

The *Development* Law Unit

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The firm

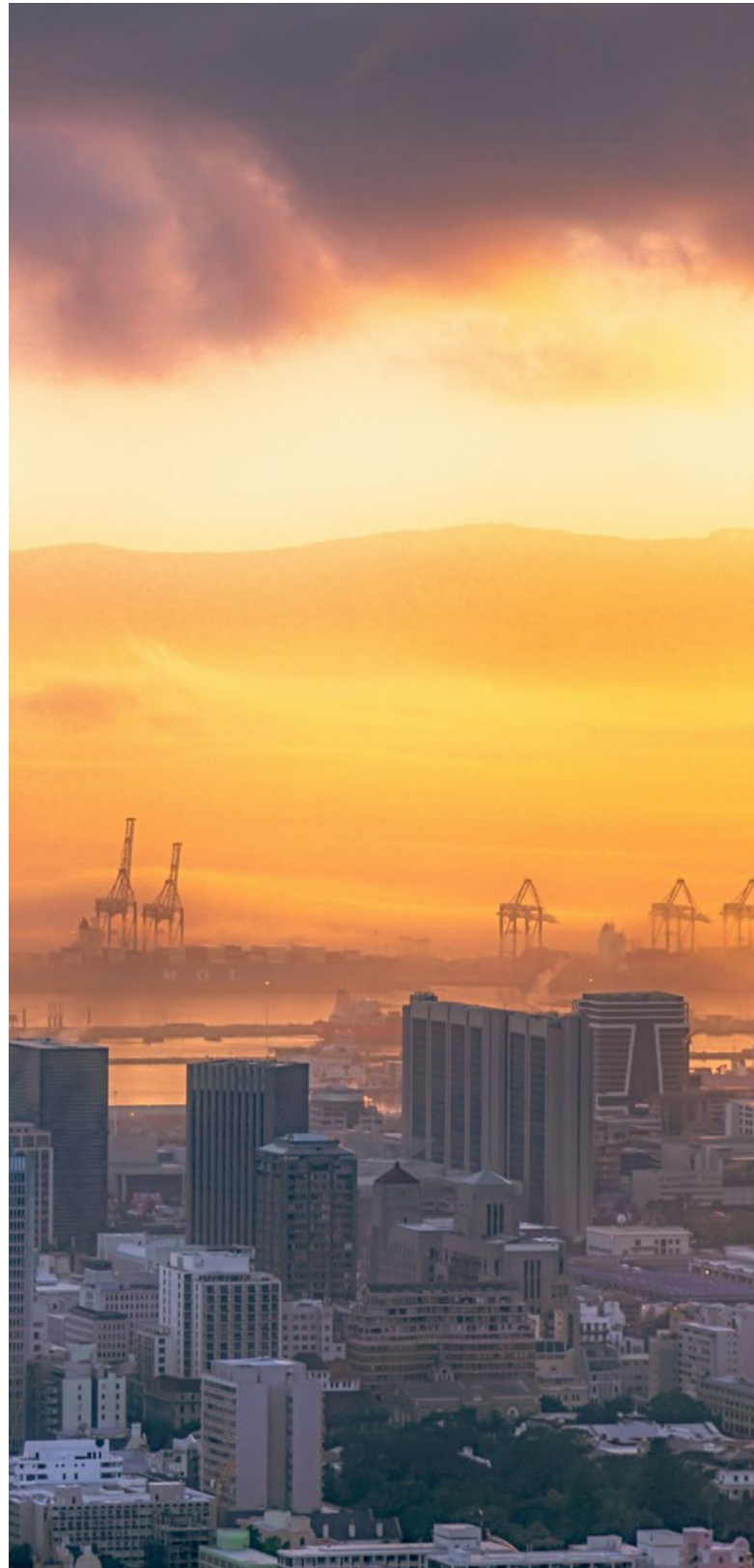
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