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Warren was called to the Bar in South Africa in 2001, and took silk in 2021. Apart from sitting as a Deputy High Court Judge and a Labour Court Judge periodically since 2021, he is retained as an arbitrator in commercial and community scheme disputes.

Warren's practice is largely in commercial and administrative law, with a portion being in employment law and restraint of trade law. He has appeared as sole counsel (as junior and as a silk) in all levels of courts in South Africa, including the Supreme Court of Appeal and the Constitutional Court.

His court work spans trial advocacy (trials and arbitrations) as well as submissions advocacy – including opposed motions, appeals and administrative law reviews. Warren has been involved in teaching and training since 2005 and has been an advocacy trainer since 2010. He has taught advocacy locally and internationally, and has a passion for upskilling and teaching the next generation of barristers.

Areas of Expertise

Constitutional Law

Notable Constitutional Law cases

Electoral Commission v Minister of Cooperative Governance and Traditional Affairs and Others (CCT 245/21) [2021] ZACC 29; 2022 (5) BCLR 571 (CC) (3 September 2021)

Potential postponement of local government elections because of the impact of Covid-19.

Sookhraj and Another v Municipal Manager of the Umdoni Local Municipality and Others (D2225/2023) [2024] ZAKZDHC 2 (15 January 2024)

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Interpretation of the Local Government: Municipal Structures Act regarding the appointment of members of the Executive Committee of a local municipality.

Community Schemes Law

Notable Community Schemes Law cases

Henque 1838 CC v Maxprop Holdings (Pty) Ltd and Others (759/2022) [2023] ZASCA 131 (12 October 2023)

Dispute between owner within a community scheme and the managing trustees of the scheme.

Commercial Law

Notable Commercial Law cases

On appeal: McCarthy (Pty) Ltd v Olinsky (41796/2020) [2025] ZAGPJHC 910 (16 September 2025)

Trial regarding claim for payment of R5 million and the successful application for the granting of absolution from the instance.

Environmental Law

Notable Environmental Law cases

Lord's View Property Owners Association NPC v Member of Executive Council For Economic Development, Agriculture, Environment and Rural Development, Gauteng Province and Others (2021/56800) [2024] ZAGPJHC 718 (8 August 2024)

Extension of validity period of an operating license of a landfill site.

Tax Law

Notable Tax Law cases

Lion Match Company (Pty) Ltd v Commissioner, South African Revenue Service (1047/2023; 1067/2023) [2025] ZASCA 112 (28 July 2025)

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Appeal against a decision of the Tax Court and a Full Court Appeal dismissing an appeal against that decision – regarding the valuation of Capital Gains Tax on shares.

Employment Law

Notable Employment Law cases

CCI Call Centres (Pty) Ltd v Pinn (DA7/2024) [2025] ZALAC 24; [2025] 8 BLLR 781 (LAC); (2025) 46 ILJ 2083 (LAC) (17 April 2025)

Appeal before the Labour Appeal Court (same status as Supreme Court of Appeal) against a reinstatement and compensation order in favour of an ex-employee.

Appointments & Memberships

- Deputy National Convenor for Advocacy Training for the General Council of the Bar of South Africa (2023 to date)
- Member of the Panel of Commercial Arbitrators of the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa

Languages

- English
- Afrikaans

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