

# Duran Naidoo

Senior Associate



Duran Naidoo is a Senior Associate in our Competition Law practice.

## About Duran

Duran started his articles in 2018 and was appointed as an Associate in ENSafrica's competition law practice in 2020. He joined CDH as a Senior Associate in 2022.

## Credentials

### Education

- Admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa: 2020
- Practical Legal Training Certificate, The Law Society of South Africa: 2019
- LLB: Bachelor of Laws (Deans' List Merit Award, 12 Distinctions (including Competition Law)): 2017
- BCOM: Bachelor of Commerce, majoring in Business Management and Law: 2015
- National Senior Certificate, Grey Boys' High School: 2008

### Memberships

- Association of Competition Law Practitioners ("ACLP"). The ACLP is a non-profit organisation established by and for South African attorneys to promote the practice of competition law. The ACLP is committed to promoting awareness of the importance of the rule of law in the context of competition law in South Africa and provides a forum for members to discuss and consider matters of common interest.

## Experience

### • Legal advice

Duran has experience across various sectors including alcoholic beverages, energy (petroleum and LPG), shipping & logistics, healthcare, insurance, technology, telecommunications, food and agro-processing, construction, banking and financial services, and retail.

### • Legal advice

Duran advises local and international clients on the notifiability and compilation of merger notifications to competition authorities in various key African jurisdictions (including South Africa, Botswana, eSwatini, Kenya, Namibia, and the regional regulatory body COMESA).

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## Expertise

Competition Law

## Location

Cape Town

## Language

Afrikaans

English

- Legal advice

Duran also advises local and international clients on prohibited practices (i.e. cartel conduct, restrictive vertical practices and abuse of dominance), dawn raids and compliance programmes).

- Legal advice

Duran has been involved in several noteworthy matters including being part of the team that represented and advised: Distell Group Holdings in its sale of its flavoured alcoholic beverages, wine and spirits operations to Heineken Group.

- Legal advice

Massmart Group Holdings regarding its disposal of its retail businesses to Shoprite Group Limited.

- Legal advice

Permira Holdings Limited and Hellman & Friedman regarding the South African merger notification in its \$10.2 billion acquisition of control in Zendesk Inc.

- Legal advice

Mediterranean Shipping Company in its minority acquisition in Ignazio Messina & C.

- Legal advice

Experian Limited in its acquisition of Compuscan Limited.

- Legal advice

Sanlam Limited in its acquisition of Saham S.A

## News

### [The DOJ and KKR: Know what to disclose and disclose it!](#)

In January 2025, the US' Department of Justice (DOJ) filed a complaint against KKR & Co. Inc. (KKR), alleging systematic violations of the Hart-Scott-Rodino Antitrust Improvements Act of 1976 (HSR Act). The HSR Act requires parties to transactions that satisfy monetary thresholds, to provide premerger filings to the DOJ and the Federal Trade Commission. These filings enable the authorities to evaluate potential anticompetitive effects prior to the implementation of certain mergers

### [Navigating the merger control maze: Kenyan Competition Authority imposes pre-implementation penalty for global merger](#)

The Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) approved and regularised the merger between Sika International AG (Sika AG) and LSF11 Skyscraper Holdco S.a.r.l (Skyscraper) after the parties self-reported that the merger, which triggered a mandatory notification in Kenya, was implemented without the CAK's approval.

### [Keeping it clean: Using a clean team to unlock M&A transactions and manage competitively sensitive information](#)

The evaluation of a potential merger or acquisition typically necessitates the sharing of confidential information, usually via a formal due diligence investigation. Naturally, the due diligence investigation is usually undertaken at the outset of the process to allow the potential bidder (or both parties, as applicable) to assess the suitability of the transaction and to inform negotiations.

### [Competition Commission intensifies its monitoring of essential foods and fresh produce: What you need to know](#)

The latest edition of the Competition Commission's (Commission) Essential Food Price Monitoring Report (EFPMR) analyses price movements of sunflower oil, bread, maize meal and certain fruits and vegetables and contains a deep dive probe into the poultry value chain. The Commission remains concerned about food inflation and whether prices are justified by increasing costs.

### [Pre-closing merger notifications to the Egyptian Competition Authority are now mandatory](#)

Transactions constituting "economic concentrations" now require pre-closing clearance in Egypt. Egypt has substantially altered its merger control regime by amending the Protection of Competition and Prohibition of Monopolistic Practices Law 3 of 2005 (Competition Law) on 30 December 2022.

## Podcasts

[A balancing act or dangerous imbalance? Discussing the Evolution and Import of the Public Interest Assessment in the Competition Act](#)

The public interest assessment element of merger control has undergone significant transformation since the Competition Act's inception.

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