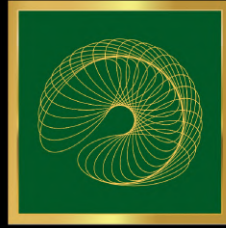


SUSTAINABILITY



SIMPLIFIED

LOPES **ATTORNEYS** **INC**

Dispute Resolution & White Collar Crimes
A Specialist Profile



Sustainability
Simplified

Table of Contents

MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO	01
WHO WE ARE	02
KEY SERVICES	03
TRACK RECORD & CASE HIGHLIGHTS	05
WHY WORK WITH US	07
MEET OUR TEAM	08
CONTACT US	09



MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we recognise that white collar crime and corporate disputes are not only financial threats but also challenges that strike at the heart of trust, reputation, and ethical governance. Left unchecked, they can erode investor confidence, damage public institutions, and undermine the integrity of entire sectors.

Our mission is to deliver principled, strategic, and effective legal solutions that address these risks while reinforcing accountability and transparency. Every matter we take on is approached with precision and discretion, ensuring that clients are protected both legally and reputationally.

We take pride in offering more than legal defence. Our team works proactively with clients to strengthen compliance systems, manage regulatory expectations, and foster long-term resilience. By blending legal expertise with forward-thinking strategies, we empower our clients to navigate complex disputes while emerging stronger and more prepared for the future.

Together, we safeguard not just your legal standing, but the trust and integrity that define your business.



CEO & EQUITY PRINCIPAL



OUR VALUES

- **Integrity Above All:** We uphold the highest ethical standards, ensuring that every action and strategy is rooted in honesty and transparency.
- **Strategic Precision:** We combine sharp legal insight with carefully tailored strategies to resolve complex disputes and effectively protect reputations.
- **Accountability & Trust:** We believe in accountability to the law, our clients, and the public, and we build relationships grounded in trust and responsibility.
- **Resolute Advocacy:** We approach every matter with determination, advocating fearlessly to secure just outcomes while safeguarding our clients' interests.
- **Confidentiality & Protection:** We recognise the sensitivity of white-collar crime and dispute resolution matters. Protecting client confidentiality and reputational interests is central to the way we work.
- **Innovation in Problem-Solving:** We approach disputes with creativity, using innovative legal strategies and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms to deliver efficient outcomes.



WHO WE ARE

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we are a proudly Level 2 B-BBEE firm driven by a commitment to integrity, accountability, and excellence in every matter we undertake. As one of South Africa's leading law firms, we have built a reputation for handling complex disputes and white-collar crime cases with precision, discretion, and unwavering dedication.

We combine technical expertise, strategic insight, and a strong sense of ethical responsibility to protect and advance our clients' interests. Whether defending against allegations of fraud, corruption, or financial crime, or navigating complex commercial disputes, we provide legal solutions that are both practical and principled.

What sets us apart is our holistic approach. We combine deep knowledge of South African law with international best practices, enabling us to anticipate risks, mitigate exposure, and craft solutions that are not only legally sound but also practical and sustainable. Whether through litigation, arbitration, mediation, or negotiation, we are relentless in pursuing outcomes that protect our clients' interests and reputations.

Our attorneys have acted in some of the most high-profile disputes and investigations in South Africa, representing clients in litigation, arbitration, mediation, and regulatory proceedings. We are equally adept at preventing disputes through compliance advice, risk management strategies, and governance structures that stand up to scrutiny.

We understand that every client brings unique challenges and objectives. That is why we work in close partnership with our clients to develop tailored strategies designed not only to resolve disputes but also to protect reputations, preserve relationships, and secure long-term stability.

With Lopes Attorneys Inc., clients can expect rigorous advocacy, proactive guidance, and unwavering integrity. We are not only litigators, we are problem-solvers, negotiators, and trusted advisors.



KEY SERVICES IN WHITE COLLAR CRIMES & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we understand the complexity, sensitivity, and high stakes involved in white-collar crime and dispute resolution. Our services are designed to protect our clients' interests, safeguard reputations, and ensure compliance with the law, while offering practical and strategic solutions to resolve disputes efficiently.

