

Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo

Director



Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo is a Director in our Dispute Resolution practice. She focuses on commercial litigation with specific attention to property and property finance-related litigation for major financial institutions. She further focuses on project finance litigation for State-Owned Enterprises, and has experience in petroleum franchising litigation. Her practice extends to administrative law, business rescue, and insolvency law. Highlight work for Nomlayo includes obtaining interdicts; assisting with private enquiries into the trade, dealings, affairs, or property of insolvent companies unable to pay their debts to development corporations, and reviewing proceedings in respect of irregular termination of tenders awarded to various entities by public bodies for the supply of personal protective equipment to the state.

About Nomlayo

Nomlayo joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Candidate Attorney in 2017 and has gained experience in the Dispute Resolution, Employment as well as the Real Estate and Conveyancing practices. Nomlayo was appointed as an Associate in 2019 and promoted to Senior Associate in 2022. Nomlayo was appointed Director in 2024.

Credentials

Education

- LLB, University of Pretoria
- Admitted as an attorney: 2019
- Admitted as a conveyancer: 2019

News

[A lawyer's greatest lesson - the ripple effect of kindness](#)

Nomlayo Mabena-Mlilo, Director in the Dispute Resolution practice was featured in FANews where she discussed A lawyer's greatest lesson - the ripple effect of kindness.

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Expertise

[Dispute Resolution](#)

[Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

['New Dawn' for Public Procurement in South Africa: The Public Procurement Act becomes law](#)

Following its adoption by the National Assembly on 16 May 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 July 2023, assented to signed into law the Public Procurement Act 28 of 2024. The Public Procurement Act seeks to create a single framework that regulates public procurement, including preferential procurement, by all organs of state, with the necessary efficiency, cost-effectiveness and integrity and enhance transparency and integrity, among others, to combat corruption, ensure efficient, effective and economic use of public resources and advance transformation and broadened economic participation.

[A prudent question is one half of wisdom: The consequences of business email compromise on individuals | Part 2](#)

Modern day technology has afforded people the luxury of convenience. However, with this increased convenience has come an upsurge in cybercrime attacks against law firms, banks, individuals and other institutions. The most common forms of attack are ransomware attacks, hacking and phishing scams. In the first part of this alert, titled A prudent question is one half of wisdom: The consequences of business email compromise on banks and attorneys, we discussed the case of Hartog v Daly and Others (A5012/2022) ZAGPJHC 40; 2 All SA 156 (GJ) (24 January 2023), in which an attorney fell victim to fraudsters who intercepted email communication and provided false banking details. This resulted in the attorney making payment into a fraudulent account without further questioning the change in the details, leading to a claim against him by the rightful recipients of the funds, which claim was upheld by a full court. In this article, we discuss the case of Edward Nathan Sonnenberg Inc v Hawarden (Case no 421/23) ZASCA 90 (10 June 2024), in which the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) considered the liability of a law firm in respect of a claim for pure economic loss caused by an alleged negligent omission.

[Procurement integrity and general procurement requirements](#)

Public procurement is one of the government activities highly vulnerable to corruption. The financial interests at stake, the volume of transactions and the close interaction between public and private sectors in the awarding of public contracts all pose risks to the integrity of the procurement process. The findings of the Judicial Commission of Inquiry into Allegations of State Capture, Corruption and Fraud in the Public Sector including Organs of State all bear testimony to this fact.

[The establishment of the Public Procurement Tribunal](#)

The complex public procurement system in South Africa has been fertile ground for litigation over many years, and to say that law reports are replete with cases dealing with public procurement would be an understatement. Litigation in this context almost invariably brings significant delays in public procurement. Those delays cost money and cause much frustration and inefficiency within public procurement, and are a significant contributor to the lack of service delivery. The unnecessary complexity in the public procurement regulatory framework often results in confusion that invariably leads to disputes.

Videos

[Watch | A story of inspiration and the ripple effect of kindness](#)

Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo, a Director in the Dispute Resolution practice, discusses with Kuda Chimedza, Senior Associate in the Banking, Finance & Projects, how kindness and compassion can shape a legal profession.

[The alarming rise in cybercrime: How businesses can legally protect themselves.](#)

Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo, Director in the Dispute Resolution practice joined Tony Ndoro on eNCA to discuss The alarming rise in cybercrime: How businesses can legally protect themselves.

[Strides, struggles and solutions for women in South Africa](#)

"Be resilient, the world is your oyster", says Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo, Senior Associate in our Dispute Resolution practice. Nomlayo recently formed part of a panel on SABC 3's Unfiltered, to unpack the strides, struggles and solutions for women in South Africa.

[Legalities and laws surrounding home ownership in South Africa](#)

Nomlayo Mabhena, Associate in our Dispute Resolution practice appeared on Daily Thetha, an educational talk show on SABC 1 that explores youth issues, as well as issues of national importance. She formed part of a panel that discussed the legalities and laws surrounding home ownership in South Africa, especially when there are disputes involved. The episode focused on the notion of adequate shelter by looking at navigating home ownership as black South Africans.

Podcasts

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[Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo discusses the future of the legal profession and access to justice in South Africa](#)

In this episode of the CDH Women Empowerment podcast series, we speak to Nomlayo Mabhena-Mlilo, a Senior Associate in the Dispute Resolution practice.

[Nomlayo Mabhena named the youngest black conveyancer](#)

Dispute Resolution Associate, Nomlayo Mabhena, was recently named the youngest black female attorney to be admitted as a conveyancer. She joined SAFM's Late Night Conversation with Patricia Ntuli to discuss her achievement and to unpack the complexities of transformation within the real estate and law industries.

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