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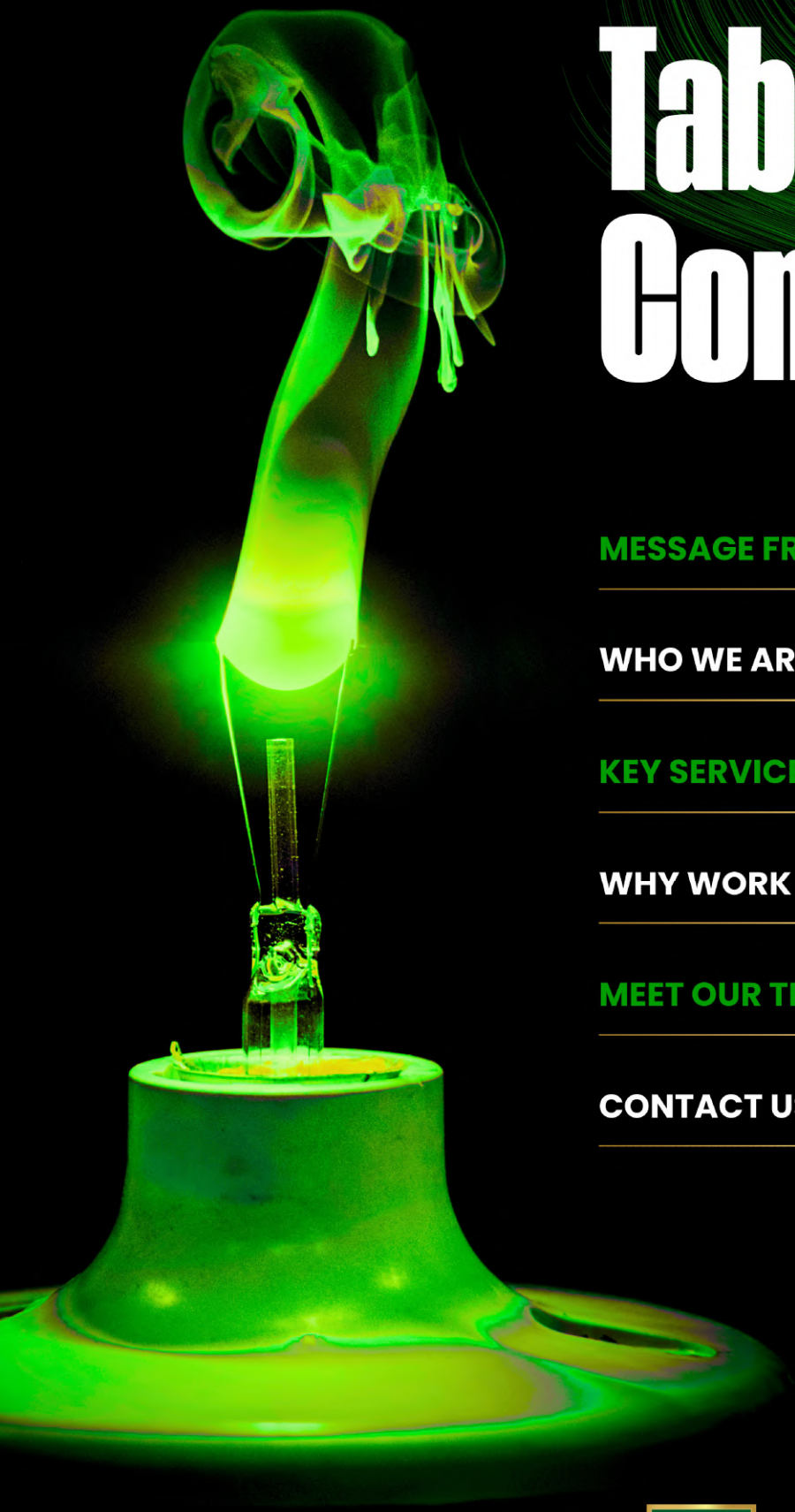

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MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we understand that intellectual property is more than a legal asset, it is the cornerstone of innovation, brand identity and commercial success. As the global and local economies become increasingly knowledge-driven, the need to secure and leverage your creative and commercial rights has never been more vital.

Our Intellectual Property Law practice is designed to offer bespoke protection for the creators, innovators and companies that are shaping the future. We work alongside our clients to ensure their intellectual capital is protected with precision, care and a forward-thinking strategy, covering everything from registration to enforcement and licensing to dispute resolution.

As a boutique firm, we combine a truly personalised service with the strategic depth of a full-scale legal team. Our goal is to empower our clients with the legal tools needed to confidently compete, grow and innovate.

We proudly serve as a trusted legal partner to those who drive South Africa's creative and knowledge economies forward.

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CEO & EQUITY PRINCIPAL

OUR VALUES

- **Protection with Purpose:** We are committed to helping clients protect their intellectual property through effective, commercially relevant and enforceable legal solutions.
- **Excellence with Integrity:** Our advice is always legally sound, ethically grounded and aligned with the highest standards of the legal profession.
- **Innovation Empowered** We work with creators, entrepreneurs and businesses across industries, enabling them to unlock the value of their ideas and inventions.
- **Client-Centred Advice:** We tailor every strategy to our client's specific goals, risk tolerance, and industry landscape, delivering results with efficiency and clarity.
- **Advocacy Beyond Law:** We believe in using our platform to promote access, education, and responsible policy reform within the field of intellectual property.

