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Dear Lawtons Client,

1. **LAWTONS** - - - - - **from 2019-11-13**
2. **HOGAN LOVELLS (SOUTH AFRICA)** - - **2016-01-19 to 2019-11-13**
3. **ROUTLEDGES INC / ROUTLEDGE MODISE** - **1992-10-05 to 2016-01-19**

HISTORY OF A 'STATE CAPTURE' LAW FIRM & HOW IT COVERED ITS TRACKS

By sleight of hand and changing of names, most people in South Africa are truly unaware of the heinous historical conduct of the law firm, Lawtons, in aiding and abetting State Capture. Without the support of Lawtons, State Capture might have collapsed in 2016.

Forensics for Justice are therefore writing to you today, to: -

1. Make sure you are fully informed about the shocking conduct of Lawtons.
2. Inform you of the parlous financial state of Lawtons, which could render them insolvent and in danger of liquidation, by their own admission.
3. Request you to start a process to cut all ties with Lawtons, on the basis that the State Capture project still negatively affects all South Africans. We, the citizens of this country are still suffering for the obscene fees Lawtons pocketed whilst aiding and abetting State Capture.

INTRODUCTION

Since Lawtons, Hogan Lovells (South Africa), Routledge Modise and Routledges, are all the same company, the current name of '**Lawtons**' will be used in this communication.

BACKGROUND

For the history of this State Capture enabling law firm, we refer to the comprehensive letter by Forensics for Justice, sent to the London office of Hogan Lovells on 2018-01-18. The full NINETEEN page letter can be seen here: -

<https://www.forensicsforjustice.org/leading-london-law-firm-embroiled-state-capture-cover-up/> a copy of the letter is also attached to this mail for your convenience.

The January 2018 letter to London could not deal with the shocking revelations that came out in January the following year, at the Zondo Commission of Enquiry, where it became apparent that Lawtons' trust account was used by Brian Biebuyck to launder millions in bribes from BOSASA to various government officials.

Put simply, every time they needed to launder R10million or R25million, they used Lawtons' trust account. In this regard, see the following transcript of the State Capture Commission files: -

https://www.statecapture.org.za/site/files/transcript/45/29_January_2019_Sessions.pdf

THE COVER UP

Although many of the lawyers jumped ship, when they realised that the future of Lawtons was doomed, the key equity directors came up with a plan. Bolt down the hatches, put some distance between themselves and the crimes and change their name, so that no-one would know it was them. Their sly plan almost succeeded. Almost!

In recent years, we have started a process to bring to account all those responsible for State Capture and/or who aided and abetted State Capture. Lawtons role in dismantling the criminal justice system by assisting in having it taken over by criminals, has resulted in a 'broken' criminal justice system that remains completely ineffective and populated by criminals at rank of Brigadier and General. Lawtons role in dismantling the criminal investigative capacity of SARS, has been equally destructive and resulted in lost billions to the fiscus.

I was dragged off a plane and assaulted in front of my minor children, unlawfully detained, tortured and had my passports taken away for several years. I was maliciously arraigned on seven trumped up trials with no fewer than SIXTY-FIVE fake criminal charges, intended to tie me up in knots and prevent me from exposing corrupt senior police officials. They even tried to extort me into leaving South Africa and giving up my citizenship. The outrageous conduct of corrupt Police aimed at bringing me down, was carried out at the behest of criminals that Lawtons aided and abetted in staying in their jobs.

Miraculously, principally because the Zondo Commission turned its back on the capture of the Criminal Justice system, not a single Lawtons director was called to account.

Put simply, Lawtons deviously slipped out of the back door, changed their name to distance themselves from Hogan Lovells, and carried on as if they had nothing to do with it. Forensics for Justice have decided that the only way to prevent law firms from turning bad in the future is to hold Lawtons to account and send out a clear signal that such disgraceful conduct will NOT be tolerated.

LAWTONS FINANCES

As a result of the criminal and/or unethical conduct of Lawtons, the firm disintegrated and imploded in 2019. By their own admission, if the prior equity directors do not come to the table with their cheque book, the very existence of Lawtons is in jeopardy. See attached documents in this regard. If they are liquidated, where will that place you?

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

Do the right thing. Hold Lawtons to account for what they have done to our country and start an immediate process to move to an ethical firm for your legal outsourcing.



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