

"The firm has the in-depth knowledge, skills and expertise to handle complex and sophisticated matters."

"Cliffe Dekker's turnaround time was great. They maintained open communication and the quality of output was high."

"All the team members are able to negotiate through complex transactions and regulatory frameworks and provide sound legal support."

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"The team at CDH we work with is always ready; even though work may come up unplanned, it never seems that they are pressured for time. They are also practical in finding solutions."

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AN OVERVIEW OF OUR LAW FIRM

At Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH) we believe the right partnership can lead to great things.

The partnerships we cherish and value most are those we have forged through time and experience with our clients and, of course, our people. We are a full service corporate and commercial law firm and provide experienced support wherever in the world you conduct business.

We offer an authentic knowledge-based and costeffective service for clients looking to do business in Africa. Our Africa practice brings together the resources and expertise of leading business law firms across the continent. With first hand, in-depth experience, our Africa lawyers offer sector-specific insights and knowledge of regulatory nuances to provide an exceptional integrated service.

Whatever the scope of your transaction, we offer a depth of skills and experience to support your day-to-day business needs and long-term strategies.

Our structure suits many clients that operate on a national and international basis. We are able to project manage complex cross-border activity and offer a seamless experience through a single point of contact with a trusted CDH adviser who understands your business and strategic objectives.

WHY US?

Doing business in Africa offers unique opportunities and challenges, and with these come a need to understand the cultural, economic and political nuances that exist across the vast continent.

CDH is strongly positioned to serve your legal needs. Our team, together with our partner law firms on the continent have direct experience acting for governments, state agencies and multinational private organisations across the continent. We focus on a number of key sectors, including Mergers & Acquisitions; Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing; Commercial Real Estate; Consumer Goods, Services & Retail; Energy and Power; Oil & Gas; Financial Institutions, Services & Fintech; Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring; Government & State-owned Entities; Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals; Hospitality & Leisure; Gambling & Regulatory Compliance; Industrials, Manufacturing & Trading; Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics; Mining & Minerals; Private Equity; and Technology & Communications.

With first hand, in-depth experience, CDH is able to offer sector-specific expertise and knowledge of regulatory nuances to provide an exceptional integrated service across Africa.

This includes:

- A proven track record and deal experience across multiple jurisdictions in Africa
- A practical and commercial approach
- A multi-disciplinary team of lawyers managed from a single point
- Extensive sector experience
- Substantial and established alliances with African firms
- A dedicated, partner-led team and a cost-effective service at locally competitive billing rates



Our lawyers have been involved in market leading transactions including advising on banking, finance and projects matters, corporate and commercial transactions, employment law, capital markets, project finance, environmental law and energy and intellectual property in a wide range for sectors.

Our overarching goal is to provide seamless legal services in East Africa through this office so as to enable our worldwide clients to harness the vast opportunities for sustainable investment that lie within that region of the continent and beyond.







We support our clients' strategic and operational needs by offering innovative, integrated and high quality legal advice across our full range of legal services, tailored to their requirements. We have the depth of skills to respond to our clients' business operations locally, across Africa or anywhere else in the world.



Our range of clients includes national and international enterprises, listed and unlisted companies, major brands and multinationals across a wide range of sectors, and emerging businesses with industry-leading technologies. We have a strong public sector client base, which includes government departments at all levels, and state-owned enterprises.

OUR SERVICE CAPABILITY

As a full service commercial law firm we provide a complete range of legal services through our core practice areas:

Banking, Finance & Projects



Competition/ Antitrust



Corporate & Commercial



Dispute Resolution



Employment Law







Pro Bono & Human Rights



Real Estate Law



Tax & Exchange Control



Trusts & Estates

"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr is able to provide timely, commercial advice, guidance and support."

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The large scale of the firm allows our lawyers to specialise in their particular fields of law. When a client matter requires broad-based legal services, we draw on the skills of lawyers from across different practice areas who work as a team to provide a fully integrated and seamless service.

We have dedicated practice and sector teams consisting of partners and lawyers with a wealth of experience in a wide range of industries. Our sector specialism includes:

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing
- Commercial Real Estate
- Consumer Goods, Services & Retail
- Energy & Power
- Oil & Gas
- Financial Institutions, Services & Fintech
- Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring
- Government & State-owned Entities
- Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals
- Hospitality & Leisure
- Gambling & Regulatory Compliance
- Industrials, Manufacturing & Trading
- Infrastructure, Transport & Logistics
- Mining & Minerals
- Private Equity
- Technology & Communications

"Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr handles the biggest matters with ease."

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"The general knowledge of the team allows them to think outside the box and provide holistic solutions to problems. The team is reliable and we can go to them on just about any matter."

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WE OFFER

- A partner-led approach, ensuring a high-level experience
- Pragmatic and commercially-focused solutions for each matter
- Efficient and quality delivery
- Seminars, newsletters and regular email alerts

WE EMPHASISE

- Sharing, applying and managing knowledge assets
- Empowering our clients through continuous skills training
- Keeping clients informed about proposed legislation and regulation developments

DIVERSITY

We value diversity, respect for the individual and equal opportunity. Transformation is considered the shared responsibility of everyone in our firm. We take pride in the ongoing initiatives and measures that are in progress to ensure we achieve our greater transformation aspirations.

CORPORATE RESPONSIBILITY

It is our belief that we have a responsibility to look after the communities in which we operate through pro bono and volunteer work. Our dedicated Pro Bono and Human Rights practice facilitates access to justice for the disadvantaged and vulnerable.

MARKET RECOGNITION









Chambers Global 2025 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr among the leading South African law firms with 38 partners recognised as leaders in their fields of expertise, and 27 areas highly ranked. Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr was also awarded a 'Spotlight Table' for its International & Cross-Border and Private Equity capabilities.

Chambers Fintech 2025 ranked our Fintech sector in Band 2.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2024 recommended Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in 14 practice areas across South Africa and Kenya. It ranked 12 partners on the elite 'Leading Individuals' list and mentioned an additional 51 partners. In addition, Legal 500 EMEA 2024 ranked our Kenyan practice in Tier 3 for banking, finance & capital markets, corporate, commercial/M&A, as well as employment.

IFLR1000 2017–2024 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa in Tier 1 for M&A.

IFLR1000 2023 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa in Tier 1 for project development: infrastructure, and in Tier Two in 2022 and 2024. IFLR1000 2022–2024 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr South Africa in Tier 2 for banking, for project finance, and for capital markets: debt and equity. IFLR1000 2023 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Kenya in Tier 3 for M&A. IFLR1000 2023 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Kenya in Tier 4 for banking. IFLR1000 2022 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Kenya in Tier 3 for banking. IFLR1000 2021 ranked Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Kenya as notable in financial and corporate. Our banking, capital markets: equity; project development: energy; project development: finance, and project development: mining were ranked in Tier 2 in 2022–2024. IFLR1000 2021 ranked CDH in Tier 3 for project development: oil and gas.

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Our BBBEE verification is one of several components of our transformation strategy and we continue to seek ways of improving it in a meaningful manner.

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