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## Leading law firm opens high power Joburg office in Sandton

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KWAZULU-NATAL'S largest locally based practice Cox Yeats Attorneys, has expanded its footprint nationally. It opened a Joburg office in Sandton this month.

The law firm, which has its main office located in uMhlanga, Durban, operates locally, nationally and internationally, offering expertise and specialisation in the commercial and personal legal fields.

The Joburg office will initially offer legal services in the areas of construction and engineering law, as well as commercial litigation including insurance and banking litigation, and sports law.

It said the opening of the Joburg office was part of its strategy to underscore its commitment to offer clients comprehensive solutions.

"Our Joburg office will enhance our service offerings to national and international clients, more specifically in the fields of construction law, insurance litigation and general commercial litigation", said the firm's managing partner, Michael Jackson. Cox Yeats has been consistently rated a top law firm in South Africa, and has for the third consecutive year, received the PMR.africa Diamond Arrow Award for the highest rated medium-sized law firm in South Africa.

Eight of the firm's senior attorneys are ranked by Best Lawyers, peer review guide for the legal profession. Jackson said they build "relationships by getting to know our clients, their businesses and the problems that they are facing."

Heading up the Cox Yeats Joburg office is Gary Pritchard, a former director of a large international law firm based in Sandton. Pritchard focuses on construction and engineering law as well as general commercial litigation including insurance and banking litigation, construction and sports law.

"Pritchard is a well-recognised legal professional with over 28 years' experience, who will be assisted by associate, Phillip Cronje", said Jackson.

"When I was approached with the proposal to open an office for Cox Yeats in Sandton, it was a great honour for me and a challenge," said Pritchard.

Pritchard has achieved the following accolades:

**2020:** Recognised in Best Lawyers in South Africa for Construction.

**2019:** Recommended in Legal 500 for Construction.

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