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Q *When things go wrong, what advice would you give about moving on?*

A Recognise and acknowledge that things have gone wrong. It is important not to panic, take the blame or blame others when things go wrong. Take a step back to gain perspective, and identify what is immediately required to remedy the issue. Going forward, introspect, and take stock of what happened and the lessons learned. Learn to forgive yourself if mistakes are made, and shake it off. It is crucial not to carry over what went wrong into the next transaction.

Q *What of advice would you give a young woman working on her first deal?*

A Be a sponge! Take in all the learnings – from the content of the deal to the conduct of the people you are working with

on the deal. Be curious, and ask questions. Convert that hunger for knowledge and information into hard work and initiative. That will make you stand out in the next deal you work on.

It is usually the first deal that can inform your perspective and influence your longevity in this field of law.

Q *What do you do to unwind and get away from the stress of work?*

A It is certainly difficult, at times, to get away from the stress of work, considering the demands and high pressure of this career. However, in unwinding and de-stressing, I will unplug from social media (and try my best to not check my work emails), do yoga, travel, and try new experiences such as wine and food tasting.

FUN FACTS

Favourite Colour: Pink.

Current book on your nightstand: *Snakes in Suits* - Understanding and Surviving the Psychopaths in Your Office.

Favourite restaurant: Homespun by Matt.

Three words your colleagues would use to describe you:

Driven, meticulous and expert. 🍷

Our **Senior Associates** in Corporate, Commercial, and M&A credit remarkable women who provided mentorship, guidance, and invaluable advice in shaping their legal careers.



VUYOKAZI XEGWANA

My female role model is Ziyanda Ntshona



MARTINE LEUKES

My female role model is Sally Hutton



JENNIFER EBORALL

My female role model is Michelle Obama



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