**Siphile Buthelezi**

Siphile is the Managing (1) Director and Head of Corporate/Commercial at Buthelezi Vilakazi Inc, (2) Chairman of KwaZulu Natal Growth Fund (3) Chairman of the Board of Ekupholeni Mental Health and Trauma Center, (4) Convocation Member of the University of KwaZulu Natal and (5) Chairman of Siphile Group with interests in Logistics, Property, Construction and Ambulance Services and Security.

Siphile previously served as the Non-Executive Director of South African Airways (SAA), and the Chairman of the Board of South African Airways Technical (SAAT) (SAAT).

Siphile co-founded and served as the first Secretary General of the Progressive Professionals Forum (PPF) from 2013 to 2017.

Siphile attained his LLB degree (with distinctions) from the University of KwaZulu-Natal.

Siphile was admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa in 2009. Before the establishment of Buthelezi Vilakazi Inc, Siphile practiced at Bowman Gilfillan Inc, where he practiced in Banking & Finance, Corporate/Commercial, Construction and Engineering and Private Equity.

Siphile spent a year in New York City. During his tenure in New York, he spent six months at Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP (Law Firm), where he worked in their Credit and Capital Markets (Banking & Finance) Departments. Davis Polk then seconded him to Morgan Stanley (Investment Bank) for another six months, before returning to South Africa in 2011.

Siphile specialises on a broad range of Banking and Finance Transactions, Secured Lending, Syndication, Project Finance, Acquisition Finance, Leveraged Finance, Structured Finance, Property Finance, Minerals and Resource Finance, High Yield Bond Transactions, Private Equity, Construction and Engineering and Corporate/Commercial Matters.