

Izabella Gutlar-Balkovic

Associate



Izabella Gutlar-Balkovic is an Associate in the Corporate & Commercial practice and the Technology & Communications sector.

About Izabella

Izabella completed her articles at a small firm in Pretoria which dealt with matters from various sectors such as commercial, litigation and labour. Izabella joined our Technology & Communications sector in July 2024. She has a special interest in the technology, media and telecommunications laws.

Credentials

Education

- Registered with the Legal Practice Council
- BCom (Law), University of Pretoria
- LLB (with distinction) University of Pretoria
- Year of admission as an attorney: July 2023

Experience

- Assisting in due diligence investigations for multinational companies, includes the review of high-value IT contracts, IT policies, data protection policies and procedures.
- She has provided advice to clients on the different classes of licences which may be issued by ICASA.
- Assisting in drafting single service aggregator agreements, software-as-a-service agreements, statements of work, memorandums of understanding, data sharing agreement, service level agreements and several other complex IT agreements.
- Negotiating of IT contracts and drafting of disaster recovery plans and business continuity plans.
- Advising on POPIA, and various privacy-related agreements, policies and notices.
- Registration of Information Officers and Deputy Information Officers with the Information Regulator.

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Expertise

Corporate & Commercial Law

Technology & Communications

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- Advising on signal distribution for a large telecommunications-related client.
- Drafting of various legal opinions and memoranda.
- Advising on a crypto-currency related acquisition, including advising on the requirements for obtaining a CASP licence.
- Advising on issues related to AI and guidance on AI training.
- Advised on the Joint Standard 1 of 2024 – Outsourcing by Insurers.
- Advising on environmental claims in light of the Consumer Protection Act.
- Advised on whether a large international organisation would be able to advance funds to their independent contractors under the Consumer Protection Act.

News

[New CCTV by-law from the City of Johannesburg](#)

The council for the City of Johannesburg Metropolitan Municipality (CoJ) recently approved the Privately-Owned Closed-Circuit Television Surveillance Camera By-Law (CCTV Camera By-Law). The CCTV Camera By-Law aims to promote the lawful and constitutional use of closed-circuit television (CCTV) cameras in public areas through the regulation and registration of privately-owned CCTV surveillance cameras. According to the CoJ, this is in the hopes of creating a safer city and safeguarding the constitutional rights to human dignity, privacy, security of persons, freedom of movement and general well-being of the community.

[Guidance Note on Direct Marketing](#)

On 3 December 2024, the Information Regulator published a Guidance Note on Direct Marketing.

[Summit for the Future and the Global Digital Compact: Key considerations and application for South Africa](#)

Between 20 and 23 September 2024, the Summit for the Future was hosted by the United Nations (UN). The aim of this summit was to further efforts to meet existing international commitments and take actionable steps in response to emerging challenges and opportunities.

[The aftermath of CrowdStrike: Re-evaluating the importance of severity classifications](#)

The recent fault in a CrowdStrike update on 19 July 2024 resulted in one of the most widespread IT outages in recent history and has continued to dominate newsfeeds globally. This undetected fault caused over 8,5 million Microsoft Windows operating systems to crash and financial damage from this outage is estimated to be more than \$10 billion. The disruption affected countless sectors including aviation, banking, hospitality, manufacturing, retail and many others.

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