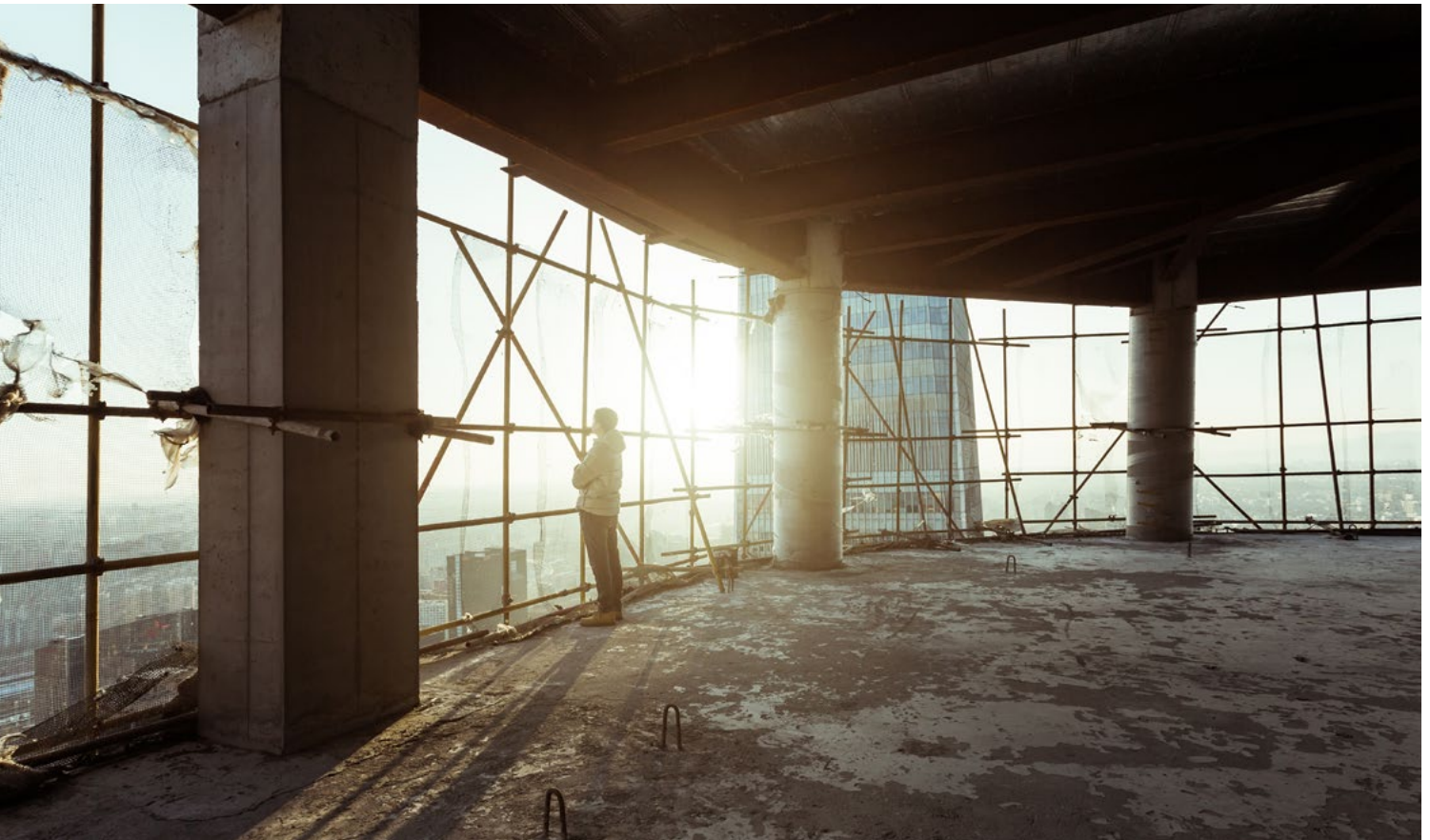
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Why was the Development Law Unit formed?

