

Good morning Ms Susan Comrie

08 June 2020

Thank you very much for your query. I expect you as a journalist with a good track - record on investigative journalism, to afford me my right to reply and publish my response in full.

Kindly find my response below.

AMABHUNGANE QUERY:

1. The allegations levelled against me and or the organisations that I represented are devoid of any truth.
2. At best they seem to be nothing more then baseless innuendo, misrepresentation or imaginations. At worst, they may be part of an orchestrated and well-funded smear campaigns in which some elements in the media could be wilful participants, aimed at delegitimising individuals or organisations perceived to be challenging the current socio-economic and political situation in the country.
3. Sadly, it appears as if some elements in the media are being paid to harass individuals seen as supporters (real/imagined) of former president Jacob Zuma. In short, they seem to have allowed themselves to be used as pawns in malicious political games whose sole purpose appear to be to frustrate transformation and defend the status quo.
4. It is also interesting that you have turned a blind eye to White NGO's which mushroomed in recent years, including SaveSA and Afriforum which defend the status quo and do the opposite of what your targets are accused of.
4. Besides, there seems to be a total disregard of the professional privilege that exists between a lawyer and his or her client.

AMABHUNGANE QUERY

Date: 09 June 2020

Good day Ms Susan Comrie

1. I have considered your inquiries and decided not to participate in feeding what I view as a contrived anti-transformation agenda and attempt to destroy a black law firm. My position may change if you disclose to me whether you have sent similar inquiries to white firms that have largely represented largely white driven litigious NGOs' or NPOs'.
2. Have you conducted any research to determine the role played by large white firms in driving an anti-government agenda in the past and present? If so please forward me the report.
3. Have you asked any of these white large firms whether they have been paid for the work done on behalf of largely white driven NGOs' and Organisations?
4. Besides, there seems to be a total disregard of the professional privilege that exists between a lawyer and his or her client in your suggested questions.
5. What is it that makes you believe it is of national interest who a small black firm like mine has represented and our motive for doing so? Why is the work done by a small black firm of interest to you from the angle that your questions suggest?
6. Have you considered being part of a progressive movement by exposing the emergence of largely white and white-sponsored NGO's or NPO's which mushroomed in recent years, including Corruption Watch, FUL, OUTA and Afriforum which appear to spare no moment to defend the survival of the infrastructure of racism and racial status quo of economic control and ownership?
7. Notwithstanding, the allegations levelled against me and or the organisations that I represent/ed are devoid of any truth. At best they seem to be nothing more than baseless innuendo, misrepresentation or imaginations. At worst, they may be part of orchestrated and well-funded smear campaigns in which some elements in the media could be willful participants, aimed at delegitimising individuals or organisations perceived to be challenging the status quo, current socio-economic and political situation in the country.

8. Sadly, it appears as if some elements in the media are being paid to harass individuals seen as supporters (real/imagined) of former president Jacob Zuma.
9. Some in the media industry seem to have allowed themselves to be used as pawns in malicious political games whose sole purpose appears to be to frustrate transformation and defend the status quo.
10. I will therefore not participate in your self-serving prejudiced attempt at entrenching racist notions of corruption in post-apartheid South Africa. I wish to remind you that as you embark on your racially prejudiced attempt to scandalize the work of this black firm, remember that we will resist any attempts to squeeze our neck so **"we can't breathe"** and know that **"Black Lives Matters Too"**. Unless you can prove that you have investigated the role of white firms in supporting racism in the past and under our constitution, the infrastructure of racial oppression, I regard your enquiry as a racist attempt at destroying a black firm for the work it does by abusing your journalistic privileges.
11. In relation to your allegations relating to HETN, it should not alarm you that our stories are told through court judgments whatever their outcome. Please send me the judgments that has interdicted me as per your suggested queries. That may come as a surprise to you, given what I perceive to be your agenda.