



# Margo-Ann Werner

## Director

Margo-Ann Werner is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice.

### Practice areas


Corporate & Commercial  
Environmental Law


### Sectors


Insurance Law

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### Career

Margo started her career at Fasken as a Candidate Attorney in 2013 where she was appointed as an Associate in 2015 and promoted to Senior Associate in 2018. Margo joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Senior Associate in 2020 in the Corporate & Commercial practice. Margo was appointed Director in 2021.

### Experience

Margo has extensive experience in respect of environmental and regulatory considerations, particularly in Project Finance transactions; the application of the Equator Principles; Climate Change litigation and considerations; administrative appeals and reviews; general environmental advisory in the mining; cement manufacturing; food manufacturing and pharmaceutical industries; and environmental compliance audits.

Specific experience includes:

- Running an opposition to an appeal against a client's provisional atmospheric emissions licence, including the drafting of submissions and heads of argument, with the outcome of the appeal being a success for client as the appeal was dismissed;
- Running an opposition to an appeal against a client's integrated water use licence through the Water Tribunal, including the drafting of submissions and heads of argument;
- Assisting a client with a successful application to the Minister of Human Settlements, Water and Sanitation for the upliftment of the suspension of its integrated water use licence;

- Climate change considerations including: carbon regulation and trading; regulatory compliance and enforcement; environmental risk management; sustainability management; resource and environmental policy development and implementation and climate change litigation.
- Advising a client in the cement manufacturing industry on a complicated question in respect of the use of alternate fuels as a fuel input and drafting submissions to the licencing authority;
- Advising a client on the reporting obligations in respect of a potential environmental emergency incident;
- Electricity Regulation including experience with the various IPP Programmes (Renewable and Coal Baseload), NERSA Objections and application of the Grid Code and advice on regulatory considerations for the installation of a new technology of electricity generation;
- Financial Provisioning required for prospecting and mining rights;
- Environmental Due Diligence Investigations;
- Environmental and Regulatory compliance audits and assessments;
- Commercial Drafting, including: environmental and regulatory related clauses and provisions in finance agreements; transferring and apportioning of environmental liability;
- Advising on liability of licence holders, shareholders, directors, land users and other parties for environmental pollution and / or degradation; and
- Waste Management.

## Education

- Admitted Attorney
- Bachelor of Law (LLB cum laude), University of the Witwatersrand
- Bachelor of Commerce (Double Major with Law), University of the Witwatersrand

## Languages

English