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Overview

Joe da Silva is an executive in the firm's Governance, Compliance and Investigations practice. He holds a BCompt and BCompt Hons degrees from the University of South Africa and an associate member of the South African Chapter of the Association of Certified Fraud Examiners (ACFE).

Joe has in excess of 23 years' experience in the forensic investigation environment, particularly fraud, theft, corruption and compliance, in both the private and public sector. He articulated with PWC and was then recruited by KPMG to help establish the first forensic investigative unit in South Africa in 1994. In 1997, he was part of a team that started Gobodo Forensics, the first South African majority black owned forensic accounting firm, where he was a director and shareholder for 13 years. In 2010, he joined Ernst & Young's forensic accounting division in Johannesburg, as a partner, and was responsible for developing Ernst & Young's forensic accounting practices across Africa. Being English and Portuguese speaking, Joe was also responsible for the Ernst & Young forensic practice in Mozambique. He has travelled extensively in Africa conducting assignments in the following African countries: South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Mozambique, Zambia, Botswana, Angola, Zimbabwe, Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Nigeria, Ghana, Cameroon and Mauritius. Joe also has extensive experience in conducting Anti-Bribery and Corruption Compliance (ABAC) engagements in Africa.

Joe has been responsible for numerous high-level forensic accounting investigations in the public sector, particularly on behalf of various government departments, municipalities and parastatals. As a result, Joe has extensive experience in conducting investigations in terms of the PFMA, MFMA and other legislation governing organs of state.

Experience

Managed various investigations conducted for National Government Departments, Provincial Government Departments, Municipalities and Public Entities into fraud and corruption as well as contraventions of:

- Public Finance Management Act;
- Treasury Regulations;
- Municipal Finance Management Act;
- Municipal Supply Chain Management Regulations;
- Supply Chain Practice Notes;
- Prevention and Combatting of Corrupt Activities Act;
- Public Service Act;
- The Code of Conduct for Public Service; and
- Client specific Supply Chain Management policies, procedures and processes.

The following are but a few of the investigations that Joe has recently been involved in which dealt with procurement irregularities in the public sector:

- Municipal entity in Gauteng: Investigation into procurement irregularities involving the award of 10 contracts;

- Municipal entity in Eastern Cape: Investigation into procurement irregularities involving the award of 8 contracts;
- A Northern Cape provincial department: Investigation into tender irregularities;
- A Free State provincial department: Investigation into procurement irregularities involving the award of 6 contracts;
- A Gauteng provincial department: Numerous investigations conducted at various schools;
- Municipal entity in Gauteng: Investigation into fraudulent cheques involving improper conduct by employees;
- Parastatal: Numerous investigations into procurement irregularities; and
- Office of the Premier of Gauteng: Investigation into procurement irregularities at two provincial departments.
- Whilst a partner at Ernst and Young Joe was involved in an investigation on behalf of the Competition Commission into the Agricultural Sector.

Project management experience:

- Successfully managed a project for two years at an Eastern Cape provincial department on behalf of the Auditor General. The project lasted two years and the department saved more than R1 billion a year after removing the identified illegally registered social grants;
- Successfully managed an investigation at a Municipal entity in Eastern Cape into the irregular award of various contracts to service providers. The investigation took almost a year to complete;
- Successfully managed an investigation at a Municipal entity in Gauteng into the irregular award of various contracts to service providers. The investigation took almost a year to complete;
- Successfully managed a UK Bribery Act and FCPA compliance assignment for a multi-national financial institution in 10 different African countries. The assignment took 4 months to complete;
- Successfully managed a UK Bribery Act and FCPA compliance assignment for a multi-national retail group in 9 different African countries. The assignment took 6 months to complete; and
- Continuously manage large projects/ investigations for clients.
- *Chambers and Partners*, 2018 ranked Joe in Band 2 for Corporate Investigations.