

Haafizah Khota

Senior Associate



Haafizah is a Senior Associate in our Corporate & Commercial practice. She specialises in mergers and acquisitions, as well as advising on company law, corporate governance and specialised commercial contracts.

About Haafizah

In 2018, Haafizah began her professional career as a Legal Analyst at Herbert Smith Freehills South Africa LLP. After a successful year, she then moved to Hogan Lovells Johannesburg Inc. in 2019 to commence her legal training. In 2020, she joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr Inc. as a Candidate Attorney and was appointed as an Associate in 2021. She was promoted to Senior Associate in 2024.

Credentials

Education

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), with Distinction (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Post Graduate Certificate: Advanced Company Law I (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Post Graduate Certificate: Cyber Law (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Experience

- **Advising local and multinational clients**

Haafizah has experience advising local and multinational clients on mergers and acquisitions, due diligence investigations, corporate reorganisations and restructures, bespoke commercial contracts, Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment, corporate governance and Companies Act compliance. She has specialised knowledge of the South African regulatory landscape, with a focus on the mining, aviation, film, industrial and logistics sectors.

News

[Skyward shift: Modernising air service licensing in South Africa](#)

In a move geared towards enhancing the efficiency of air service licensing in South Africa, local operators' air service licence applications and foreign operators' permit applications will now be submitted electronically to the South African Civil Aviation Authority (SACAA) for processing.

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Expertise

[Corporate & Commercial Law](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

[Paycheck Politics: Decoding the Companies Amendment Bill and its impact on executive remuneration](#)

In recent years, there has been a significant global focus on the remuneration of senior executives within companies. This heightened attention is especially pertinent in South Africa, a nation that has consistently ranked among the countries with the highest levels of income inequality in the world.

[New accountable institutions beware: Deadline ahead for submission of a risk and compliance return](#)

On 31 March 2023 the Financial Intelligence Centre (FIC) issued Directive 7 in terms of section 43A(3)(a) of the Financial Intelligence Centre Act 28 of 2001 (FIC Act). Directive 7 makes it mandatory for a specified list of accountable institutions to submit a risk and compliance return to the FIC by 17h00 on 31 July 2023.

[CIPC implements a beneficial ownership register to boost transparency and curb money laundering](#)

The Companies and Intellectual Property Commission (CIPC) has established a Beneficial Ownership (BO) register, which will serve as a repository of natural persons who own or exercise control over legal entities registered with the CIPC.

[Taking flight: Recent amendments to the Civil Aviation Act](#)

On 6 April 2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa assented to the Civil Aviation Amendment Act 22 of 2021 (Amendment Act). Once its commencement date is proclaimed, the Amendment Act will amend and expand on the provisions of the Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009 (Civil Aviation Act) in relation to issues of aviation safety and security, enhanced environmental protection and regulatory compliance (amongst other things).

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