

## EXTERNAL ADVERTISEMENT

The Media Development and Diversity Agency (MDDA) is a statutory development agency for promoting and ensuring media development and diversity, set up as a partnership between the South African Government and major print and broadcasting companies in terms of the MDDA Act, No. 14 of 2002.

The following position based in Auckland Park are available at the MDDA

### **Legal Officer (3-Year Fixed-Term Contract)**

Salary: R590 597,76 TCTC per annum.

Reference No. **LOD2024**

Reporting to the Manager Legal and Risk, the incumbent will support the provision of legal services to the business in accordance with the applicable legislation and regulations. This includes providing legal support to internal business units and external clients through legal advice and opinions, conducting legal related workshops, drafting of legal guidelines, conducting legal research, and supporting the drafting of contracts.

**Minimum Requirements:** NQF Level 8 in Law (i.e. LLB). Knowledge, 3-4 years' experience in the legal field and 2 years legal experience as an attorney or advocate. Knowledge and understanding of Legislation related to the industry (e.g. PFMA, ECA, MDDA Act and Regulations, PAJA, PAIA, POPIA etc.)

**HOW TO APPLY:** Suitably qualified and experienced candidates are invited to submit a comprehensive CV with at least three contactable references and fully completed employment application form. This must be emailed to [recruitment@mdda.org.za](mailto:recruitment@mdda.org.za) quoting relevant reference no.

**NB: Use the relevant reference no. as a subject line.** An email without the reference number as a subject/heading, CV and fully completed employment application form will be disqualified.

**For further enquiries please contact Ms. Lindo Nkosi at (011) 643 1100.**

**PLEASE NOTE:** Communication will be limited to shortlisted candidates only. If you have not heard from us within 30 days of the closing date, please assume that your application has not been successful. Only applicants who are interviewed will be advised on the outcome of their applications. Successful candidates will be expected to sign performance contracts. It is the responsibility of candidates with foreign qualifications to have their qualifications verified by the South African Qualification Authority (SAQA).

The MDDA is committed to Employment Equity policies, promoting equity, and equal opportunity employment. Appointment is subject to appropriate reference checks, competency assessment and verification of all their credentials. The MDDA is under no obligation to fill the position after advertising it and reserves the right to not make an appointment. Although advertised, it may thus either be withdrawn or re-advertised.

**Closing date: 17 August 2024**

## LEGAL OFFICER

### 1. Position Detail

Job Title	Legal Officer
Job Grade	C3
Date Reviewed	July 2024
Location	Auckland Park, Johannesburg

#### Position in the Organisation:

Department	Corporate Services
1st Line Manager	Manager Legal and Risk
2nd Line Manager	Executive Manager Corporate Services
Direct Subordinate(s)	N/A

#### Overall Purpose of the Job

Purpose Statement
To support the provision of legal services to the business in accordance with the applicable legislation and regulations. This includes providing legal support to internal business units and external clients through legal advice and opinions, conducting legal related workshops, drafting of legal guidelines, conducting legal research, and supporting the drafting of contracts.

#### Education (Formal Qualification Required)

Minimum
NQF Level 8 in Law (i.e. LLB)
Advantageous
Broader qualification in contractual and/or employment law

#### Legal Requirements (e.g. Driver's License, etc.)

Detail
Admitted as an Attorney or Advocate Driver's License

#### Experience (Experience Required - Number of years)

Minimum
3-4 years' experience in the legal field 2 years legal experience as an attorney or advocate
Advantageous
Experience in the media sector

