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## SUMMARY PROFILE

35 years' experience in the Human Resources, Consulting, Recruitment and Medico-Legal fields. Operating as an expert witness since 2002 providing forensic earning assessments and opinions for personal injury, road accident, medical negligence, Metrorail, divorce/maintenance and justice/government department claims.

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## EDUCATION

B Social Science, UCT (1979). BA Honours (1986). MA Industrial and Organisational Psychology (1989). Registered as an Industrial Psychologist with the HPCSA (1990).

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## EXPERIENCE

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### **INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGIST / SOLE DIRECTOR - DEBORAH ATKINS & ASSOCIATES INC.**

2002 - present

Providing forensic earning assessments and opinions in the medico-legal fields of personal injury, road accidents, medical malpractice, and Metrorail and justice department claims, working on behalf of both defense and plaintiff attorneys. Divorce / maintenance reports relating to spouse work potential/employability. Compiling comprehensive medico-legal reports. A compliment of 5 staff.

### **ATKINS & FURNELL INDUSTRIAL PSYCHOLOGISTS**

2008 - 2015

During this time, Deborah and Bernadette Furnell joined forces to work as a team in the medico-legal field, as for Deborah Atkins & Associates Inc. above.

### **DIRECTOR OF DEBRON RECRUITMENT CONSULTANTS**

1991 - 2010

Specialized in offering a professional recruitment service across all disciplines to a limited number of major clients. Major focus was on financial, technical, information technology and human resource positions.

### **HR MANAGER – DONALDSON FILTRATION SYSTEMS**

1986 - 1990

Primarily focused on human resource strategy, policies and procedures dealing with day-to-day industrial relations. Achievements included handling the process of unionization to the stage of negotiating a recognition agreement with the representative Union. Responsible for managing the change process and devising coping strategies when the total Board of Directors resigned to name a few. A compliment of 150 staff.

### **HR MANAGER – WOOLWORTHS**

1979 - 1985

Responsible for several national branches and overlook total human resource functions for primary stakeholders / buying groups.

*Please refer to my website for more comprehensive information.*