WHO WE ARE

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we are a boutique South African law firm that combines tailored legal solutions with a strategic edge. Our Intellectual Property Law practice operates with a deep understanding of the intersection between law, creativity, and commercial value. We deliver legal services that are responsive, forward-thinking, and always grounded in legal excellence, serving everyone from artists and entrepreneurs to startups and corporations.

We believe that intellectual property is a client's most valuable and vulnerable asset. That's why we approach each matter with precision, discretion, and commercial awareness, ensuring that our clients' ideas, brands, innovations, and reputations are protected at every stage.

Our team brings together multidisciplinary expertise in law, business, and technology, enabling us to advise across a broad spectrum of IP issues. We handle everything from registration and protection to enforcement, licensing, and litigation. We're particularly skilled at working with clients in the creative, technology, start-up and consumer sectors, where intellectual property is a core driver and a competitive differentiator.

We are a proud Level 2 B-BBEE company and are committed to transformation, diversity and meaningful participation in South Africa’s legal and economic landscape.

As a firm, we are proud to compete with leading South African firms, while maintaining the personalised attention, agility and discretion that only a boutique practice can offer.

KEY SERVICES

Our Intellectual Property Law department offers a full spectrum of services designed to protect, commercialise and enforce the rights of creators, innovators and businesses. We tailor every strategy to each client's unique needs, combining deep legal expertise with a practical understanding of the commercial value of intellectual property.

Trade Mark Registration and Enforcement: We assist clients with the full life cycle of trade mark protection, from conducting clearance searches and filing trade mark applications locally and internationally, to managing trade mark portfolios and renewing registrations. Our team also provides strategic advice on trade mark infringement, opposition proceedings, and brand enforcement, ensuring that your brand identity remains secure and legally protected in competitive markets.

Copyright and Creative Rights: We work closely with creatives, content producers and rights holders to protect their original works under South African and international copyright law. This includes advising on ownership structures, drafting and negotiating licensing agreements, and enforcing rights through takedown notices and litigation. Whether dealing with digital content, music, written works or software, we are committed to safeguarding the creative rights that underpin our clients' commercial success.

Designs and Patents: Our services include advising on and filing registered designs, and working alongside trusted patent attorneys to offer holistic patent protection strategies. We assist clients in identifying registrable inventions or aesthetic designs, preparing the necessary documentation, and enforcing those rights when infringed. We also offer guidance on the commercial application of these rights, helping clients to maximise the value of their innovation.

Brand and IP Commercialisation: We represent clients in a wide range of disputes, including intellectual property infringement, contractual disagreements, and regulatory enforcement actions. Our team combines litigation experience with deep industry knowledge to achieve the best possible outcomes, whether through negotiation, mediation, or court proceedings.

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IP Dispute Resolution: We represent clients in trade mark, copyright and design disputes before the relevant tribunals and courts. Our team is skilled in both litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including mediation and arbitration. We regularly issue cease-and-desist communications to swiftly and effectively enforce IP rights, with the goal of resolving disputes efficiently while preserving the value of your intellectual property.

Confidentiality and Know-How Protection: We help businesses secure their confidential information and proprietary methods through the preparation of enforceable non-disclosure agreements (NDAs), internal policy development, and employee contractual clauses. We provide advisory support on trade secrets, internal data protection, and the structuring of business processes to reduce risk exposure.

Domain Names and Online Infringement: In the digital economy, online brand protection is critical. We assist clients in resolving domain name disputes under the .za Dispute Resolution Regulations and international policies. Our services also include enforcement strategies for unauthorised use of trade marks or copyrighted material online, including social media infringements, impersonation accounts, and online piracy.

WHY WORK WITH US

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we deliver insight, strategy, and protection that go beyond simple legal compliance, adding value to your business and creative pursuits. With a deep understanding of both the law and the industries we serve, we position our clients to succeed in a competitive, innovation-driven economy.

STRATEGIC LEGAL INSIGHT

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we understand that intellectual property is a commercial asset that underpins innovation, brand value and competitive advantage. Our advice is designed to support strategic business growth while managing legal risk with precision.

BOUTIQUE ATTENTION, BIG-FIRM EXPERTISE

We offer the best of both worlds, the hands-on involvement and responsiveness of a boutique firm, combined with the technical depth and capability found at large firms. Every client receives personalised service with solutions tailored to their sector, size, and ambition.

COMMERCIALLY FOCUSED ADVICE

Our legal strategies are grounded in the commercial realities of our clients. We deliver clear, practical, and cost-effective advice that aligns with your objectives, whether you're protecting a new brand, enforcing your rights, or entering into complex licensing arrangements.

EXCELLENCE YOU CAN TRUST

Our clients trust us for our discretion, professionalism, and commitment to results. We approach each matter with strategic intent, ensuring compliance with legislation while strengthening your legal and commercial position.

MEET OUR TEAM

Our strength lies in the calibre of our people. Our Intellectual Property team combines legal excellence with industry insight to deliver impactful, tailored solutions. With diverse backgrounds in law, commerce, and the creative sectors, our professionals are uniquely positioned to protect and advance the intellectual capital of our clients. We are committed to responsiveness, strategic thinking, and the highest standards of professionalism in every matter we handle.

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Whether you're looking to protect your intellectual assets, resolve an infringement, or explore commercial opportunities involving your IP, our team is ready to assist. At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we believe in clear, responsive communication and personalised legal support. Get in touch with us to schedule a consultation or to learn more about how we can assist you with your intellectual property needs.

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