

Andries le Grange

Director



Andries le Grange is a Director in our Competition Law practice. In addition to his competition law expertise, Andries has experience in the general commercial field, including the banking and finance arena.

About Andries

Andries began his career as a Candidate Attorney in 1996 at Walker Malherbe Godly and Field in Cape Town. He was appointed as an Associate at that firm until 1999 when he moved to Johannesburg, after Walker Malherbe Godley and Field merged with Hofmeyr Herbstein and Gihwala (now Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr). Andries became a Director in 2000.

Credentials

Education

- BCom LLB, University of Stellenbosch
- LLM, University of Cape Town
- HDip (Tax), University of Johannesburg
- Year of admission as an attorney and conveyancer: 1997
- Registered with the Legal Practice Council

Experience

• Motor industry

Involved in the investigation of restrictive practices in the motor industry.

• SAA

Acted for SAA in the Competition Tribunal hearings between Comair, Nationwide and SAA.

• Senwes

Acted for Senwes in hearing before the Competition Tribunal in the first "margin squeeze" case in South Africa, which was taken on appeal to the Constitutional Court.

• Consent order proceedings

Acted for SAA, Senwes, Premier Fishing, ATC in consent order proceedings.

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Expertise

[Competition Law](#)

[Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing](#)

[Technology & Communications](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- **Vodacom**

Advised Vodacom regarding the Competition Commission's Market Inquiry into the Price of Data, the litigation launched by Telkom in relation to the Rain/Vodacom roaming arrangement. Advising Vodacom regarding various mergers.

- **SABC**

Representing the SABC in an on-going investigation of its channel distribution agreement with Multichoice

- **Exemption applications**

Represents clients in exemption applications (most recent exemption applications: SAA/Etihad; and SAA/ Qantus).

- **Merger proceedings**

Represents clients in merger proceedings before the Competition authorities. Recently acted for PIC, We Buy Cars, VKB, BKB, SACREL in various mergers.

- **Competition Act compliance**

Provides advice regarding the implementation of Competition Act compliance programmes and interpretation of the Competition Act.

News

[Don't count your chickens before they hatch: The Competition Commission's inquiry into the poultry industry](#)

On 6 February 2023, the Competition Commission (Commission) published its draft terms of reference for its inquiry into the poultry industry (ToR) established in terms of section 43B of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 (Competition Act). The Commission has indicated that there are market features within the poultry industry that are likely to impede or distort competition. The features include structural indicators, the outcomes in the industry and certain conduct along the value chain. It stated that taking steps to address these market features through a market inquiry could benefit industry competitiveness and consumers through the improvement in competition.

[Concurrent jurisdiction: A balancing act between intervention and independence](#)

The exercise of concurrent jurisdiction between competition authorities and sector-specific regulators has been a contentious topic, particularly where sector-specific pricing is at issue. However, in the case of Industrial Gas Users Association of South Africa v Sasol Gas (Proprietary) Limited and Others (IR095AUG22), and Sasol v Competition Commission and Others (OTH110SEP22) the Competition Tribunal (Tribunal) confirmed that the competition authorities are entitled to exercise their powers where there is concurrent jurisdiction, over alleged anticompetitive practices in regulated sectors.

[Ain't no appeal wide enough: New rules for appeals arising from market inquiries](#)

The Department of Trade, Industry and Competition (DTIC) has recently announced the release of new Rules Pertaining to Appeals Arising From Market Inquiries Before the Competition Tribunal (Appeal Rules). The Appeal Rules regulate the procedure in appealing determinations made by the Competition Commission (Commission) in a market inquiry.

[Trade associations: Viewed by the competition authorities as a "breeding ground" for prohibited practices](#)

A number of industries have formed associations where competing firms meet to discuss their mutual interests. Such associations play a valuable role as forums for the discussion of important issues of common interest for industry players. However, trade associations also create a platform for the discussion of matters that may result in a restriction of competition or even collusion between members.

[To share or not to share? A discussion on the Competition Commission's Guidelines on the Exchange of Competitively Sensitive Information](#)

The Competition Commission (Commission) published its final set of Guidelines on the Exchange of Competitively Sensitive Information between Competitors (Guidelines) on 24 February 2023. While the Guidelines are not binding on the Commission, Competition Tribunal or Competition Appeal Court in the exercise of their respective discretions and interpretations of the Competition Act 89 of 1998 (Competition Act), the Guidelines must be considered when interpreting and applying the Competition Act.

Videos

[WEBINAR | Buyer power and price discrimination under The Competition Act, related income tax incentives and BEE considerations](#)

Our experts hosted an informative webinar on Buyer Power and Price Discrimination under the Competition Act, related Income Tax incentives and BEE considerations.

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Recognition

- Chambers Global 2014–2024 ranked Andries le Grange in Band 4 for competition/antitrust.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2014–2023 recommended him for competition.