### 2. Position Description

Key Performance Area / Main Output	Detailed Description / Inputs	Weightings
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<p><b>Contract Drafting &amp; Monitoring</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate contract drafting, conclusions, close-outs, extensions and renewals</li> <li>• Assist with monitoring and updating of the contract register and monitor contract compliance with funding requirements from recipients</li> <li>• Assist in the liaison with recipient attorneys or recipient until consensus has been reached</li> <li>• Provide support in the maintenance of contractual records and documentation</li> <li>• Provide advice on contract matters, under the guidance of the line manager</li> <li>• Serve as the point of contact for MDDA business units and external parties on contractual matters and ensure that signed contracts are communicated to all relevant parties to provide contract visibility and awareness</li> <li>• Verify that all contracts are devoid of omissions and MDDA interests are protected</li> </ul>	<p>30%</p>
<p><b>Litigation Support</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor cases to ensure that legal matters are managed efficiently and that the relevant parties are informed and are given the proper advice</li> <li>• Coordinate the required affidavits, briefings with attorneys, etc.</li> <li>• Alert the line manager on the status and/or progress of the cases</li> <li>• Assist in the preparation of relevant legal correspondence, notices and pleadings</li> <li>• Consult and obtain necessary information/briefing or documents from the relevant unit to assist in the litigation proceedings</li> <li>• Assist in the drafting of Terms of Reference / Specifications for the appointment of the service provider for legal matters as and when instructed by line manager</li> </ul>	<p>25%</p>
<p><b>Dispute Resolutions</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate all administrative matters relating to the resolution of contractual disputes, inclusive of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Employment contractual issues</li> <li>○ Supplier agreements; and</li> <li>○ Any other contractual disputes</li> </ul> </li> <li>• Coordinate the required affidavits, briefings with attorneys, etc.</li> <li>• Represent MDDA in court, (when required) including representation and management of CCMA cases involving staff/contractual issues</li> </ul>	<p>20%</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordinate disciplinary/grievance hearings in accordance with company policy and procedures</li> <li>• Prepare the appropriate documentation (including relevant charge sheet) and the prosecution's case, in consultation with attorneys as appropriate, in respect of all serious cases involving staff or grant recipients, and submit to the line manager for approval</li> </ul>	
<b>Regulatory Compliance</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Identify legislation which impacts on the mandate of the MDDA and coordinate the updating of the compliance matrix</li> <li>• Advise on deviations or amendments from statutory practices to be used as a basis for strategic interventions for the line manager's consideration</li> <li>• Assist in aligning and review policies and approval by the line manager</li> </ul>	10%
<b>Legal Research &amp; Advice</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide input into legal advice and opinions, benchmarked on legal precedents, to MDDA business units, under the guidance of the line manager</li> <li>• Conduct proper risk analysis and identify triggering factors towards potential legal risks within business units, for review and approval by the line manager</li> <li>• Undertake in-house legal research, including preparation of documentation, for all cases likely to be subject to court action and submit to the line manager for review</li> <li>• Act as first point of contact on all legal issues, as per delegation of authority</li> </ul>	10%
<b>Sub-Committee Legal Advisory Support</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Participate in Board committees and sub-committees and management committees to provide legal advice and guidance in accordance with legislation and best practice e.g. Ethics Committee, Employment Equity Committee and Thefts &amp; Losses Committee</li> <li>• Compile relevant reports, minutes, presentations, etc. for the assigned committee</li> <li>• Perform any other legal function, and provide any legal support as may be requested from time to time by line manager</li> <li>• Assist in preparing quarterly reports for the Legal Unit and approval by line manager to be submitted to various committees and Board</li> </ul>	5%

**3. Competencies (Knowledge, Skills and Behavioural Attributes) - Please note: The norm in the industry is to not have more than 7 Skills and Behavioural Attributes per job profile.**

<b>Knowledge</b>	<b>Skills</b>	<b>Behavioral Attributes</b>
Legislation related to the industry (e.g. PFMA, ECA, MDDA Act and Regulations, PAJA, PAIA, POPIA etc.)	Communication	Attention to detail
Labour, Civil and criminal matters	Problem solving	Analytical
Contractual law and contract management	Planning	Accuracy
MS Office proficiency	Time management	Ethical
	Relationship management	Integrity
	Writing / reporting	Work under pressure
	Researching	Proactive
		Deadline driven

**4. Special Requirements**

<b>Detail</b>
Will be required to travel e.g. to attend CCMA cases