

Josh Da Costa

Associate Designate



Josh Da Costa is an Associate Designate in our Corporate & Commercial practice. Josh advises on all areas of corporate and commercial law including, among other things, corporate governance issues, local and cross-border mergers and acquisitions, private equity transactions, formation, structuring and restructuring of companies, and complex due diligence investigations. Josh also regularly advises on corporate finance (debt and equity) as well as project finance and project development.

About Josh

Josh completed his articles at Norton Rose Fulbright in 2023, before joining Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as an Associate Designate in 2024. During his articles, he gained experience in general corporate and commercial law, competition law and general banking and finance law including advising on matters related to property finance, leveraged and acquisition finance, trade and commodity finance, corporate bilateral and syndicated lending, as well as project and asset finance.

Credentials

Education

- BCom in Management Studies (major in Economics), University of Cape Town (2018)
- LLB (cum laude), Stellenbosch University (2021)

Memberships

- Loan Market Association (LMA)

Experience

- Advised Middle Lusutfu Hydropower Proprietary Limited, African Clean Energy Developments Proprietary Limited, Energy Infrastructure Managers South Africa Proprietary Limited and the African Infrastructure Investment Managers managed IDEAS Infrastructure II Fund on the successful financial close of the 13.5MW Lower Maguduza Hydro Power Scheme project, a first-of-its-kind hydroelectric renewable energy project in Eswatini.

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Expertise

Corporate & Commercial Law

Location

Cape Town

Language

English

- Advised Prescient Investment Management Limited (acting as agent on behalf of Prescient Clean Energy and Infrastructure Debt Fund) in relation to a secured facility provided to Witberg RROT Proprietary Limited in relation to the development of the 108MW Witberg Wind Farm.
- Part of the cross-border team that advised Infinity Power in connection with its acquisition of the entire shareholding of Lekela Power, an Africa-based wind power platform, from a consortium led by Actis and Mainstream funds, in what was, at the time, Africa's biggest renewable energy deal, making Infinity Power the largest renewable energy company in Africa.
- Advising a number of clients in relation to ongoing secondary transactions in the renewable energy sector in South Africa.
- Advising various developers, sponsors and project companies in relation to various ongoing project development and project finance transactions in the renewable energy sector in South Africa.
- Conducting a number of complex due diligence investigations in various industries and sectors in South Africa.
- Advised Futuregrowth Asset Management (Pty) Ltd relation to multiple secured senior and mezzanine debt facilities provided to the Africrest group of companies in connection with the financing of new property developments across South Africa.
- Advised a Mauritius-based global fund manager (as Lender) in relation to two cross-border secured multi-tranche term facilities provided to a global juice group (as Borrower).
- Advised a US-based hedge fund (managed by a UK-based global impact investment management company) (as Lender) in connection with a cross-border secured credit facility provided to a South African-based receivables finance company (as Borrower).
- Advised a Luxembourg-incorporated reserved alternative investment fund (managed by a US-based global impact investment manager) (as Lender) in connection with a South African law governed secured debt facility (with related English law governed security documents) provided to a South African vehicle rental company (as Borrower).
- Advised a UK-based global impact investment management company (as Lender) in connection with a South African law governed term loan facility provided to a South African-based manufacturer of trailers and tankers for local and international markets (as Borrower).

News

[New environmental appeal regulations: Key developments](#)

On 13 March 2025, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published the National Appeal Regulations, 2025 (New Appeal Regulations) in terms of sections 43, 44(1)(a), 44(1)(b) and 47 of the National Environmental Management Act 107 of 1998(NEMA).

[Quarterly Energy Market Update - Q2 2024](#)

South Africa's energy sector is undergoing significant change, as both public and private sectors seek to find ways to balance energy security with the country's decarbonisation objectives. The CDH Quarterly Energy Update aims to highlight the material legal developments that are shaping the market, with the intention to distil what is relevant for our clients and their businesses.

[Reform of the electricity market: Updates on the ERA Bill and draft Wholesale Market Code](#)

South Africa's energy sector is historically founded upon a vertically integrated model in terms of which Eskom has been responsible for electricity generation, transmission and distribution. However, the ongoing electricity supply crisis has accelerated calls and action to reform the market to provide for greater private access and a more competitive multi-marketsystem.

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