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Lekhotla Mofolo – Actual client

Car accident? Call your lawyer.

“I was stationary at a traffic light when a drunk driver hit me from behind” recalls Lekhotla Mofolo. “I was not seriously injured, but my car sustained a lot of damage. The other driver did not take responsibility and actually ran away! That’s when I called my lawyer at Clientèle Legal.” Lekhotla explains.

“We attempted to mediate our client’s claim, but the other party refused to pay,” says Ravashnie Venugopal of Clientèle Legal. “After summons was served on the third party without response, we proceeded to take judgment. Only thereafter did the other party settle our client’s claim in full.” Venugopal says Mr Mofolo was lucky. Most claims of this nature tend to take years to resolve. Motor Vehicle Insurance should always be your first option.”

Lekhotla was impressed with the service he received from Clientèle Legal: “The service was quick and highly professional. They continuously updated me on the progress made on my claim. I can recommend Clientèle Legal to anyone.”

[Note: A Clientèle Legal policy is not a replacement for Motor Vehicle Insurance.]



What must a person NOT do after an accident?

- Move your motor vehicle; unless it is necessary for safety or required by law
- Fail to report the accident to the SAPS within 24 hours
- Dispose of any potential evidence
- Engage in discussions of fault or agree settlement

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TOP THREE THINGS TO KNOW

About the Small Claims Court

1



The Small Claims Court is a quick and easy way to resolve disputes involving claims under R15,000

For instance, if you are in a dispute with someone who owes you less than R15,000 or claiming for a car accident where the damage is less than R15,000.

2



Legal representation is not allowed on behalf of the parties

Neither you nor the opposing party may have a lawyer presenting your case in the Small Claims Court. You can, however, consult your Clientèle Legal lawyer to obtain advice on the best way forward.

3



Anyone can go to the Small Claims Court

Any natural person may institute a claim against another person or legal entity (estate, business etc). You may, however, not institute a claim against the State, which includes municipalities.

THE LIGHTER SIDE



HEARD IN COURT

Counsel: Are you a witness, victim or defendant?

Man: I'm the guy who did it.



IN THE NEWS



Conduct yourself properly after dismissal

“There is no need for this drama. This is not Hollywood.” Police Minister Fikile Mbalula declared after fired Hawks boss, Berning Ntlemeza showed up for work despite being fired, taking a work car and a cellphone as well. Mbalula said he would issue a warrant of arrest if Ntlemeza did not return the car and cellphone.

The Police Minister has a good point. Real life is not like Hollywood and how you conduct yourself during any process of dismissal can harm your future chances of getting work or negotiating the best settlement you can.

It is your right as an employee to be paid any outstanding amounts owing to you, but you cannot take company property, eg: a car and cellphone, if you are not happy with the outcome. Negotiations must be done properly. Your Clientèle Legal lawyer can be great professional support during this time.

You must make sure you receive your UIF forms and paperwork relating to your pension fund. The employer must also provide you with a certificate of service that sets out the starting and termination dates of your employment, a brief description of the work you did and how much you were being paid.

When you are dismissed, you must make sure you adhere to any confidentiality or other agreements you might have signed while employed.

If you feel the dismissal was unfair, you have 30 days to refer the matter to the CCMA/Bargaining Council. At conciliation, the commissioner at the CCMA/Bargaining Council will try to get the matter settled between the parties. If that does not work, the matter can proceed to arbitration and even, the Labour Court. Avoid it going that far by playing and working fair.

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Actual client

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Send your details, including your policy number to: lawyers@clientele.co.za

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DID YOU KNOW?



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Premium disputes

Some clients find that they are in the middle of a matter being settled by Clientèle Legal and suddenly they are informed that their cover has ceased. This may be a result of a disputed premium.

Please note that should Clientèle Legal be unable to collect your monthly policy premium for any reason, including you disputing the debit order with your bank, the cover afforded under your Clientèle Legal policy will be negatively impacted and the servicing of any existing claims under your policy will cease. To avoid potentially impacting your cover for future claims, we recommend that you authenticate your debit order via your bank.

Important: While disputing a premium, first consider the effect a missed premium will have on your legal matter.

LETTERS FROM OUR CLIENTS

“DEAR CLIENTÈLE LEGAL”

“I had a dispute with a major company who did not want to pay my money back. With the help of Clientèle Legal, I got my money back. The lawyers are tough and professional.”
Franco Spangenberg

“I had a dispute with my landlord and issues turned ugly. I realised I could not deal with it myself. I simply picked up the phone and called Clientèle Legal and the matter was settled.”
Lindy Joubert

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