Our services include:

White Collar Crime

- Fraud & Corruption Investigations
- We conduct and support investigations into allegations of fraud, bribery, corruption, and financial misconduct, ensuring adherence to legal standards and regulatory frameworks.
- Regulatory Compliance & Advisory
- Assisting clients to comply with the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act (PRECCA), the Financial Intelligence Centre Act (FICA), and other key regulatory requirements.
- Internal Governance & Risk Reviews
- Evaluating internal processes to identify risks of misconduct, implementing stronger compliance measures, and advising boards on governance best practices.
- Crisis & Reputational Management
- Advising on immediate legal and strategic responses to reputational crises stemming from allegations of misconduct or regulatory breaches.
- Litigation & Defence in White Collar Crime Matters
- Representing clients in criminal and civil proceedings involving fraud, embezzlement, corruption, money laundering, and related offences.

Dispute Resolution

- **Litigation:** Acting in High Court, Magistrates' Court, and specialist tribunals across South Africa, we represent clients in commercial, civil, and regulatory disputes with precision and strategic depth.
- **Arbitration:** Providing domestic and international arbitration services, including representation, enforcement of arbitral awards, and advisory on arbitration clauses in contracts.



KEY SERVICES IN WHITE COLLAR CRIMES & DISPUTE RESOLUTION

- **Mediation & Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR):** We facilitate cost-effective, confidential, and timely resolutions through mediation and other alternative dispute resolution (ADR) processes, all while protecting long-term business relationships.
- **Contractual Disputes:** We advise on and resolve disputes relating to breach of contract, performance obligations, and termination rights.
- **Regulatory & Administrative Disputes:** We represent clients in challenges against regulatory bodies, ensuring administrative decisions are lawful, rational, and procedurally fair.
- **Cross-Border Dispute Resolution:** Supporting clients in multi-jurisdictional disputes, ensuring seamless coordination where matters overlap with international law or involve foreign entities.

Together, these services position Lopes Attorneys Inc. as a trusted legal partner for individuals, corporations, and organisations facing complex white-collar crime allegations or high-stakes disputes.



NOTABLE MATTERS & IMPACT

Lopes Attorneys Inc. has had the privilege of advising a diverse range of clients, from large multinational corporations and institutional investors to various local enterprises. We've handled a wide array of corporate and commercial legal matters, with our experience touching many different sectors including construction, financial services, energy, retail, and technology. To give you a better idea of the depth and impact of our work, here's a brief overview of some selected matters we've handled:

INTERNATIONAL CONSTRUCTION DISPUTE SETTLEMENT

Our firm had the opportunity to advise a prominent international construction company in a significant dispute with a leading fuel group. Through a careful and strategic review of the construction agreements and the negotiation processes involved, we were able to facilitate a successful out-of-court settlement. This outcome was particularly valuable as it not only resolved the dispute but also helped preserve important commercial relationships and effectively mitigated the risks associated with litigation.

CORPORATE RESTRUCTURING ACROSS JURISDICTIONS

We recently guided a major international client through a really complex corporate restructuring that involved multiple entities. Our role was to assess the legal and regulatory aspects of different structuring options available under South African law. We then provided recommendations designed to support both tax efficiency and ensure the ongoing operational integrity of the business.

RISK-AWARE CONTRACT REVIEW AND NEGOTIATION

Lopes Attorneys has served as external counsel for many clients, assisting them with reviewing, drafting, and negotiating crucial commercial agreements. This ranges from service level contracts and shareholder agreements to complex joint ventures and licensing deals. In all these matters, our focus is firmly on preventing disputes, ensuring enforceability, and making sure everything aligns with relevant regulations



NOTABLE MATTERS & IMPACT

PREVENTING LIQUIDATION THROUGH STRATEGIC SETTLEMENT

In a matter involving a financially distressed black-owned enterprise, we successfully negotiated a commercial settlement that prevented liquidation and allowed the business to continue operations. This intervention preserved both jobs and commercial value, demonstrating our commitment to strategic and sustainable legal solutions.

ADVISORY ON ENERGY AND INFRASTRUCTURE COMPLIANCE

We were part of the advisory team assisting an international organisation in navigating South African legal frameworks related to electricity, nuclear regulations, and floating power units. Our team ensured legal compliance while advancing the client's long-term infrastructure goals.

