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Counsel



Alecia Pienaar is Counsel in our Corporate & Commercial and Environmental Law practice areas, advising on specialised environmental law matters in various corporate and industrial sectors.

About Alecia

Alecia joined CDH in 2016 as Candidate Attorney and was appointed as Associate in 2018. She was promoted to Senior Associate in 2021. In 2022, Alecia joined the Private Markets team at Mainstream Renewable Power South Africa, and rejoined CDH in 2023 as Counsel.

Credentials

Education

- LLB, North West University, Potchefstroom
- LLM, University of Cape Town
- Certificate of Competence in Climate Change & Energy Law, University of Witwatersrand
- Certificate of Completion in Finance, Contracts & Risk Mitigation for Private Power Investment in Africa, University of Cape Town Graduate School of Business

Experience

- Conducting environmental, regulatory and health and safety due diligence investigations in respect of entities operating or providing services in various C&I sectors.
- Advising IPPs on bid readiness and participating in bid preparation for renewable and non-renewable projects in the REIPPPP and RMIPPPP.
- Preparing REIPPPP and RMIPPPP bid requirement environmental legal opinions for solar, wind and gas facilities.
- Preparing legal opinions and advising clients on all aspects of environmental law, including regulation of air quality, water, biodiversity, waste management, climate change, and contaminated land.

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Expertise

[Corporate & Commercial Law](#)

[Environmental Law](#)

[Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing](#)

[Mining & Minerals](#)

[Sustainability](#)

Location

[Cape Town](#)

Language

[Afrikaans](#)

[English](#)

- Reviewing and assisting clients with environmental and other regulatory permits applications.
- Assisting clients with administrative appeal and review applications.
- Offering advice to clients on specialized environmental areas, including environmental attributes, biodiversity offsets, bioprospecting, greenhouse gas emission reporting and financial provisioning.

News

[Draft Health Care Risk Waste Norms and Standards published for comment](#)

On 3 February 2026, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment issued a notice under the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 (NEMWA), requesting the public to submit written comments on the draft National Norms and Standards for the Transportation, Storage and Treatment of Health Care Risk Waste (HCRW) (Norms and Standards).

[Closing the gap on transitional waste authorisations under NEMWA](#)

On 10 December 2025, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment (Minister) issued a notice (Notice) under the National Environmental Management: Waste Act 59 of 2008 (NEMWA), calling on specific categories of persons to apply for waste management licences (WML), together with regulations setting out the procedure to be followed in submitting such applications (Regulations).

[NTCSA releases practice note and updated GCCA on congestion curtailment](#)

The National Transmission Company of South Africa (NTCSA) first submitted an application to the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) on 24 May 2024 requesting approval for congestion curtailment to be treated as a constrained generation ancillary service for renewable energy, for purposes of addressing current grid capacity constraints experienced on the transmission network (Application) (see here where we discuss the Application in detail). The Application was approved by NERSA in early May 2025, with Reasons for Decision released towards the end of June 2025 (Approval).

[NERSA ramps up decision-making to enable grid access and increase market competitiveness](#)

During the last week of November 2025, the National Energy Regulator of South Africa (NERSA) announced a series of decisions that collectively accelerate South Africa's shift to a competitive electricity market.

[Revised guideline on climate change implications in environmental permit applications released for comment](#)

On 24 October 2025, the Minister of Forestry, Fisheries and the Environment published the revised draft National Guideline for the Consideration of Climate Change Implications in Applications for Environmental Authorisations, Atmospheric Emission Licenses and Waste Management Licenses (2025 Draft Guideline) for comment.

Videos

[Companies to take heed of mounting climate change litigation risks, advises Alecia Pienaar, Counsel in our Environmental Law practice during a eNCA interview.](#)

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