

Alex de Wet

Director



Alex de Wet is a Director in our Real Estate Law practice. He practices as a commercial attorney, conveyancer and notary public. Alex has been working on commercial property law matters and litigious matters associated therewith for the better part of 18 years in both South Africa and Lesotho.

Notable is that Alex has been advising on various renewable energy projects as well as the establishment of various licensed medical cannabis corporations in Lesotho.

About Alex

Alex obtained his BCom and LLB degrees from the University of the Free State in 2004 and 2006 respectively. He joined Webbers Attorneys, Bloemfontein in 2005 and after completing his articles he was admitted as an Attorney and Conveyancer in 2007. He was appointed as Director and Partner with Webbers Attorneys Inc, Bloemfontein and Webber Newdigate, Maseru, Lesotho in 2014, during which he was the head of the departments in both countries. Alex joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Director in 2023.

Experience

• Commercial Law

Advised numerous clients on various commercial transactions.

• Company and Corporate Law

Provided international clients with advise regarding company and corporate structures, mergers and acquisitions.

• Contract Law

Advised on the drafting and negotiations of on various contracts ranging from, but not limited to, PPA, EFC and IA agreements.

• Property Law

Acted for all the known commercial banks in South Africa and Lesotho and advised on all forms of securities in favour of the banks and registering same with the various deeds registries. Provided advise on the property rights for various clients on the establishment of a solar power farm and various cannabis cultivation farms.

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Expertise

Real Estate Law

Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing

Commercial Real Estate

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- **Trust Law**

Advised on the drafting of Deeds of Trust for various clients in South Africa and Lesotho. Furthermore, acted as Independent Trustees on several Trusts ranging from family trusts to blind trusts.

- **Cannabis Law**

Advised numerous international clients on the establishment of the corporate structure, securing land rights, commercial contract and regulatory compliance for the cultivation and manufacturing of Medicinal Cannabis in South Africa and Lesotho.

- **International Law**

Acted and advised the Kingdom of Lesotho in an International Arbitration, Singapore, regarding the expropriation of mining rights in Lesotho.

- **Litigation**

Advised clients on various litigious matters ranging from property disputes, contractual disputes and general disputes.

News

[Following on our article regarding the Department of Health's recent ban on cannabis- and hemp-infused food products](#)

Following on our article regarding the Department of Health's recent ban on cannabis- and hemp-infused food products, as published earlier today, President Cyril Ramaphosa has now intervened to withdraw the ban following widespread backlash.

[The ripple effects of South Africa's cannabis food ban: Implications for agriculture and beyond](#)

On 28 May 2024, the President signed the Cannabis for Private Purposes Act 7 of 2024 (Cannabis Act) into law. The Cannabis Act establishes a legal framework for the private use, possession and cultivation of cannabis in South Africa. However, the act still imposes significant restrictions on the legal cultivation and commercial trade of cannabis. Conversely, hemp, as defined below, has been extensively cultivated for commercial purposes in South Africa and other African countries for several years now. To read more about the Cannabis Act and the commercial cultivation of hemp in South Africa and other African countries, see our previous alert [here](#). However, recent changes to South Africa's cannabis and hemp regulatory framework have caused much controversy in the agricultural sector.

[Categorisation of property by municipalities of developer stock vacant land](#)

In the recent case of City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality and Others v Copperleaf Country Estate (Pty) Ltd and Another (245/2023) ZASCA 69 (3 May 2024), the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) upheld a judgment granted by the Gauteng Division of the High Court, Pretoria, concerning the City of Tshwane Metropolitan Municipality's (City) supplementary valuation rolls for 2010–2011 and 2013–2017. The cross appeal filed by Copperleaf Country Estate (Pty) Ltd (Copperleaf), challenged the incorrect categorisation of its properties as "vacant land" rather than "business/commercial".

[Overview of the \(r\)evolution of legislation governing the use of cannabis: Where to from here?](#)

Cannabis has been a hot topic in the media and bold statements have been made by the Government regarding the economic potential that the cannabis sector can unlock in the country. President Cyril Ramaphosa has referred to the potential revenue that could be created in the sector on two separate occasions during his annual State of the Nation Address. It has also been highlighted that industrial hemp and cannabis will create a pathway to industrialisation by having a ripple effect through to various other sectors such as foreign investment, agriculture, employment and construction. Although the Government's stated intention to relax and review policies that hinder the growth of the industry is appreciated, South Africa is at a crossroads when it comes to competing with international cannabis industries developed within a regulatory framework.

Podcasts

[Legalities around landlords tenants and rental agreements medium](#)

Alex de Wet, Director in Real Estate joined Simon Brown at Moneyweb where he discussed Legalities around landlords, tenants, and rental agreements.

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