

Tayyibah Suliman

Sector Head, Director



Tayyibah Suliman is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice and is head of the Technology & Communications sector.

About Tayyibah

Tayyibah is a seasoned legal practitioner with 15 years of experience, managing complex technology, media, telecommunications, data protection, mergers and acquisitions matters for clients across multiple jurisdictions. She has engaged extensively with legal regulatory authorities across Africa and provided strategic public policy, compliance and risk advice to clients with an emphasis on providing strategic and pragmatic solutions.

Tayyibah joined CDH as a Candidate Attorney in January 2008, moving through the ranks to her appointment as Partner in April 2016. She subsequently supported Vodacom Group entities in various capacities since 2017 as a Consulting Legal Executive, including heading up the legal, regulatory, risk and compliance portfolio for Vodacom Business Africa since October 2019 and deputising for the Chief of Legal in Safaricom Ethiopia in 2022. In the course of 2019, she also fulfilled a commercial executive role for a UK start-up legal-tech insurance company, Nuvalaw UK Limited. She returned to CDH as a Sector Head for Technology & Communications.

Credentials

Education

- Registered with the Legal Practice Council
- LLB, University of Johannesburg
- BCom, University of Johannesburg
- Oxford University Säid Business School Executive Leadership Programme

Experience

- Advising and supporting Vodacom Financial Services on the implementation of financial services products and platforms, including MPESA and Vodapay.
- Advising and supporting Vodacom and its various subsidiaries on the implementation of renewable energy projects and associated financial service platforms.

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Expertise

[Corporate & Commercial Law](#)

[Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing](#)

[Technology & Communications](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English



- Maintaining regulatory, compliance and public policy oversight across more than 47 territories.
- Supporting and advising clients on the implementation of digital media platforms, advertising and the procurement of content.
- Advising on multiple outsourcing and technology engagements for major banks in South Africa and the UK.
- Managing the implementation of legal technology in the insurance industry for online mediation and arbitration
- Advising on the negotiation and conclusion of large-scale telecommunications infrastructure arrangements for Safaricom Ethiopia.

News

[Implications for crypto asset service providers from High Court ruling on crypto and exchange control](#)

In the case of Standard Bank of South Africa v South African Reserve Bank and Others (047643/2023) ZAGPPHC 481 (delivered 15 May 2025), the Gauteng High Court ruled that South Africa's current Exchange Control Regulations do not apply to cryptocurrency transactions. Although the ruling has been suspended pending an appeal, the judgment carries significant implications for crypto asset service providers, crypto exchanges, fintech, and institutional players operating in the crypto asset space.

[Navigating the legal landscape of AgriTech](#)

Agricultural technology, better known as AgriTech, is the use of modern technology to improve agricultural processes. AgriTech has changed the way many agricultural businesses worldwide operate as it has the ability to improve the efficiency, productivity and sustainability of agricultural processes. AgriTech plays a role in food security, climate change, resource allocation and management.

[Draft Residential Communities Industry Code of Conduct out for comment](#)

The Protection of Personal Information Act 4 of 2013 (POPIA) is South Africa's primary data protection law and empowers the Information Regulator (Regulator) to oversee compliance with general data protection laws. The Regulator is also empowered, in terms of section 60 of POPIA, to issue codes of conduct to support sector-specific implementation of POPIA and allow for the development of codes of conduct tailored to particular industries.

[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.

[Outsourcing in 2025: Global and local outlooks](#)

The Forbes Technology Council reports that the outsourcing market has grown dramatically in the last few years, especially in relation to information technology (IT) spend. Spending on outsourced IT amounted to \$971,2 billion in 2023, and this figure is expected to rise, according to Forbes.

Videos

[Webinar Recording | AI on Trial Navigating legal risks in the age of AI](#)

Watch our team of experts as they discuss the intersection of law and AI and the opportunities it offers.

[AI in Focus: Legal and Ethical Considerations for Modern Businesses](#)

Watch the recording of a virtual panel discussion on the transformative power of AI.

Regulation of AI in South Africa

Sector Head Tayyibah Suliman from our Technology and Communications sector joined Francis Herd on ENCA to discuss the regulation of AI in South Africa.

Podcasts

Women in Tech Law: Navigating the industry and developing trends

In this episode of CDH conversations, Director Tayyibah Suliman and Candidate Attorney, Zachary Kokosioulis discuss the role of women within the technology law space, and also discuss emerging trends and corporate practices of the technology sector at large.

The impact of AI and the power of streaming platforms in the South African context

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