

# Johan de Lange

Deputy Practice Head, Director



Johan de Lange is the Deputy Practice Head of our Finance & Banking practice. He is also Director in Projects & Infrastructure and in the Corporate & Commercial practice. Johan is a banking and finance lawyer with years of experience in the domestic and international debt markets where he practiced as a leading transacting lawyer with preeminent commercial law firms in London and Johannesburg. His field of specialisation includes acquisition and leveraged finance, private equity fund financings, project and infrastructure finance, commercial real estate finance, asset and structured finance, general syndicated debt and capital restructure transactions where he has worked on several of market-leading transactions in these areas.

## About Johan

Johan started his focus on banking and finance transactional work whilst working at Allen & Overy, a leading 'Magic Circle' law firm in London. On his subsequent return to Johannesburg, he established, and for several years headed, one of the leading Johannesburg banking and finance practices at Webber Wentzel. His general business background benefits from experience gained during other phases of his career at Arthur Andersen, an international audit firm and Coronation Capital, an investment bank in Johannesburg and, more recently, Prime Kapital, a commercial property developer and investor based in Bucharest.

Johan joined CDH's Corporate & Commercial practice in September 2023.

## Credentials

### Education

- MSc (Law and Accounting) - London School of Economics, 2003
- LLM (Corporate Law) - University of Johannesburg, 1997
- B Juris LLB - University of Potchefstroom, 1994
- Law Society of the Northern Provinces
- Law Society of the Cape of Good Hope

### Experience

- Johan's legal transactional experience extends to those areas where finance law interfaces with taxation, mergers and acquisitions and bank and financial institution regulation.

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## Expertise

[Finance & Banking Law](#)

[Projects & Energy](#)

## Location

Cape Town

## Language

Afrikaans

English

- Represented banks and institutional lenders on several landmark financing transactions, including on the financing of the V&A Waterfront's commercial real estate portfolio, the restructure and refinancing of the senior.
- The restructure and refinancing of the Lonmin, Neotel and Edcon groups, as well as syndicated loan and preference share facilities for the Steinhoff group.
- High-yield and payment-in-kind debt capital structures of the AfriSam group as well as the Peermont Global group
- The financing of the Khi Solar One, Kaxu Solar One and Xina Solar One concentrated solar plants of Abengoa (comprising cutting edge solar trough and solar tower technologies).
- The financing of the Amakhala Emoyeni wind farm (the largest in South Africa).

## News

### [CDH welcomes multi-disciplinary finance lawyer Johan de Lange to its ranks](#)

After approximately four years with an Eastern European property investment fund and developer, Johan de Lange recently returned to South Africa to join CDH where his considerable finance law and deal-making experience will now further complement the existing capability of the firm. Ranked by both Chambers Global and Legal 500, Johan's track record in banking, finance and projects legal practice spans a period of more than 20 years, which is buoyed by his stellar reputation as one of the leading finance lawyers in South Africa.

[All news by Johan de Lange →](#)

## Recognition

- **Chambers Global**

Chambers Global ranked Johan in Band 1 for Banking & Finance

- **Legal 500 EMEA**

Legal 500 ranked Johan as a "Leading Individual" for Banking & Finance

- **IFLR1000**

IFLR1000 ranked Johan as a "Leading Lawyer" for Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Restructuring and Insolvency, Energy and Infrastructure, Project finance.

- **Who's Who Legal**

Who's Who Legal ranked Johan in Banking.

- **Africa Legal Awards**

Banking, Finance and Restructuring Team of the Year 2014 for Peermont Global's R16bn capital restructure