

Jaco Meyer

Director



Jaco Meyer is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice. Jaco focuses on mergers and acquisitions, corporate and commercial transactions, black economic empowerment transactions, company law and corporate governance.

Jaco has experience in advising on the acquisition and divestment of companies and businesses in South Africa and Australia, including due diligence and the corporate and commercial aspects regarding implementation of those transactions.

About Jaco

Jaco joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr in April 2020. He was previously at a multinational firm in Melbourne, Australia. Jaco was appointed Senior Associate in 2021. Jaco was appointed Director in September 2022.

Credentials

Education

- Non-Award Undergraduate | Australian Catholic University | 2019
- Postgraduate Certificate: Advanced Company Law I | University of the Witwatersrand | 2018
- Bachelor of Laws (cum laude) | North-West University | 2015
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Membership

- Golden Key Honour Society

Experience

• Merger and acquisition transactions

Advising on merger and acquisition transactions and drafting and negotiating merger and acquisition transaction agreements.

• Company law

Advising on company law and general commercial and corporate matters.

• General commercial and corporate

Advising on general commercial and corporate matters and drafting general commercial agreements.

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Expertise

[Corporate & Commercial Law](#)

[Insurance Law](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- **Transaction agreements**

Drafting transaction agreements relating to the implementation of BEE ownership structures

- **Coal mining company**

Advised a 51% black-owned coal mining company on the acquisition of various mining and prospecting rights in South Africa; and the acquisition of a Build-Own-Operate-and-Transfer beneficiation and coal wash plant.

- **Multinational metal**

Advised a multinational metal alloys and other metallurgical products company on the disposal of its non-core assets (timber farms) used in connection with its silicon smelter; and its empowerment restructure.

- **Multinational information technology company**

Advised a multinational information technology and defence systems company on the equity financing of its South African subsidiary.

- **South Africa's largest book retailers**

Advised one of South Africa's largest book retailers regarding the carve-out of a portion of its business (in respect of a specific O.R. Tambo International Airport tender) and the subsequent empowerment of that stand-alone business.

- **Family group comprising 17 companies and 10 trusts**

Advised a family group comprising 17 companies and 10 trusts valued at approximately AUD84 million, on the division of its real property portfolio between various beneficiaries.

- **Telecommunications company listed**

Advised a telecommunications company listed on the ASX on the acquisition of the entire issued share capital of three other private telecommunications companies as part of its strategic growth plan.

- **Multinational pharmaceuticals company**

Advised a multinational pharmaceuticals company on its license and supply agreement with another company for an exclusive license to commercialise its intellectual property in the USA. In terms of the agreement, the company received payments and milestone fees in equity and cash for an amount of at least USD295 million.

News

[Surfing the waves of contractual interpretation](#)

The case of *Yacht Hardware CC v Zenith International Proprietary Limited JDR 3693 (WCC)* is a recent appeal heard by the Western Cape High Court involving the interpretation of indemnity clauses in a contract of sale between Yacht Hardware CC t/a Harken South Africa (plaintiff), a manufacturer and distributor of marine products, and Zenith International Proprietary Limited (defendant). For ease of reference the parties in this appeal were referred to as in the court of first instance.

[Ongoing compliance checklist for private companies](#)

Registering a new private company, or acquiring an existing one, is usually accompanied by a level of excitement for the new business venture being pursued. To ensure that it develops and operates without a technical glitch, it is useful to consider the ongoing compliance requirements under the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (Companies Act) for private companies, which are set out below.

[Taking flight: Recent amendments to the Civil Aviation Act](#)

On 6 April 2022, President Cyril Ramaphosa assented to the Civil Aviation Amendment Act 22 of 2021 (Amendment Act). Once its commencement date is proclaimed, the Amendment Act will amend and expand on the provisions of the Civil Aviation Act 13 of 2009 (Civil Aviation Act) in relation to issues of aviation safety and security, enhanced environmental protection and regulatory compliance (amongst other things).

[Did you know: Companies Act edition](#)

Even the best lawyers and business people don't know everything about the law, which sometimes leads to surprises! Below, we set out some commonly overlooked provisions of the Companies Act, 71 of 2008 (Companies Act) which may apply to your business and some other random facts that we hope you find interesting reading during these cold winter days.

[Common issues to consider when purchasing a business: assets and price calculation](#)

The sale and purchase of a business is usually more complex and comprehensive to implement than a sale and transfer of the shares in the company running the business and can take longer to complete. Other than certain tax considerations (which are not dealt with in this alert), there are myriad commercial reasons why a purchaser may wish to pursue a business acquisition rather than a share acquisition, including that the purchaser can select which assets it wishes to buy and that the purchaser need not assume any of the seller's liabilities (unless expressly agreed otherwise and excluding employee related liabilities).

Podcasts

[2024 Investing in African Mining Indaba provided a platform for opportunity and engagement](#)

Director Jaco Meyer from our Corporate and Commercial practice joined Simon Brown on Moneyweb Now to discuss 30 years of the Mining Indaba and the hopes for this year's event.

[All news by Jaco Meyer →](#)

Recognition

- The Legal 500 EMEA 2024 recommended Jaco commercial, corporate/M&A.