



KNOW THE LAW

The superior newsletter from Clientèle Legal

“CLIENTÈLE LEGAL GOT MY MONEY BACK!”



Lefaladi Makgamatha – Actual client



“It is very awkward when a friend owes you money. At first I tried to avoid the issue, but I really needed the money and I felt like I was being taken advantage of. It was an intolerable situation,” says Lefaladi Makgamatha. “The so-called ‘friend’ became rude and distant and I was out of pocket. That’s when I called my lawyer at Clientèle Legal. They dealt with it quickly and professionally. All it took was a phone call and a letter and I got my money back.”

Edna du Doit from Clientèle Legal says many people associate lawyers with big, expensive court cases but in actual fact their real value is in solving everyday problems. “We are there to assist when you have a problem with bad service or a dispute with a mechanic. As economic pressures increase, we can be of service concerning smaller loans or debt that you are owed in your personal capacity. It is often better if a lawyer deals with it than yourself. It is less emotional.”

Du Toit says that taking or providing loans to family and friends should always be undertaken with caution, as the odds of it becoming personal are greater. “Try and put the arrangement on paper, even if it is only a simple I.O.U or make the agreement in front of a witness. Even if you make the deal verbally, the other person can still be held legally accountable if you have some evidence of the transaction.”

LAWYER’S TIP

“Before lending money to a friend, decide which one you need most.”



Edna du Toit – Clientèle Legal

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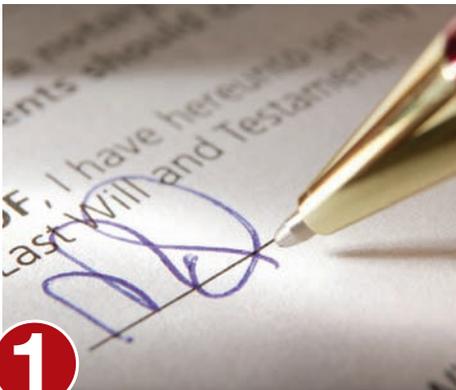
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TOP THREE THINGS TO KNOW

DRAWING UP A WILL



1

BE SPECIFIC

Write a comprehensive list of what items, money or property are to be distributed. Make sure you identify the beneficiaries clearly. Be specific about full or shared ownership. You can also specify the nomination of the executor who will take care of the distribution of assets, as well as details about legal guardianship, if minor children are involved. Think about it carefully and take your time.



2

MAKE IT VALID

For a Will to be valid it must be written down and signed by the testator (person drawing up the Will) and two witnesses that must be 14 years of age or older and competent to give evidence in a Court of Law. The signing should happen in the presence of each other. The person who signs as a witness may not benefit from the Will and will be disqualified as a beneficiary.



3

DO IT NOW

Dying without a valid Will causes unnecessary pain and conflict for the family members left behind. It is simpler and easier than you think to get it done. Contact your lawyer if you need guidance. Your Clientèle Legal policy covers the drawing up of a Will.

THE LIGHTER SIDE



WEIRD LAWS

It is illegal to wear a suit of armour to the British Parliament.

An ancient law dating back to 1313 prohibits this choice of attire, but it is reliably understood that no one has broken this law in recent memory.



IN THE NEWS

BAIL ME OUT!



In 2000, friends and relatives of Miracle 2000 mastermind, Sibusiso Radebe walked into the Germiston Magistrate's court with briefcases and bags containing hundreds of thousands of Rands in cash to pay Radebe's record R1 Million bail. He was accused of fraud, theft and contravening the Banks Act relating to his pyramid money-making scheme. It took hours and hours to count.

More recently, Prophet Bushiri and his wife were granted bail of R200,000 each on similar charges. Oscar Pistorius was granted bail of R10,000 for his murder charge, on the condition that he remained under house arrest.

Why are the bail amounts so different? Well, the purpose of bail is to ensure that the accused will attend all his/her future court appearances, so judges and magistrates arrive at a figure after considering the type of crime committed, how much money the accused earns and whether or not the accused is considered a 'flight risk', ie: they will flee before the trial. In Pistorius' case, he was not considered likely to try and escape so the bail was set accordingly. In the case of Prophet Bushiri, there was speculation as to whether the bail was set appropriately, since he and his wife absconded shortly after paying it. Bail is paid back to the accused after the trial, regardless of the verdict, so the amount must be carefully considered.

While we all hope that we never face arrest or need someone to bail us out of a cold, hard jail cell, it is important to understand that we have rights

and that your lawyer can assist when you need him/her most. According to SA law, you have to appear before court within 48 working hours of being arrested (excluding public holidays and weekends). You can apply for Police Bail if it is a minor crime, including common assault, theft of an amount less than R2,500 or possession of small amounts of drugs. Your lawyer or family may pay this amount at the police station in cash. If the offence is more serious for instance; public violence, arson or theft of an amount up to R20,000 the prosecutor may set bail after consultation with the investigating officer at court. Court bail is set when you are accused of murder, rape or fraud in excess of R500,000. The Court may impose conditions attached to the bail, for instance you might have to report to the police station once a week or hand over your passport.

Bail may be denied if the judge/magistrate feels there is a chance the accused will be a danger to him/herself or others or might skip bail.

DID YOU KNOW?

Clientèle Legal will go to the police station and pay your police bail of up to R5,000 for you.

If the case proceeds to court, we will represent you in your area, if necessary.

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Business legal advice



Legal representation



Drafting and reviewing of commercial contracts



Assistance with debt recovery



Labour advice and representation



Cover to initiate or defend a legal action

Actual Clients



Armstrong Ngcobo

Mzansi Auto Glass



Peter Vee

Vee Station



Karabo Nyedimane

3 Way Marketing

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“Clientèle Legal is a trusted brand. The package is tailor-made for our business and the price is right.”

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