

# Allan Hannie

Director



Allan Hannie is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice. He specialises in mergers and acquisitions, corporate law, black economic empowerment (BEE), consumer protection, credit law (specifically the National Credit Act) and data protection.

## About Allan

Allan started his career in 1997 at Hofmeyr (now Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr) and became a Director in 2002.

## Credentials

### Education

- BA LLB, University of Cape Town
- Year of admission as an attorney: 1999
- Enrolled with the Legal Practice Council

## Experience

### • African Harvest

Involved in a number of merger and acquisition transactions involving the African Harvest group of companies starting with the disposal of the core assets of African Harvest to a management consortium backed by Mzi Khumalo in 2002 and then the acquisition, by way of a scheme of arrangement of the shares in Africa Harvest by Coronation and finally culminating in the sale of African Harvest Fund Managers to Cadiz in 2007.

### • Advised Cape Empowerment Trust

Advised Cape Empowerment Trust in a number of transactions particularly in relation to the acquisition of interests (directly and indirectly) in Grand Parade Investments including the proposed takeovers of Sancino and BLRT.

- Advised Brimstone Investment Corporation in relation to the negotiations and structuring of a number of acquisitions and investments particularly in the clothing and textile industries (Novel and Rex Trueform).

### • Assisted Incwala Resources

Assisted Incwala Resources in leading a due diligence of Mvela Resources in relation to a R760 million offer.

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## Expertise

[Corporate & Commercial Law](#)

[Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing](#)

[Black Economic Empowerment \(BEE\)](#)

[Consumer Protection](#)

[Insurance Law](#)

[Mergers & Acquisitions](#)

[Private Equity](#)

## Location

Cape Town

## Language

English

- **Denel**

Advised and assisted Denel in a number of projects and disposals and led a due diligence team in a major due diligence of its Western Cape operations required as part of a planned disposal of interests in Denel's munitions business to a major international group.

- **CFBT Education Trust**

Advised CFBT Education Trust, a major UK education institution, in relation to a number of investments and acquisitions of interests in South Africa.

- **Damen Shipyards**

Advised Damen Shipyards in relation to its offset obligations pursuant to the award of a multimillion rand ship building contract.

- **Southern Spars Group**

Advised the Southern Spars Group (a leading international carbon fibre mast manufacturing group) in its acquisition of several South African operations.

- **Groupon**

Advised Groupon, a major US electronic commerce company, on its acquisition and foray into South Africa.

- **Advised Fossil Europe B.V. in relation to its acquisition and investment in South Africa through the acquisition of a majority interest in a distributor;**

- **City of Cape Town**

Acted for the City of Cape Town in relation to its (then) largest property acquisition;

- **Sygnia Life Limited**

Acted for Sygnia Life Limited in relation to the listing of its securities on the Johannesburg Securities Exchange.

- **Advising a number of multinational and South African client on the application of the black economic empowerment laws in South Africa.**

- **Corporate restructuring**

Attending to corporate restructuring required to give effect to BEE ownership structures for various multinational clients.

- **CPA and POPI compliance**

Advise a number of listed and unlisted clients in relation to their compliance with the Consumer Protection Act and Protection of Personal Information Act (POPI).

- **Advised a number of companies including tertiary education funding specialist, National Student Financial Aid Scheme on its compliance.**

## News

### [Webinar Recording - Interpretation of the B-BBEE Codes](#)

The B-BBEE Codes are subject to varying and sometimes contradictory interpretation by stakeholders.

### [Webinar Recording | Competition Act and BEE developments in agriculture](#)

CDH hosted a webinar to discuss the Competition Act and BEE developments in the agriculture sector.

## Videos

### [BEE fronting](#)

Corporate & Commercial Director Allan Hannie appeared on eNCA's Check Point, where he spoke to Nkepile Mabuse about "BEE fronting".

### [The future of BEE in South Africa](#)

Corporate & Commercial Directors Verushca Pillay and Allan Hannie share their thoughts on the pitfalls and the future of BEE in South Africa.

## Podcasts

### [CDH named Dealmaker of the decade for deal flow](#)

Allan Hannie, Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice joined SAfm to elaborate on CDH being named Dealmaker of the Decade for deal flow. He also discusses BEE and its positive impact on the South Africa economy, youth employment, and empowering small black businesses.

### [New POPI Regulations](#)

Director in the Corporate & Commercial practice joined Talk Radio 702 to discuss the New POPI Regulations that are set to end direct marketing calls in South Africa.

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