasm • Effectiveness • Ethics • Efficiency • Empowerment

GET TO KNOW US

Who **we** are

Mosdell, Pama & Cox is a law firm based in the Garden Route area. Our team of highly experienced attorneys, notaries, conveyancers, appraisers, and administrators of estates are dedicated to providing their clients with personalised and affordable legal services. Our team is handpicked based on our requisites of effectiveness, excellence, efficiency, empowerment, enthusiasm, and ethical behaviour. We are proud of our firm's reputation for building strong, long-lasting relationships with our clients and our ability to find practical and effective legal solutions. Mosdell, Pama & Cox offers a wealth of experience in a wide range of legal areas, which positions us to offer you the highest quality of legal representation and tailor-made advice.

Our **history**

The Mosdell Pama & Cox legacy starts 30 years ago when attorneys Perino and Elbie Pama established their own firm and commenced practising as Burger & Pama in Knysna. A short while later, attorneys Clifford and Sue Mosdell moved to Knysna to establish their own law firm, Mosdell & Mosdell in March 1994. A strategic amalgamation of the two practices occurred in October 1994 when the firm Mosdell & Pama was founded. As the firm grew, opportunities were pursued to serve a wider spread of clients and another office was opened in Plettenberg Bay on 1 January 1999. Andrew Cox joined us to manage that office. September 1 of the same year brought another exciting development when Andrew was appointed as a partner. At the end of 2001, we became Mosdell, Pama & Cox. Since then, there have been significant further changes, with Perino Pama relocating to the Plettenberg Bay office. Clifford Mosdell retired as a director on 28 February 2013. Celeste van Wyk was appointed as a director on 1 March 2021. Our firm has been on a growth path, and we are proud to have been able to create a team where individual practitioners are each able to exclusively focus on their own fields of legal knowledge. This means you can find a professional practitioner under our roof for any legal service you may require.





The MPC **Philosophy**

At MPC Attorneys, we are dedicated to creating a workplace that is inclusive, diverse, and free from any form of discrimination. To achieve this, we have implemented a formal affirmative action policy that aims to eliminate any barriers based on race, gender, or disability. We strongly believe in providing equal opportunities to all job applicants and to ensure that our personnel are well-equipped to carry out our mission. A considerable amount of time and effort is invested in in-house training. We aim to foster a workplace culture that is welcoming, compassionate, and caring of all our employees and clients.

What we **strive for**

- Effectiveness
- Efficiency
- Empowerment
- Enthusiasm
- Ethical behaviour

SERVICES

Our client-focused approach

We pride ourselves on providing tailor-made and personalised legal services and solutions which cater to the unique needs of each of our clients. Our team of experienced attorneys are well-versed in a wide range of legal areas and are committed to delivering practical and effective legal solutions as affordably as is practical and possible. Our existing client base includes local authorities, district municipalities and we have been honoured to have been appointed to the legal panel of the Cape Town Municipality. We also act for developers and commercial enterprises, and are on the panels of Nedbank, ABSA, First National Bank, and Standard Bank. We place great emphasis on providing our clients with individualised attention and support, and our team takes a client-focused approach to deliver the legal services you need.

Litigation: Our litigation department provides effective legal solutions that cater to the unique needs of our clients. We understand that resolving disputes can be disruptive and costly, which is why we seek win-win settlements through dispute resolution and pursue our clients' interests with single-minded rigour when litigation is unavoidable. We aim to find commercially realistic and cost-effective solutions by using dynamic litigation strategies.

Commercial Law: Our attorneys provide top-tier legal counsel to a diverse range of clients. We understand the complexities and challenges of corporate and commercial law and are committed to delivering tailored legal solutions that align with our clients' unique needs and goals. Whether you are a large corporation or a small business owner, we are dedicated to providing the highest level of legal services to help you achieve success.

Property Law: The property law department at Mosdell, Pama & Cox provides comprehensive legal advice on all matters related to the property industry. Our team aims to provide fresh insights into any challenge, building legal solutions that are specifically tailored to your property transactions. Because Mosdell, Pama & Cox prioritises personalised services, our attorneys strive to give you access to their dynamic insights and can guide you through every step of your property transactions.

