

# SUPPORTIVE TEAM BEGINNING COLLABORATIONS

Development Law



## THE FIRM

Established in 1900, STBB is a firm of approximately 100 business-minded lawyers practising from 11 offices throughout South Africa.

By understanding our clients' needs and objectives, we strive to deliver cost-effective legal solutions for all business and personal matters. We are committed to developing close working relationships with our clients, enabling us to succeed consistently on their behalf.

### WHY WAS THE DEVELOPMENT LAW UNIT FORMED?

STBB's Development Law Unit (DLU) came into existence during April 2015.

The ground-breaking initiative was timed to coincide with changing legislation and processes relating to land development, implemented from 1 July 2015 onwards, such as the coming into effect of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (on national level) and the gradual implementation of the Land Use Planning and Land Use Management regulation (Western Cape).

The DLU was warmly received by developers, town planners and environmental practitioners and also welcomed by the Western Cape Department of Environmental Affairs and Development Planning.

## WHAT IS ITS FUNCTION?

In the DLU, we have combined various specialist legal fields to form a single unit, thus giving us the ability to furnish our clients with specialist advice in a comprehensive and integrated manner. The property development sector in South Africa is multifaceted, strictly regulated and complex. The only effective manner in which the legal field can play its role in this sector is to integrate the required legal expertise intelligently, which is exactly what STBB's Development Law Unit has done.

Importantly, the DLU functions as a watchdog for our developers from inception of a project until successful completion and, in the process, strengthens the developer's position. Objections against developments, review letters from authorities and minutes of meetings are strictly scrutinised and advice is furnished throughout the development application process.

In light of the various specialist legal fields represented by the members of the DLU, we believe that we are better placed and equipped than any other law firm to furnish sound legal advice to property developers, development consultants (town planners, environmental consultants, engineers, architects, etc.), local authorities and financial institutions.

## TYPICAL INSTRUCTIONS

- Legal opinions
- Review applications
- High Court declarators
- Interdicts
- Internal administrative appeals: NEMA, LUPA, SPLUMA
- General advice on development law matters

## LEGAL FIELDS OF EXPERTISE COVERED BY THE UNIT

- Property law
- Planning law
- Environmental law
- Local government law
- Construction law
- Water law
- Associated legal fields: constitutional law, administrative law, expropriation, etc.

## THE DLU TEAM

The Development Law Unit has 10 senior professionals addressing all requirements of land development in the various applicable areas of law.

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## STBB HELDERBERG

### WHERE IS THE DLU TEAM BASED?

Although permanently based in Helderberg, the DLU does not function separately or distinctly from the other departments or disciplines in STBB, but forms part of any legal team where it can add value. It is already rendering high-quality specialist legal advice in the field of development law in an integrated manner with other legal fields practised by the STBB professional team.

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THE  
NEWSLETTER

*DEVELOPMENT LAW UPDATE*

With the launch of this prestigious unit, we also introduced a new publication, the *Development Law Update*. It is a monthly newsletter which provides a snapshot of important news, cases and legislative happenings reported each month and which impact development law, municipal and planning law, environmental law, property and conveyancing.

The *Development Law Update* keeps developers, planners, surveyors, architects and municipal land planning officials informed of daily judgments and legislative developments on all levels of government as they happen.

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