ARBITRATION INVOLVING HIGH-VALUE INVESTMENT DISPUTES

Our firm represented a leading wealth management company with over R2 billion in assets under management in a complex arbitration matter. Our representation focused on protecting client confidentiality, commercial interests, and regulatory standing throughout the dispute resolution process.

CONCLUSION

These matters truly show not only our technical legal skills but also our ability to handle complex commercial situations with strategic foresight. At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we approach every client's needs with a commitment to precision, responsiveness, and legal support focused on getting results. This ensures our clients are protected, empowered, and positioned for long-term success.



WHY WORK WITH US

White-collar crime and commercial disputes are significant risks to businesses. Our team at Lopes Attorneys Inc. provides robust defence and strategic advice on matters including fraud, corruption, and contractual disputes. We stand by our clients to protect their rights and reputations.

PROVEN EXPERTISE

Our attorneys have extensive experience in handling complex white-collar crime cases and high-stakes disputes. From regulatory investigations to courtroom advocacy, we combine technical knowledge with practical strategy to deliver results.

INTEGRITY & CONFIDENTIALITY

We recognise the sensitive nature of financial crime and disputes. Every matter is managed with the highest degree of integrity and strict confidentiality, ensuring the protection of both our clients' interests and reputations.

TAILORED LEGAL STRATEGIES

No two cases are alike. We take the time to understand the unique circumstances of each client and craft tailored strategies that balance risk management, efficiency, and long-term goals.

STRONG LITIGATION & NEGOTIATION SKILLS

Whether in the courtroom, arbitration chambers, or mediation sessions, our team is known for its strong advocacy and negotiation skills. We are committed to achieving outcomes that protect our clients while maintaining professionalism and credibility.

MULTIDISCIPLINARY APPROACH

Our expertise cuts across corporate law, regulatory compliance, and criminal law, enabling us to tackle matters holistically. This multidisciplinary perspective ensures that all angles are considered, from governance and risk mitigation to dispute resolution.



MEET OUR TEAM

Behind every successful resolution and strategic defence is a dedicated team of legal professionals who bring both expertise and integrity to the table. At Lopes Attorneys Inc., our team combines deep knowledge of white-collar crime, dispute resolution, and corporate governance with a commitment to ethical practice and client success.

Each member contributes unique strengths, whether in litigation, arbitration, regulatory compliance, or investigations, ensuring that our clients receive a comprehensive and tailored approach to even the most complex matters. Together, we work seamlessly to protect reputations, mitigate risks, and achieve meaningful outcomes.

Meet the individuals who help our clients navigate complexity with confidence.



Rui Lopes

CEO and Equity Principal
Johannesburg, South Africa



+27 72 589 5045



rui.lopes@lopesattorneys.com



Goitsewang Masala

Candidate Legal Practitioner
Johannesburg, South Africa



+27 62 593 3901



goitsewang.masala@lopesattorneys.com



Mandla Mogola

Associate
Johannesburg, South Africa



+27 84 397 3729



mandla.mogola@lopesattorneys.com



Mfihlakalo Kubeka

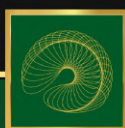
Associate Designate
Johannesburg, South Africa



+27 76 566 3907



mfihlakalo.kubeka@lopesattorneys.com



CONTACT US

At Lopes Attorneys Inc., we believe that clear communication is the foundation of trusted partnerships. Whether you require urgent assistance in a dispute, guidance on compliance, or strategic advice on complex matters, our team is here to help.

Reach out to us through the channels below, and a member of our team will respond promptly to ensure you receive the support and expertise you need.

Office:

Lopes Attorneys Inc.
G04, Kiepersol House, Stonemill Office Park
300 Acacia Road
Randburg , 2195

Telephone:

+27 11 568 6837

Email:

info@lopesattorneys.co.za

Website:

www.lopesattorneys.com

Connect With Us:

Stay informed on the latest legal developments and firm news:



@lopes_attorneys



Lopes Attorneys Inc



Lopes Attorneys Inc