Our professional team can provide you with personalised legal advice in an extensive range of practice areas including but not limited to:

- Appraisers
- Family Law
- Labour Law
- Liquor Licenses
- Litigation
- Notarial work
- Property law and conveyancing
- Road Accident Fund
- Wills, Trusts and Estates

THE DIRECTORS



Perino Pama

Perino is highly experienced in a diverse range of legal fields that spans commercial law, civil litigation, local government law, labour law, Road Accident Fund cases, family law, as well as estate and trust matters. He is based primarily at our Plettenberg Bay office but is available for consultation by appointment at our Knysna office. Perino holds a BA, LLB, and LLM (Masters in Public Law) from UCT and is also a notary.

With almost 30 years of experience as an attorney, Perino has a well-established reputation as a skilled litigator and has been admitted as a solicitor for England and Wales (non-practising) since 2010. He has also been actively involved in various legal organisations throughout his career, serving as a Councillor and Vice President of the Cape Law Society, and as a member of their disciplinary committee. He also served on the Attorneys Fidelity Fund Board. Perino was appointed to the Western Cape Legal Practice Council Disciplinary Committee, Mediation Committee and Fee Dispute Resolution Committee in 2022.

In addition to his legal practice, Perino has served as Chairman of the Plettenberg Bay and Knysna Valuation Boards and as Chairperson of the Bitou Municipal Planning Tribunal. He has attended three judicial training courses and is an accredited mediator with FAMAC. Perino's vast legal experience and involvement in various legal organisations means that our clients can always rely on strategic and effective legal solutions.



Andy Cox

Andy is an accomplished attorney and Director of the Conveyancing Department at Mosdell, Pama & Cox. He is a skilled practitioner in the field of conveyancing and focuses on general property and commercial matters.

Andy obtained his BA and LLB degrees from the University of Cape Town and completed his articles with DG Sonderup & Co in Johannesburg.

Since he was admitted to practice in 1992, he has built a remarkable legal career honing his skills in the area of property law. Andy is an admitted conveyancer, allowing him to provide a comprehensive range of services to clients in the real estate industry.

Prior to joining Mosdell, Pama & Cox on the 1st of January 1999 to manage the Plettenberg Bay office, Andy practised for his own account in Belville, Cape Town, gaining valuable experience in the field of conveyancing. He was appointed as a partner in September 1999. The combination of Andy's extensive legal knowledge and his unwavering dedication to clients guarantees that our services are carried out with the utmost attention to detail.



Douglas Henney

Douglas is a professional attorney and Regional Director representative of Phatshoane Henney Attorneys. As Regional Director, Douglas oversees the implementation of expert legal services at the firm to make sure we enhance our service offering. He represents the interests of the Phatshoane Henney Group of Associated Law Firms at Mosdell, Pama & Cox.

Douglas monitors our compliance with the Phatshoane Henney Group Standards to optimise the strategic alignment between our firm and the wider Phatshoane Henney Group.

His wide-ranging experience in property law, conveyancing, as well as land and town development and planning, means Douglas has established himself as a skilled litigator and insolvency practitioner.

As a non-executive attorney, Douglas brings a unique perspective to his role at Phatshoane Henney Attorneys, combining his legal expertise with a strategic and business-minded approach. His ability to manage complex legal matters and to ensure compliance with industry standards makes him a valuable asset to our firm and its clients alike.



Celeste van Wyk

Celeste is the Director of the Commercial & Litigation departments at Mosdell Pama & Cox and holds an LLB degree from the North-West University in Potchefstroom. She was admitted as an attorney in 2013 and before joining us worked as an assistant in the Legal Services Department of the Knysna Municipality and as an associate at CJ Ballan Attorneys in Knysna.

Her diverse skillset meant that since joining Mosdell Pama & Cox in 2015, Celeste has been an integral part of the firm's Commercial and Litigation Departments in the Knysna office.

As a Director, Celeste's expertise in commercial and litigation matters is highly sought after by clients. She manages the firm's correspondent litigation department, handles Motion Court proceedings, and deals with a variety of commercial, collections and Family Law litigation matters. Celeste's reputation as a skilled litigator is well-known in the industry, and her clients benefit from her ability to provide pragmatic, strategic advice in complex legal matters.

