

Amore Carstens

Senior Associate



Amore Carstens is a Senior Associate in our Corporate & Commercial practice. Amore assists clients with, -inter alia, contract law advice, general corporate and commercial advice, corporate governance, including advice on commercial issues, company law and regulatory considerations, negotiating terms of agreement, drafting and reviewing commercial agreements. Amore works closely with local and international oil companies, national oil companies (NOC's), oilfield service providers and government regulatory authorities within the upstream petroleum sector.

About Amore

Amore joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a candidate attorney in 2019, and was promoted to an Associate in January 2021. Amore was appointed Senior Associate in 2024.

Credentials

Education

- Registered with the Legal Practice Council
- LLB (cum laude), the University of the Western Cape.
- Bachelors of Commerce, in Law, at the University of the Western Cape
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2021

Experience

- Assisting with due diligence investigations and due diligence reports.

Contact Amore

+27 (0)21 481 6432

amore.carstens@cdhlegal.com

[Amore on LinkedIn](#)

Expertise

[Corporate & Commercial Law](#)

[Oil & Gas](#)

Location

Cape Town

Language

English

- Advising local and international oil and gas companies on commercial and regulatory advice as well as compliance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No.28 of 2002 ("MPRDA"), including, but not limited to, advice on TCP applications in terms of section 76 of the MPRDA; the conversion of Technical co-operation permits to Exploration Rights in terms of section 78 of the MPRDA; the conversion of exploration rights to production rights in terms of section 83 of the MPRDA; the renewal of exploration rights in terms of section 81 of the MPRDA; the transfer and assignment of exploration rights in terms of section 11 of the MPRDA; the amendment of exploration rights in terms of section 102 of the MPRDA; contributions to the Upstream Training Trust, acreage rentals and appeals against conflicting minerals rights and petroleum rights, across all aspects of their South African oil and gas operations.
- Advising various oil and gas companies on commercial and regulatory advice as well as compliance with the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, No.28 of 2002 ("MPRDA"), including, but not limited to, advice on TCP applications in terms of section 76 of the MPRDA; the conversion of Technical co-operation permits to Exploration Rights in terms of section 78 of the MPRDA; the conversion of exploration rights to production rights in terms of section 83 of the MPRDA; the renewal of exploration rights in terms of section 81 of the MPRDA; the transfer and assignment of exploration rights in terms of section 11 of the MPRDA; the amendment of exploration rights in terms of section 102 of the MPRDA; contributions to the Upstream Training Trust, acreage rentals and appeals against conflicting minerals rights and petroleum rights, across all aspects of their South African oil and gas operations.
- Advised international oil company on the disposal of a majority participating interest share and transfer of operatorship in a right to explore for oil and gas resources in the Republic of South Africa, and terms of the joint operating agreement.
- Advised Namibia-based national oil company on its acquisition of oil producing asset in Angola from Sonangol Pesquisa E Produção.
- Advised Namibia-based national oil on its assignment and transfer of participating interest in respect of the Kudu Gas Field area in Namibia, to BW Kudu.
- Legal Advisor to Kinetiko on its Amersfoort Gas Project. Scope of work including due diligence investigation and report and negotiating SPA terms and Operating Agreement for the development of gas in the Amersfoort region.
- Advised on the sales of participating interest in Block 3B4B, scope of work included drafting of the farm-out agreement, obtaining Ministerial consents and approvals and amendments to Joint Operating Agreement.
- Legal advisor to a TSX listed IOC on a dual sale to AIM listed and TSX listed IOCs which paved the way for drilling of the Gazania-1 well.
- Advised TSX listed IOC on its acquisition of further interest in the Orinduik Block offshore Guyana.

News

[Understanding the transitional provisions of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act](#)

In the high-stakes world of the oil and gas sector, few things cause more disruption than new legislation, and the recently assented to Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act 23 of 2024 (Upstream Act) is no exception. The Upstream Act was introduced to separate the governance of petroleum resources from mineral resources, both previously regulated under the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act 28 of 2002 (MPRDA). This separation signals a more focused, agile regulatory approach to petroleum and a clear sign to global investors that South Africa is determined to unlock its hydrocarbon potential.

[Publication of the Draft Regulations of the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act for public comment](#)

On 14 April 2025, the Minister of Mineral and Petroleum Resources, Mr Gwede Mantashe, published the draft Regulations for public comment in GN.6123 GG.52507.

[Publication of Draft Petroleum Products Bill for public comment](#)

On 21 October 2024, the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) published the draft Petroleum Products Bill (Bill) for public comment.

[Legislation on the move: The President signs the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act](#)

The Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Bill (now the Upstream Petroleum Resources Development Act, 23 of 2024) (Act) was finally assented to by the President on 25 October 2024 and published in the Government Gazette on 29 October 2024.

[The strategic separation of mineral resources and energy portfolios](#)

Earlier this year, President Cyril Ramaphosa announced that the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy (DMRE) would be separated into the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR) and the Department of Electricity and Energy (DEE).

[All news by Amore Carstens →](#)

Recognition

- The Legal 500 EMEA 2024 - 2025 recommended Amore for projects & infrastructure.