



Ebum Taigbenu


Associate Designate


Ebum Taigbenu is an Associate Designate in our Corporate & Commercial practice.


Practice areas


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Career

Ebum joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Candidate Attorney in 2019. She was retained as an Associate Designate in 2021 in the Corporate & Commercial practice, specifically focused on mining law, environmental and regulatory law.

Experience

As a Candidate Attorney she rotated to four different practice areas in the firm – Dispute Resolution, Trusts & Estates, Real Estate and Corporate & Commercial.

In her time as a Candidate Attorney, she gained experience in preparing briefs for counsel, attending to urgent High Court applications and the execution of court orders, the administration of trusts and deceased estates, the registration of long-term product servitudes and lease agreements for Total South Africa and Total Botswana, and conducting due diligence investigations focused on immovable property.

Specifically, in the Corporate & Commercial practice:

- Worked on administrative appeals applications and objections in terms of the Mineral and Petroleum Resources Development Act, 28 of 2002 ("MPRDA") and the National Environmental Management Act, 107 of 1998 ("NEMA") for clients such as Sishen Iron Ore Company (Pty) Ltd and Bokoni Platinum Mine (Pty) Ltd.
- Assisted in preparing applications for access to information from the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy ("DMRE") in terms of the Promotion of Access to Information Act, 2 of 2000 ("PAIA").
- Assisted in the preparation of section 11, section 102 and section 52 applications in terms of the MPRDA, along with board resolutions pertaining to the aforesaid applications.

- Drafted company secretarial documents and worked with the Companies and Intellectual Property Commission ("CIPC") in effecting various company changes.
- Assisted in the registration of prospecting and mining rights held by companies such as De Beers Consolidated Mines (Pty) Ltd and Umcebo Mining.
- Assisted in conducting land audits for mining companies.
- Assisted in the drafting of legal opinions for clients on environmental issues such as the environmental duty of care, emergency situations under section 30A of NEMA wherein environmental authorisations are not required, and water use licences.

Education

- BA (with majors in Political Science, History and International Relations), University of Witwatersrand
- LLB, University of Witwatersrand

Languages

English