

Liëtte van Schalkwyk

Senior Associate



Liëtte van Schalkwyk is a Senior Associate in our Dispute Resolution practice. Her primary focus is on general commercial litigation, real estate disputes, and cannabis related disputes.

About Liëtte

Liëtte began her career as a Candidate Attorney with Webbers attorneys in Bloemfontein in 2017. In March 2019 she was admitted as an Attorney, Conveyancer and Notary of the High Court of South Africa. During October 2019 she was admitted to practice in the Kingdom of Lesotho.

She joined the Dispute Resolution team at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in 2021. Liëtte was promoted to Senior Associate in 2024.

Credentials

Education

- LLB (cum laude), University of the Free State
- Year of Admission as an Attorney, Conveyancer and Notary of the High Court of South Africa: 2019
- Year of Admission as an Attorney, Conveyancer and Notary of the High Court of the Kingdom of Lesotho: 2019
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Memberships

- Law Society of the Kingdom of Lesotho

Experience

- **Contractual disputes**
Advising on and considering contractual disputes.
- **Litigation**
Attending to litigation arising from real estate and commercial transactions.
- **Real estate and cannabis law**
Advising clients on real estate and cannabis law in Lesotho.

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Expertise

[Dispute Resolution](#)

[Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

Afrikaans

- Civil litigation matters

Involvement in a range of civil litigation matters, including instituting and defending actions, motion court proceedings and urgent applications.

News

[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.

[Where do mining rights, permission to occupy and long-term leasehold agreements fall on the food chain?](#)

Holders of mining rights are confronted with claims to surface rights from communities holding permissions to occupy.

[Motorists given a reprieve from the demerit system – for now...](#)

"You got a fast car, I want a ticket to anywhere ...", the words of the iconic song of Tracy Chapman conjures up images of the open road, freedom and traveling at high speeds to a better future. The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act 46 of 1998 (AARTO) creates a single national system of road traffic regulation and seeks to regulate "every aspect of road traffic". The system is based on demerit points which are incurred for traffic offences or infringements.

[Webinar Recording | Industrial Cannabis - A Pragmatic Approach to South Africa's Hemp Industry](#)

CDH hosted a webinar titled Industrial Cannabis - A Pragmatic Approach to South Africa's Hemp Industry. Presenters included Shaad Vayej, Tony Budden, Liëtte van Schalkwyk, and was facilitated by Andre de Lange.

[Unravelling the Plascon-Evans rule](#)

"Four things belong to a judge: to hear courteously, answer wisely, consider soberly and decide impartially." – Socrates Recently the Judicial Service Commission held interviews of candidates for judicial positions to make recommendations for the appointment of judges in different South African courts. Some of the candidates struggled with questions relating to the well-established principle of the Plascon-Evans rule. For those who don't know what the Plascon-Evans rule means, as well as for those who think they know, we have put together an overview of the application of the rule.

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