THE CONSULTANTS



Clifford Eardley Mosdell

Clifford brings a wealth of knowledge to his role as a consultant at Mosdell Pama & Cox. With over 58 years of experience in the legal profession, he has been admitted to practice as an attorney, notary, and conveyancer since 1963. Clifford is now retired but is available to assist on an as-needed basis.

Ed Harris

Ed is a consultant at Mosdell, Pama & Cox and has extensive knowledge in the areas of conveyancing and liquor law. He is a seasoned attorney, notary public, conveyancer, and auctioneer. Ed earned his BA LLB degree from Rhodes University and has over 20 years of experience as a partner at a firm in Mafikeng before relocating to Knysna in 1997. He was a founder member and former president of the Law Society of Bophuthatswana from 1986 to 1992. Since joining Mosdell, Pama & Cox 's Knysna office in 2009, Ed has continued to provide professional legal advice and solutions in the field of conveyancing and liquor law.



Yogesh Pama

As a consultant at Mosdell, Pama & Cox, Yogesh brings a unique, deep understanding of conveyancing as well as matrimonial matters to our Knysna office. He holds a B. iuris degree and has been practising law since 1964, which means decades of experience accompanies him on his cases. His commitment to providing professional guidance in conveyancing and matrimonial matters has made him a go-to advisor and valuable resource for many of our client's cases.

Louis Nel

Louis has over 50 years of experience in various legal fields and is a highly experienced attorney and consultant at Mosdell, Pama & Cox. He is the head of our Administration of Deceased Estates Department and is an expert in drafting wills, both simple and complex. Along with his expertise in estates, Louis is also a qualified conveyancer. He is known for his strong work ethic and commitment to providing his clients with quality and excellent service. Louis approaches every transaction with a thorough analytical approach and is dedicated to going above and beyond.





Roy Monk

Roy has over 35 years of experience as an attorney and is one of our consultants at Mosdell, Pama & Cox. After obtaining his degrees in law from the University of Port Elizabeth and post-graduate diplomas in Industrial Relations and Maritime Law from the University of Natal, Roy lectured at UPE before practising law in Pretoria and Durban. He served as Senior Director and Head of the Labour Law Department in the Litigation Division of Livingston Leandy Inc. in Durban. Roy is skilled in commercial litigation, provincial tender disputes, and labour law. He retired to Plettenberg Bay in 2016 and joined Mosdell, Pama & Cox. as a consultant in November 2019. Roy's strong academic background and extensive practical experience make him well-suited to assist clients in finding efficient legal solutions.

Werner Smit

Werner efficiently solves commercial, conveyancing, as well as litigation matters, and is an experienced attorney and consultant at Mosdell, Pama & Cox's Knysna office. He holds an LLB (US) degree and is admitted as an attorney, notary, and conveyancer in the Western Cape High Court. He gained highly valuable experience in corporate, commercial, and property law while working as a legal advisor for one of South Africa's leading real estate developers. After successfully practising law for his own account, Werner joined Mosdell, Pama & Cox in 2018. Werner is dedicated to providing clients with top-quality legal services as well as personalised advice and he always finds practical solutions to complex legalities.



Cindy Allan

Cindy is a highly skilled attorney and consultant at Mosdell, Pama & Cox's Plettenberg Bay office. Her extensive experience in litigation and conveyancing means that she can master a wide range of legal solutions. Cindy is a qualified notary as well as a conveyancer and has been recognised by the Cape Law Society for her remarkable results in the 2008 Attorneys Admission Examinations. She is a qualified CD/ACDS and International CEDR Accredited Commercial Mediator, which allows her to resolve disputes through alternative and efficient dispute-resolution methods. Cindy's expertise in commercial litigation, in both the Magistrates and High Court, makes her the first choice for any legal representation. She has significant experience in handling evictions and helping property occupiers/tenants as well as landowners/managers. Her attention to detail and commitment to providing exceptional legal services means Cindy can ensure that her clients receive the best possible legal advice.

