

# Taigrine Jones

Associate



Taigrine Jones is an Associate in our Competition Law practice.

## About Taigrine

After gaining experience in the commercial sphere of the construction and engineering sector, Taigrine began his legal career in 2021 as a Candidate Attorney at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr. Upon completing his articles, Taigrine was appointed as an Associate in the Competition Law practice.

## Credentials

### Education

- LLB (cum laude), University of the Free State
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

### Membership

- Member of the Association of Competition Law Practitioners of South Africa

## Experience

- South African state owned company

Acted for a South African state owned company in the Commission's investigation of alleged excessive pricing.

- Investment banking group

Acted for a South African investment banking group in obtaining merger approval for the restructuring of an existing investment fund and the creation of a new fund.

- Automotive parts merger

Advised the target of an automotive parts merger, which required merger approval in various African jurisdictions.

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## Expertise

Competition Law

## Location

Johannesburg

## Language

Afrikaans

English

- **International banking group**

Part of the legal team advising an international banking group in regard to ongoing proceedings brought by the Competition Commission against numerous banks alleged to have engaged in foreign exchange collusion.

- **Market Inquiries**

Advising a leading global technology company on its engagement with the Competition Commission in the Media and Digital Platforms Market Inquiry.

- **Market Inquiries**

Advising a large South African retailer on its engagement with the Competition Commission in the Fresh Produce Market Inquiry.

## News

### [Submitting multiple tender bids: Clever or collusion?](#)

Is it unlawful to submit multiple bid submissions, some of them with other service providers, in response to a tender? Would this by default amount to collusivetendering?

### [Constitutional Court clarifies when retrenchments are merger specific](#)

South Africa faces one of the highest unemployment rates in the world. This is the primary reason that the Competition Commission (Commission) must consider the effect on employment (as part of its public interest assessment) when evaluating a proposed merger. It has become standard practice in South Africa when there is a merger for restrictions to be imposed by the competition authorities – especially in respect of retrenchments.

### [A step closer to a harmonised competition law approach in East Africa: Kenyan and EAC competition authorities conclude MoU](#)

On 16 May 2023, the Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) and the East African Community Competition Authority (EACCA) entered into a memorandum of understanding (MoU) whose objective is to ensure the execution of the two authorities' respective mandates in order to enhance regional integration, cross-border trade and investment.

### [New Competition Commission inquiry into the steel market](#)

On 7 April 2023 the Competition Commission of South Africa (Commission) published draft Terms of Reference (Terms) for a market inquiry into the South African steel industry (Inquiry). Intermediate industrial products have long been identified as a priority sector for Competition Commission attention, and with steel being an essential input into many strategic and core segments of the economy, it is no surprise that the Commission considers it important to determine whether the industry is functioning optimally.

### [Many hands make 'light' work: Draft block exemptions for energy suppliers and users published](#)

With (another) national state of disaster in place since 9 February 2023, on 8 March 2023 the Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) published for public comment draft block exemption regulations for energy suppliers and energy users (exemptions). "Suppliers" are any person or firm that supplies energy and related products and services. These include all forms of energy supply, related products (such as inverters or generators), inputs (such as coal) or services (such as storage or installation) in the supply of energy to users. "Users" are any person or firm that uses any form of energy supply.

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