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practical experience

Rowan Forster is an Executive in ENSafrica's Intellectual Property ("IP") department. He specialises in the drafting, filing and prosecution of patent and design applications, both locally and internationally.

In addition, Rowan specialises in trade mark filing and prosecution in various jurisdictions, as well as IP litigation. Although he has a background in chemistry, Rowan has experience in a range of technologies.

He has represented various clients in, among others, the IT, agrochemicals, security and jewellery manufacturing industries, in various IP-related matters.

Rowan is recognised as a leading/recommended lawyer by:

- The Legal 500 EMEA 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 – Intellectual Property (South Africa)
- Ranked by Managing Intellectual Property (IP Stars) 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 as Patent star (South Africa)
- Ranked by WTR 1000 (South Africa) for prosecution and strategy, 2021, 2020
- IAM Patent 1000, 2021, 2020 (South Africa)

Rowan is a member of the following IP associations:

- LES – Licensing Executives Society
- INTA – International Trade Marks Association
- AIPPI – International Association for the Protection of Intellectual Property
- SAIPL – South African Institute of Intellectual Property Law (fellow)
- PTMG – The Pharmaceutical Trade Marks Group

qualifications

- BSc (Hons) in Chemistry and Applied Chemistry (University of KwaZulu-Natal)
- BProc (University of South Africa)
- Registered patent attorney
- Admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa