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Eversheds appoints Lavery Modise as deputy chairman

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Eversheds, previously known as Routledge Modise, has appointed Lavery Modise as its deputy chairman.

Says Terry Mahon, chairman of the firm: "Lavery Modise, who heads up the firm's employment law department, has been an integral part in making the firm what it is today. Part of Lavery's portfolio will be to develop the firm's vision and implement our strategies and mentoring programmes. He will also be instrumental in inculcating the firm's culture and enhance our internal communication."

Says Lavery Modise: "The firm's culture is based on respect for staff, colleagues and clients. We take transformation seriously and don't believe in window-dressing. Transformation is not just recruiting black lawyers, but mentoring and nurturing them to develop independent thinkers and decision makers. We also make an effort to create the right environment where we can utilise our diversity to create synergy for the benefit of our clients."

Lavery Modise joined the firm in 1998 when his firm Mlambo & Modise merged with Routledges to become Routledge Modise.

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About Lavery Modise

Lavery Modise obtained a BA degree at the University of Fort Hare and an LLB at the University of the Witwatersrand and was admitted as an attorney in 1991.

Lavery heads up the firm's employment law practice. He is one of the top labour lawyers in the country, who has represented trade unions and several large employers. As a litigation attorney, he has represented clients in all our courts up to the Supreme Court of Appeal. He acts as arbitrator and mediator in labour related matters and has also acted as a judge of the Labour Court from time to time.

At present he is the chairperson of the General Public Service Sectoral Bargaining Council.

Lavery has chaired various government department inquiries, such as the Mpumalanga Legislature inquiries in respect of misconduct committed by senior employees, the Department of Labour disciplinary inquiries in respect of alleged UIF fraud in Cape Town and alleged misconduct by a director in Durban, and the Northern Province Government disciplinary inquiry regarding the alleged misconduct of a Director in the Department of Transport.

He has a monthly employment law column in the Sowetan.

About Eversheds

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