

“best law firm in south africa” appoints 2 new directors and establishes a dedicated intellectual property department

Edward Nathan Sonnenbergs (ENS) is the largest full-service law firm in Africa and has been in existence for over 100 years. ENS boasts more than 360 legal, tax and forensic practitioners and has offices in Johannesburg, Cape Town, Durban and Stellenbosch.

ENS is pleased to announce the appointment of 2 new Intellectual Property directors, **Mike du Toit** and **Gaelyn Scott**, formerly of local firm Bowman Gilfillan John & Kernick, who have between them over 30 years experience. In addition, **Ilse du Plessis**, a director practising from ENS' Cape Town and Stellenbosch offices, and **Don MacRobert**, a senior IP practitioner formerly of Adams & Adams, registered patent agent and runner up of the World IP Lawyer Award, join them to supplement the firm's IP expertise. They bring with them a passionate team of experienced IP specialists, resulting in a breadth and depth of legal IP competence. This department offers a broad range of services locally and into Africa. The IP team complements, and integrates, with the firm's other departments to create a seamless offering of legal services.

These additional IP services are offered by a firm which has been widely recognized and appraised for its excellent client service and was voted PLC *Which Lawyer?* South African **Law Firm of the Year (2009)** by international in-house counsel, who stated that ENS “sweeps the board in this category, attracting over half of in-house counsel votes. The firm's reputation across its offices in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban continues to grow from strength to strength in the wake of its successful merger in 2006”. ENS was also voted **The Most Trusted Law Firm in South Africa (2009)** in the ACQ Finance Magazine Annual Country Awards for Achievement, which recognises geographical expertise across 35 international regions, as well as **Best Law Firm in South Africa (2009)** in the International Legal Alliance (ILA) Awards in Paris, as voted by General Counsel and Financial Executives of Fortune 500 Companies such as Microsoft, Technip, IBM, Cap Gemini, GDF and L'Oreal.