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"When we decided to make Heritage Day one of our national days, we did so because we knew that our rich and varied cultural heritage has a profound power to help build our new nation." Nelson Mandela

TWENTY YEARS OF SERVICE

Congratulations to Matina Angeliniadis who has been with Pincus Matz for 20 years. Admitted as an attorney, conveyancer and notary, Matina joined the firm in 2000 which was then still known as Pincus Matz & Marquard. She soon found her niche as Head of the Marketing Department and Client Liaison and became a partner in the firm. Matina values the nurturing of relationships and has organised a host of functions for both staff and clients to interact.



Pincus Matz partners: Alison Tooley, Matina Angeliniadis and Yasmin Jadwat.

TIME TO CELEBRATE HERITAGE DAY

We celebrate Heritage Day by remembering the cultural heritage of the many and diverse cultures that make up the people of our country. In the DNA of every South African there is a history of perseverance, resilience and adventure. At Pincus Matz we value these attributes and weave them into our work culture, allowing us to serve our clients with integrity.

PINCUS MATZ CULTURE

Act with integrity
B Build and nurture relationships
C Care and be fair



OUR HERITAGE

The Pincus Matz family is made up of people from diverse cultures and varied traditions, yet at work we subscribe to a common goal.

Our **Xhosa** culture revolves around traditions, rituals and celebrations. Celebration food is very much plant based and includes samp, corn, mielies, umqombothi-traditional beer, steamed bread, imifino- spinach, maize meal and vegetable soup. Our culture teaches us to respect elders and to share with those less fortunate. Regrettably many no longer hold onto these traditions because of modern/western society. For me there is no conflict in being a Christian and maintaining my Xhosa culture. *Amanda Ndwayana*

Being a South African **Greek** allows our family to be part of two cultures. While we embrace South African culture, we still uphold Greek traditions, the language, culture, and Orthodox religion. We enjoy Greek dancing, fetes and festivities to do with Greek national events and celebrations and, of course Greek food! We aim to uphold the South African and Greek values of hard work, family, traditions, perseverance and community. *Matina Angeliniadis*

While my own roots are firmly embedded in fertile **South African** soil, my parents instilled in me, many of their **British** traditions. As a local yokel I am at home within the borders of South Africa and amongst her people. I believe in supporting local industries and institutions to ensure that they get better and stronger all the time and I constantly acknowledge and am grateful for the beauty that surrounds us in the Western Cape bathed, so often, in wonderful sunshine. *Les Masterson*

Despite practising law in English, my mother tongue is Afrikaans, and I am of **German** descent. I hold dear all the traditions of the Afrikaans community. In particular enjoying moer koffie and melktert on special occasions, having a familie braai on Sundays and dancing lang-arm style to Afrikaans treffers. I believe that I can be proud of my heritage and culture; and live out my family traditions without offending persons from different backgrounds. I love the melting pot of cultures in South Africa. There is strength in diversity! *Janet Snyman* We fuss about traditions which revolve around our Anglican **faith** — and of course the meals that go with it. 'Bring & Share' is usually the key line in the communication and we always have extra people over — people who have nowhere else or anyone else to share the day with. *Rachenda Smith*





IT'S BRAAI TIME

Celebrating Heritage Day highlights the diverse cultures that make up our rainbow nation. One of the common roots that South Africans have is the tradition of having a braai. In recognition of this, **National Braai Day** received the endorsement of South Africa's National Heritage Council (NHC) in 2007.

BRAAI TIPS

In preparation of National Braai Day, *Keegan Shaw,* our Candidate Attorney shares some tips to make sure the celebration goes well.

- 1. Clean the braai grid by rubbing it with a half cut onion or lemon.
- 2. Make sure your coals are at the right temperature before you put the meat on.
- 3. Make sure your meat is clean and perfectly spiced and marinated.
- 4. Know how long your meat needs to be on the braai for it to be perfectly cooked.

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"This has a wonderful potential to bring us all together." Desmond Tutu



TIME OUT

"Time has a wonderful way of showing us what really matters." Margaret Peters

As the country prepares for

Level 1, we reflect on the past six months and how lockdown has impacted us, both in our personal lives and at the office...

I have learnt to show more **empathy** when liaising with others, both professionally and personally. *Martine Murphy*

I have enjoyed working independently, gaining more knowledge and acquiring **new skills**. Managing my time better enables me to work smarter, which allows me to accomplish more during this time. *Sageer Parker*

What I realised during this time is that no matter how busy I am, I need time for me, time to unplug. Mental and physical **health** has been of utmost importance to me. I know that not everyone has been able to keep their job during these difficult times, and I wish their fortune changes for the better soon. *Faiza Cader*

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At the beginning of lockdown we made sure we could access our emails, business bank accounts and our server remotely and to respond to any matters that needed our attention.

When our office re-opened we put measures in place to comply with the regulations. We hit the ground running and worked hard to find workarounds, as registrations could not take place until the deeds office re-opened.

Currently we continue to find solutions, finalise transactions as soon as possible, communicate with clients about their particular matters, keep an eye on changes at the Deeds Office, Master's Office and other service providers. Most importantly, we stay positive and adjust where required.

To accommodate our clients we consult face to face at the office, or remotely if that is preferred.

Contact us if you would like to discuss your will, property transaction or any other legal matter. *Alison Tooley*



IT'S HAPPY BIRTHDAY TIME!

Our very best wishes go to Lavirta Mullins who celebrates her birthday this month. May there be many more!



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TIME TO HAVE A BREAK ... AND A KIT-KAT!

We recently celebrated Admin Professionals Day during lockdown – masks and sanitiser included. We agreed that the day should mean treats for everyone, and to take a socially distanced break ... with a Kit Kat, of course!



We delight in finding these kind messages in our in box.

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Thank you for this inspiring Newsletter! Jeremy Lawrence

Stunning newsletter! I loved it. Mary Jane Lefevre

Thank you for your Newsletter. Always topical and enjoyable. Desmond Loch-Davis

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