
The government banned Nelson and the other ANC leaders from attending meetings or protesting against apartheid. But he kept working for them in secret. The struggle for freedom had become his life.
Nelson was now a qualified lawyer, and in 1952, he set up his own law firm with his friend Oliver Tambo.
MANDELA & TAMBO
It was the only South African law firm run by black lawyers, and the waiting room was always crowded. It was so easy to break the law under apartheid. Thousands of people were being charged with crimes for doing everyday things.