



The Road Was Never Straight

From loss and uncertainty in Wanaheda to the boardroom, a life shaped as much by detours as by design.

Tshuka Luvindao

TSHUKA LUVINDAO

Legal Practitioner | Co-Managing Director
Dr Weder, Kruger & Haikali Incorporated



Dear Readers,

I grew up in Wanaheda, Windhoek, the second-born in a family of five, in a two-bedroom house our parents had worked hard to own outright before they passed away. By the time I was eleven, both of them were gone.

School stopped being just school after that. It became something closer to a lifeline - a structured world I could hold onto when everything else had slipped away, and, eventually, a way out.

My early years involved more moving around than I would have liked. I started at Martti Ahtisaari Primary School, then spent a difficult stretch at Eros Primary, where I felt like a stranger within an Afrikaans culture that was not my own. I could not quite find my footing there. Stability finally came at St Paul's College, where I stayed from Grade 5 all the way through to Grade 12 - long enough to put down roots, long enough to start becoming someone.

When I enrolled at the University of Namibia, I did not set out to become a lawyer. In fact, I wanted to be an artist. Graphic design was my first choice on my application form. Law came second, chosen simply because it seemed like the next most interesting option in the prospectus.

I was accepted into both.

At the time, practicality prevailed. My family - my eldest brother in particular - believed there was no real financial future in graphic design, so I chose law. What began as a compromise would eventually become a calling.

I spent five years at UNAM completing my BJuris and LLB degrees, before receiving an Areva scholarship that took me to France, where I pursued a Master of Engineering in Public Administration of Mines and Natural Resources.

Today, I have been practising law for over a decade. My work has spanned corporate law and regulatory affairs across sectors including banking, mining, administrative law, and financial services. I have had the privilege of serving as Legal Manager and Legal Advisor at Old Mutual Namibia, where I led engagements on key legislative frameworks such as the Financial Institutions and Markets (FIM) Bill, the Competition Act, and the Micro Lending Act.

I now serve as Co-Managing Director of WKH Inc., a role that reflects not only years of legal practice, but also the layered journey that made it possible.

Looking back, it is almost ironic. Law was never the plan. It was the second choice. And yet, for the past twelve years, I have quietly built a life and career that proved that choice right. There is no neat lesson in my story.

The road from Wanaheda to the boardroom was not straight, and it was never meant to be. The losses, the uncertainty, the unexpected opportunities, the scholarship to a country I had never seen, the cases that landed on my desk without warning, the decisions made out of necessity rather than certainty - these were not interruptions to some greater plan. They were the plan - His.

In time, you learn that not every path needs to be deliberate to be meaningful. Not every beginning needs to be certain to be worthwhile. Sometimes, the detour is exactly where you are meant to be.

On the previous page, our former President of Namibia, Hon. Dr. Nangolo Mbumba, shares something truly special. I encourage you to take a moment to read it. I can only say thank you — it speaks deeply to me. 🙏