

# Lara Granville

Director



Lara Granville is a Director in our Competition Law practice. She has extensive experience in both the transactional and litigious aspects of competition law. She has advised on all aspects of competition law, including complex merger notifications; compliance training; negotiating consent orders; defending clients against prohibited practice allegations; and merger notifications to, and engagement with, various African competition law authorities. She has also advised clients in relation to other economic regulatory processes before the South African telecommunications and energy regulators.

## About Lara

Lara started her career at the Constitutional Court of South Africa before completing her articles at Deneys Reitz Attorneys in 2009. In 2009 she was appointed as an Associate at Norton Rose South Africa. In 2011, she spent a year on secondment at Norton Rose LLP in London and was promoted to Director in Competition Law in the Norton Rose Johannesburg office in 2014. She joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Director in 2016.

## Credentials

### Education

- BA, University of Witwatersrand
- LLB, University of Witwatersrand
- LLM, New York University
- Certificate in Telecommunications Law, University of Witwatersrand
- Certificate in Advanced Administrative Law (with distinction), University of Witwatersrand
- Enrolled with the Legal Practice Council

## Experience

- **Wide range of industries**

Lara has worked for clients in a wide range of industries including the pharmaceutical, telecommunications, FMCG, fintech, financial services, oil and gas, and insurance sectors.

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## Expertise

[Competition Law](#)

[Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals](#)

## Location

Johannesburg

## Language

English

- [CMA's market investigation processes](#)

Lara has successfully defended clients accused of cartel conduct and other prohibited practices before the Competition Tribunal; navigated various clients through the Commission's developing policy on public interest conditions; successfully set aside a dawn raid conducted in the oil industry; advised clients on civil damages arising from competition matters; secured numerous merger approvals in South Africa and other African jurisdictions; acted for clients in contested merger hearings; and provided advice to numerous clients on complex questions of competition law compliance.

## News

### [Extensive changes to COMESA competition laws out for comment](#)

Changes to the existing regulations governing the enforcement of competition law in the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA) have been proposed and shared for comment by the COMESA Competition Commission (CCC). The proposed changes are extensive and were apparently prompted by challenges experienced by the CCC arising from the existing 2004 regulations.

#### [Who will blink first?](#)

In the arena of competition law, it is not unusual to see large corporates battle with regulators. However, in recent years, powerful companies have gone further – by pulling the plug on their provision of products and services entirely – when they perceive regulation going too far. Does this illustrate unbridled market power, or unbridled regulation to the detriment of consumers and users?

### [The Competition Appeal Court stays Standard Bank's review pending discovery](#)

The Competition Appeal Court (CAC) has ruled that the review by Standard Bank SA (SBSA) of the Competition Commission's (Commission) decision to refer a complaint against it, must be stayed pending the completion of the discovery process in the complaint referral proceedings. The decision arguably limits the rights of respondents in complaint referrals to just administrative action.

### [New Competition Commission inquiry into the steel market](#)

On 7 April 2023 the Competition Commission of South Africa (Commission) published draft Terms of Reference (Terms) for a market inquiry into the South African steel industry (Inquiry). Intermediate industrial products have long been identified as a priority sector for Competition Commission attention, and with steel being an essential input into many strategic and core segments of the economy, it is no surprise that the Commission considers it important to determine whether the industry is functioning optimally.

### [A move for inclusion: Competition Commission's Concentration Report](#)

In late 2021, in a move to better measure the current market concentration trajectory in South Africa, the Competition Commission (Commission) released its report on measuring concentration and participation in the South African Economy (Concentration Report). A key finding from the report was that South Africa's low productivity growth and falling export performance can be attributed, in part, to a lack of competition in both upstream and downstream businesses. The Commission's recent approach to assessing public interest in merger proceedings may be seen as a means of addressing these concentration findings.

## Videos

### [Lara Granville discusses the signing of the Competition Amendment Bill](#)

Director Lara Granville joined CNBC Africa for a discussion around the signing of the Competition Amendment Bill by President Ramaphosa.

[All news by Lara Granville →](#)

## Recognition

- Chambers Global 2022–2024 ranked Lara Granville in Band 5 for competition/antitrust.
- Chambers Global 2019–2021 ranked her as an “Up & Coming” competition/antitrust lawyer.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2018–2024 recommended Lara for competition.
- Who’s Who Legal: Competition (affiliated with Global Competition Review) named Lara Granville as one of world’s Future Leaders in Competition from 2018-2022 and in 2023 as among the highest-ranked Lawyers in Competition.