THE ASSOCIATES



Julie Maynard

As an associate at Mosdell, Pama & Cox's Plettenberg Bay office, Julie focuses on wills and estates. She has a strong academic background, having obtained her LLB degree with cum laude from the University of Johannesburg, and a Higher Diploma in tax law from the University of Witwatersrand. She is pursuing further studies and plans to complete her notary and conveyancing exams. Julie completed her articles at our firm at the end of December 2017, where she was exposed to various fields of law. Prior to joining the firm, Julie gained valuable experience as a tax consultant at PricewaterhouseCoopers, where she advised expatriates on their tax status and compiled opinions on various companies' taxing procedures for employees. Her dedication helps our clients navigate difficult legalities with care and understanding, giving them access to effective results.

Sonja Oelofse

Sonja is an associate at Mosdell, Pama & Cox's Plettenberg Bay office, where she practices as a general legal practitioner with a specific focus on property law. In addition to her comprehensive knowledge of property law, Sonja has experience in liquor law, debt collection, commercial drafting, and labour law. She earned her LLB degree from the University of the Free State in 2016 and completed her articles at Mosdell, Pama & Cox at the end of December 2020. Sonja brings a strong work ethic, passion and commitment to providing the highest quality legal solutions and advice to our clients.



Hilary Valla

Hilary obtained her LLB from Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, whereafter she completed her articles in Knysna. She was admitted as attorney in 2017, as notary in 2021 and as conveyancer in 2023. Hilary was employed as a dispute resolution specialist by a leading employer's organization where she gained valuable practical experience in labour law. She returned to the practicing roll of attorneys in July 2018 and has spent the last few years focusing primarily on civil litigation. Hilary is a solution driven practitioner and coupled with her experience in various roles at different organizations, she brings a depth of experience that allows her to look at the big picture whilst still paying attention to detail thus enabling her to find the most innovative solutions for clients' matters

Kiana Venter

Kiana Venter joined Mosdell, Pama & Cox at our Plettenberg Bay offices as an associate in 2024, after being admitted as an attorney in the Cape Town High Court in June 2024, and after having successfully completed her articles with us, which she commenced in early 2022. She is a general legal practitioner, but her practice mainly consists of litigation matters. She holds an LLB degree, which she obtained from Stellenbosch University in 2021.



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She moved to Stellenbosch in 2018 from her hometown, Pretoria, where she grew up and lived until she matriculated. She was the dux learner at high school and primary school. She was also awarded the Sportswoman of the Year Award at high school. She is a member of the Golden Key International Honour's Society. Kiana also made the law faculty's dean's merit list with some of her modules at Stellenbosch University. She works hard and is detailed-orientated. She always strives to do everything to the best of her abilities and believes that there is always something new one can learn.

Her interests include inter alia reading and horse riding and she loves animals.

CANDIDATE ATTORNEY



Rebecca Houston

Rebecca is a Candidate Attorney at Mosdell, Pama & Cox Knysna Inc. She obtained her BA Honours English Literature and LLB from the University of Cape Town. She previously worked in Communications, producing content for search engine optimization. She has lived in Paris, Thailand, and San Francisco and has been a member of the Golden Key International Honour Society since 2009.

PH FIRM

Our continued association with this pre-eminent legal group enables us to further distinguish our firm as a leader in the provision of legal services in the region and drives us to meet our clients' needs with excellence.



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Mosdell, Pama & Cox is an associated member of the Phatshoane Henney Group, which is South Africa's largest association of independent law firms. Membership in the group provides our firm with access to various support services, including legal and research support, strategic and business development support, and training and development services, enabling us to better serve our clients with excellence.

We are proud to be part of a group that subscribes to values such as quality, service delivery, and black economic empowerment. As part of our initiative to address our BEE profile and create an environment of transformation, more than 25% of our firm's equity has been taken up by representatives of the Phatshoane Henney Group, to act as non-executive directors to assist the firm with proactively managing its BEE, employment equity, skills development, and other strategic issues of relevance to the firm.

Through our membership, we also endorse the group initiatives to proactively implement black economic empowerment and skills development initiatives within each firm to ensure that firms meet black economic empowerment requirements. For more information on the Phatshoane Henney Group, its values, membership structure, partnerships, and more, please visit the group website at www.phfirms.co.za

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