In April 2015, STBB's Development Law Unit ('the DLU') emerged. This groundbreaking initiative was timed to coincide with changing legislation and processes relating to land development in South Africa. This included the commencement of the Spatial Planning and Land Use Management Act (on a national level) and the gradual implementation of the Western Cape Land Use Planning Regulations from mid-2015.

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



What is the DLU's function?

Through the DLU, we have combined various specialist legal fields to form a single unit – 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. Accordingly, the only effective manner in which the legal field can operate beneficially in this sector is to integrate the required legal expertise intelligently. This is exactly what the DLU has done.

Importantly, the DLU functions as a watchdog for our developers – from inception of a project until successful completion. In the process, it strengthens the developer's position. As such, 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 more equipped than any other law firm to furnish sound legal advice to property developers, development consultants (town planners, environmental consultants, engineers, architects, and others), local authorities, and financial institutions.

Typical instructions

- Advising and drafting of constitutions for homeowners' associations and management and conduct rules for bodies corporate, as well as obtaining the required CSOS approval.
- Registration of non-profit companies for homeowners' associations, if required.
- Advising on structures, exclusive use areas, and the phasing of developments.
- Assisting with due diligence investigations.
- Assisting developers with all aspects of general and special meetings in terms of the constitution and rules of the association or body corporate during the development period.

Legal fields of expertise covered by the DLU

- Property law
- Planning law
- Environmental law
- Local government law
- Construction law
- Water law
- Associated legal fields, including constitutional law, administrative law, and expropriation law
- Commercial contracts



Where is the DLU based?

Although permanently based at STBB 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. The DLU therefore renders high-quality, specialist legal advice in the field of development law in an integrated manner with other legal fields practised by STBB's professionals.

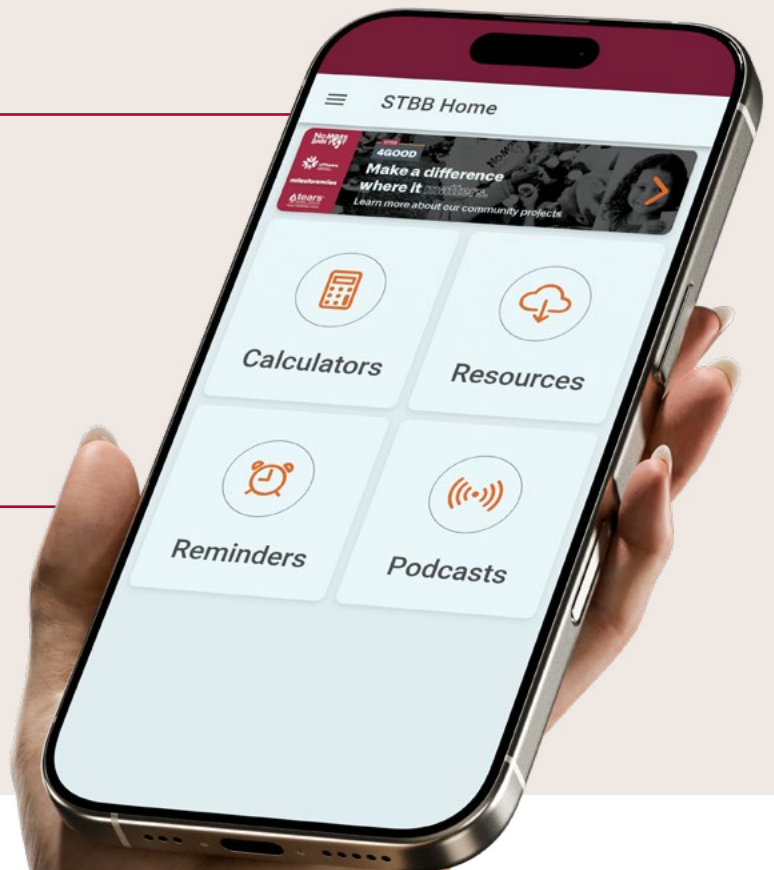
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Our firm regularly publishes clear, practical property law updates aimed at purchasers, sellers, developers, and property professionals. These publications, which include ***All About Property, Conveyancing Correspondent***, and property-related newsflashes, focus on current legal developments and regulatory changes, with an emphasis on compliance, dispute prevention, and sound drafting. By translating complex legal principles into accessible guidance, our property law publications help clients and stakeholders make informed decisions and stay ahead of legal trends shaping the property market.

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