Shameegh Allen

Director

Shameegh Allen is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice. Shameegh specialises in mergers and acquisitions, company law and corporate restructuring, and has unique expertise in advising on numerous complex commercial transactions.

About Shameegh

After graduating summa cum laude from the University of the Western Cape, Shameegh joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Candidate Attorney in 2018. Shameegh was appointed as an Associate in our Corporate and Commercial practice in 2020, and was admitted as an Attorney of the High Court of South Africa in the same year.

Shameegh was appointed as a Director in April 2025.

Credentials

Education

- LLB (summa cum laude), University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, SA.
- BA Sports, Recreation and Exercise Science, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, SA.
- BA Honours Sport and Exercise Science, University of the Western Cape, Cape Town, SA.
- Year of admission: 2020

Experience

- Lead advisor to Futuregrowth in its investment into Pineapple Tech, an insurance technology company launched in 2018.
- Lead advisor to Futuregrowth in its investment into Cybersmart, a technology and cybersecurity company.
- Lead advisor to Futuregrowth in its investment into Inseco, a biotechnology company.



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Expertise

Corporate & Commercial Law

Location

Cape Town

Language

English



- Lead advisor to Bauta Logistics Ltd, a member of the African Infrastructure Investment Managers (AIIM) led consortium which acquired 100% of the issued share capital of Commercial Cold Storage Group Limited, trading as CCS Logistics, from Oceana Group.
- Advised SA Corporate Real Estate Limited and Indluplace Properties Limited in relation to SA Corporate's acquisition of the entire issued ordinary share capital of Indluplace in terms of a scheme of arrangements pursuant to section 114(1)(e) of the Companies Act, and the subsequent delisting of Indluplace from the JSE pursuant to the scheme becoming operative.
- Advised Korbicom and GhostPractice, a legal software platform designed to help manage law firms and their practice, in a cross-board transaction involving an internal restructuring and the sale of the entire share capital to Dye and Durham.
- Advised Parity Software, a market-leading Microsoft product and service consultancy in South Africa providing advisory services to public and private sector clients, and its shareholders in a transaction which saw the sale of the entire share capital in Parity Software to Ernst & Young, as well as the transfer of the Parity Software employees.
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- Advised on a Major B-BBEE Transaction between two public benefit organisations, a testamentary trust and non-profit company.
- Advised Prescient Holdings Proprietary Limited, Stellar Capital Partners Limited and Prescient Empowerment Trust Proprietary Limited, during Prescient Holdings' 2019 restructuring, which resulted in the divestment by Stellar Capital of its direct shareholding in Prescient Holdings and Prescient Empowerment Trust.
- Advised on several mergers and acquisitions in the unlisted space, including corporate actions including, share buy-backs, corporate restructuring and rights offers, as well as general commercial, corporate and regulatory issues.
- Negotiated and drafted various legal agreements, assisted with general company secretarial work pertaining to the registration of companies and their on-going corporate governance, and assisted in commercial legal due diligence investigations and the drafting of due diligence reports.

News

Ratchets: The most important anti-dilution tool in your investment toolbox

Venture capital and private equity investors' strategy is to find companies, invest early and grow their investments as the investee company grows. However, this investment strategy is risky, because new, untested companies often struggle as they venture into the unknown. This frequently results in these companies raising additional funding down the line. One way for investors to protect their investment is through " anti-dilution " provisions, which aim to prevent investors from excessive dilution in future funding rounds and particularly in instances where fresh shares are issued at a lower price than the subscription price paid by existing investors, commonly known as a 'down round'.

Back to the future: The provision of future/contingent financial assistance in terms of section 44 of the Companies Act

In Constantia Insurance Company Limited v Master of the High Court, Johannesburg and Others JOL 56548 (SCA), the Supreme Court of Appeal provided some much-needed clarity in confirming that the forms of financial assistance provided in terms of section 45 of the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (Act) constitutes an exhaustivelist.

Minority protections against oppressive and/or prejudicial amendments to an MOI

When considering the age-old question of which provisions should be contained in the memorandum of incorporation (MOI) and which provisions should be contained in the shareholders' agreement (SHA), one important consideration which is often overlooked is the threshold required to amend an MOI as opposed to an SHA.



The rare and elusive fundamental transaction: Statutory mergers and amalgamation in terms of section 113 of the Companies Act

Flexibility and adaptability when advising clients on any proposed transaction, whether a deal with third parties or an internal restructuring, are crucial skills for any mergers and acquisitions (M&A) lawyer. Fortunately, the Companies Act 71 of 2008 (Companies Act) provides a few options, including the rarely used statutory amalgamation or merger in terms of section 113. All distinctions between amalgamations and mergers in drafts of section 113 were removed from the final legislation, so this note only refers to a section 113 merger for convenience.

JSE Listings Requirements: Something out of the ordinary is taking place

On 4 May 2022, following a consultation process with market participants, the Johannesburg Stock Exchange (JSE) announced that the Financial Sector Conduct Authority had approved amendments to the JSE listings requirements (Listings Requirements). The amendments, which came into effective on 1 June 2022, have been introduced as part of the JSE's Cutting Red Tape Project at a time when a growing number of issuers are delisting from the JSE.

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Recognition

• The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 mentioned and listed Shameegh as leading Associate for commercial, corporate/M&A.

