

Corné Lewis

Director



Corné Lewis is a Director in our Dispute Resolution practice. He has particular experience in the following sector: Gambling Law, Administrative and Public Law; Mining Law, Evictions, Forensic Investigations, Business Rescue and Liquidations.

About Corné

Corné began his career in 2009 as a Candidate Attorney at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr. He was appointed as an Associate in January 2011. In 2013 Corné was promoted to Senior Associate. He was appointed as a Director in 2016.

Credentials

Education

- LLB, LLM (Import and Export law), University of the North-West (Potchefstroom Campus)
- Notary Public
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2011

Experience

- **Advising mining houses**

Extensive experience in advising mining houses in both South Africa, Lesotho and Namibia including but not limited to mining licenses, sale of material, Ferro Alloy, Chrome and commercial litigation.

- **Multinational oil and gas company**

Conducted an investigation into allegations of bribery, fraud and procurement irregularities committed by a senior employee in a multinational oil and gas company. The work involved a review of information, internal policies and applicable legislation, analysing evidence including laptop and cellular phone data, leading interviews with persons of interest and preparing a report on the findings.

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Expertise

[Dispute Resolution](#)

[Corporate & White Collar Investigations](#)

[Government and State-Owned Entities](#)

[Public Law](#)

[Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade](#)

[Technology & Communications](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

Afrikaans

- **Multinational mining corporations**

Advise multinational mining corporations, in relation to an internal investigation into allegations of fraud, procurement irregularities and conflicts of interest. Providing legal advice in relation to various criminal offences as well as advising on the duty to report in terms of section 34 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act 12 of 2004 and preparing a report on the findings.

- **Registering criminal cases**

Advise and assist clients with registering criminal cases as well as fulfilling their reporting obligations in terms of section 34 of the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004

- **SOE**

Providing anti-bribery and corruption training to senior management of a state – owned company in relation to the Prevention and Combating of Corrupt Activities Act No 12 of 2004.

- **Public and private companies**

Advised both public and private companies on compliance with the Public Finance Management Act No 1 of 1999 in regards to entering of lease agreements with state organs.

- **Multinational dispute**

Advised client in a multinational dispute consisting of parties residing in Japan, United Kingdom, Germany, Malta, United Arab Emirates, Australia and China. The dispute pertains to allegations of siphoning monies out of the Republic of South Africa estimated at \$1.9 billion.

- **Forensic investigation**

Conduct forensic investigation at the South African Post Office Board on management of tender procedure, irregularities, Public Finance Management Act No 1 of 1999.

- **Customs and excise**

Assisted in advising clients on customs and excise issues including tariff applications and advising on disputes and prepared detailed submissions to SARS in relation to customs and excise.

- **National Health Laboratory Services**

Advising the National Health Laboratory Services in dispute resolution matters, as well as commercial, litigation, and contract resolution and drafting.

- **National and Provincial Gambling Regulatory**

Extensive experience in advising clients on National and Provincial Gambling Regulatory compliances both in the Republic of South Africa and the Kingdom of Lesotho.

- **Review Applications**

Assists with a number of Review Applications on behalf of both South African corporates as well as Parastatals/State Owned Entities

- **Institution of liquidation**

Experienced in the institution of liquidation and sequestration proceedings and setting aside of dispositions and the holding of enquiries into the affairs of the company.

- **IDC**

Advised and assisted the Industrial Development Corporation in a multi-billion rand mining project in the Mpumalanga.

- **Multi-rand arbitration**

Member of team involved in multi-rand arbitration between major players in the primary energy sector of South Africa on coal supply agreements.

- **National Gambling Amendment Bill**

Member of team involved in providing advice and comment to National Gambling Amendment Bill.

- **Due diligence Investigations**

Member of team involved in due diligence Investigations into risks with various coal supply agreements for Eskom.

- **Evictions proceedings**

Extensive experience in the institution of both residential and commercial evictions proceedings.

News

[What's in a name? The status of Tax Courts as courts of law](#)

The South African legal system is host to a number of quasi-judicial decision-making bodies which, while having the power to make decisions which are authoritative and may be binding on parties and while conducting proceedings in a judicial manner, cannot be described as courts of law in the proper sense. The High Court in the case of *Poulter v The Commissioner for the South African Revenue Service (A88/2023)* ZAWCHC had to determine whether the Tax Court was a court of law for the purposes of deciding whether a taxpayer could be represented by a layperson in the Tax Court. It should be noted that the Tax Court first considered the issue of a layperson's right of appearance before it in 2016 (see our Tax and Exchange Control Alert of 9 September 2016), which we refer to below.

[Public Procurement Office: Investigation and prosecutorial powers](#)

In terms of section 4 of the Procurement Bill, the Public Procurement Office (PPO) is to be an office established within National Treasury that must perform its functions without fear, favour or prejudice.

[The SCA reconfirms the restrictions of a court where a substitution order is sought in administrative decisions](#)

In *The Municipal Manager: The City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality and Others v San Ridge Heights Rental Property (Pty) Ltd (517/2022)* ZASCA 109 the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) was confronted with a case in which the owner of a property exhausted all internal remedies before launching a review application; the review application was launched timeously; and even after the launch of an internal appeal, the City of Johannesburg (Municipality) had failed to file reasons for its decisions. In this article, we will explore the principles established by the SCA and their broader implications.

[Dear friends with money: Are you a registered credit provider?](#)

Have you ever lent money to a friend or family member who did not hold up their end of the deal to pay you back? Or perhaps you have sent them a letter of demand, and even threatened to sue your friend for the money they owe you? If you have concluded a contract, and provided that all elements of a valid contract are present, you would ordinarily be able to bring an action on breach of contract. However, the High Court, in the case of *Blacher v Josephson (A15/22)* ZAWCHC 27 (14 February 2023), has shed light on this grey area of law.

[The enrichment lien: Terms and conditions apply](#)

In *Brooklyn House Furnishers (Pty) Ltd v Knoetze & Sons 3 All SA 332 (A)*, the court explained the concept of a "lien" as a right which a purchaser may have over the seller's property to retain physical control of that property, whether movable or immovable, as a means of securing payment of a claim relating to the expenditure of money or something of monetary value by the possessor on that property, until the claim has been satisfied. This can be extended to enrichment liens, which enable a bona fide possessor to claim expenses for necessary and useful improvements and retain the property until the claim for compensation has been satisfied.

Podcasts

[Reporting Fraud](#)

Dispute Resolution Director Corne Lewis joined 'The Honest Truth' with Benito Vergotine on Smile FM to take a look at when you should report fraud, and when the decision to report fraud could put you in legal danger.

[Does your spouse have suretyship when married in community of property](#)

Corné Lewis, Director in the Dispute Resolution practice joined SAfm to discuss suretyship when married in community of property.

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Recognition

- Legal 500 EMEA
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2024 recommended Corné as a leading individual for dispute resolution.
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2022-2023 recommended Corné for dispute resolution.
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2022 recognised Tim on its Arbitration Private Practice Powerlist - Africa Region