

Adv. Roderick (Rod) Solomons



Adv. Solomons is an expert in the areas of Culture and Sport, as well as corporate governance and dispute resolution. He served as Head of Sport and Culture in the Western Cape, for 10 years. During this time he was instrumental in establishing a number of key entities within the Department from the Heritage function- the first provincial function of its kind, at the time. He also established the first provincial sports academy in the country. He has significant executive management and corporate governance; risk management and compliance expertise.

Rod served on the boards of the Western Cape Sport Academy; the interim Western Cape Tourism Board; and the Cape Craft & Design Institute, the National Film & Video Foundation; Lumenrock Forensics and Investigations; and a number of other boards. He also served as the Chairman of the South African National Boxing Control Commission. He served on the Board of the Iziko Museums of South Africa as its Chairman as well as being a Council member of the National Heritage Council. He serves on the national Executive Committee of the UCT Black Alumni Association (UCTABA) & is the Deputy President. He was a member of the UCT Alumni Advisory Board and served as Chairperson. He is currently the Executive Director of the Yes We Can Sport & Jazz Foundation, a not for profit company in the sport; youth development and jazz arenas. He is also currently a director of E-Waste Buddies, NPC that deals with e-waste issues.

Rod is currently the Convenor of the SA First Forum, a civil activist group active in the Accountability & Governance fields. He is also involved with various business interests and as an executive coach to leaders, both in the public and the private sector. He provides a strategic advisory service both in the private and public sectors.

He has a non-negotiable stance as it comes to abuse of authority; corporate governance relapses; incompetence; racism; discrimination; and corrupt practices.

Qualifications

- B. Soc. Sc – UCT
- LLB – UWC
- Sports Law – UCT
- Various senior management modules – Finance and Budgets, HR, Strategic Management, Negotiations and Dispute Resolution

Professional Associations and Memberships

- Admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa (Cape Division)
- Was a member of the Black Management Forum (Western Cape branch)
- Served on the interim Western Cape Tourism Board
- Member of the International Council of Sport Science and Physical Education (ICSSPE)
- Was a member of the Western Cape Sport Academy Board serving as its first Chairperson
- Was a member of the board of the Cape Craft and Design Institute
- Served on the board and Executive Committee of the CT 2004 Olympic Bid Company
- Was the Co-Chairman of the Whitbread Round the World Race
- Chairman of the Black Film-makers Transformation fund
- Was Chairman of the South African National Boxing Control Commission
- Delivered numerous papers at a number of seminars/workshops
- Member of the Council of the South African Film & Video Foundation
- Member of the UCT Alumni Advisory Board
- Executive member (Deputy President) of the University of Cape Town Black Alumni Association (UCTABA)