



## Lara Granville

### Director

Lara Granville is a Director in our Competition Law practice. She has extensive experience in both the transactional and litigious aspects of competition law. She has advised on all aspects of competition law, including complex merger notifications; compliance training; negotiating consent orders; defending clients against prohibited practice allegations; and merger notifications to, and engagement with, various African competition law authorities. She has also advised clients in relation to other economic regulatory processes before the South African telecommunications and energy regulators.

### Practice areas


Competition Law


### Sectors


Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

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### Career

Lara started her career at the Constitutional Court of South Africa before completing her articles at Deney's Reitz Attorneys in 2009. In 2009 she was appointed as an Associate at Norton Rose South Africa. In 2011, she spent a year on secondment at Norton Rose LLP in London and was promoted to Director in Competition Law in the Norton Rose Johannesburg office in 2014. She joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as a Director in 2016.

### Experience

- Acting for a pharmaceutical company in relation to the Commission's investigation of alleged excessive pricing of pharmaceutical products.
- Acting for a foreign bank in relation to the Commission's prosecution of banks for alleged collusion in the forex market.
- Assisting a client in the beverages industry in securing approval for a large merger from the competition authorities in South Africa, COMESA; Kenya, Tanzania, and Namibia.
- Extensive advice to clients in the fuel industry including:
  - Successfully securing approval from the Namibian authority for a transaction in retail;
  - Advising on the Commission's market inquiry into the LPG sector;



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- Notifying a large merger to the South African Commission for the purposes of advancing B-BBEE in the fuel industry;
- Representing a client in the Commission's prosecution of oil companies in the diesel sector, and assisting client in relation to the settlement of that complaint.
- Acting for a client in the FMCG industry in relation to Competition Commission and High Court processes arising out of a dawn raid.
- Extensive work in the mobile telecommunications sector, including:
  - Notification of mergers and acting for clients objecting to mergers in the sector;
  - Engaging in High Court litigation in relation to ICASA's call termination regulations;
  - Providing telecommunications regulatory advice and assisting in ICASA regulatory processes.
- Successfully defended 13 'appointed distributors' of SAB at the Competition Tribunal and Competition Appeal Court.
- Successfully represented a plastic pipe manufacturer in proceedings before the Competition Tribunal in relation to allegations of collusion. One of the few cartel cases heard before the Tribunal in which the case against the respondent was ultimately dismissed by the Competition Tribunal.

#### **Pro-bono work:**

- Secured final urgent interdict from Kimberley High Court for the protection of the Canteen Kopje heritage site against illegal alluvial diamond mining.
- Acted for refugees at the Refugee Appeal Board.
- Assisted clients to apply for maintenance orders.
- Assisted clients to apply for domestic violence protection orders.
- Taught school children about constitutional rights at Constitution Hill Education Project.

#### **Market Recognition**

- Who's Who Legal has named Lara Granville as one of world's leading Competition – Future Leaders lawyers for 2018.
- International Financial Law Review (IFLR) 1000 - 2011 Edition mentions Lara as a 'great competition lawyer'.
- Legal 500 EMEA 2018-2022 recommended Lara in Competition.
- Chambers Global 2022 ranked Lara in Band 5 in Competition/Antitrust. In 2019-2021 Lara was ranked as 'Up & Coming' in Competition/Antitrust.

#### **Publications**

- Co-authored the Regulatory ambiguity and policy uncertainty in South Africa's telecommunications sector working paper in Economic Research Southern Africa 2018 publication.



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- Authored South African chapter for GCR Know how - Antimonopoly & Unilateral Conduct 2017.
- South African contributions to the Antitrust Law Committee of the American Bar Association's (ABA) "Year in Review" each year from 2012 – 2017.
- Article in the African Journal of Information and Communication on The impact of regulation on competition in telecommunications and piped gas.
- Co-authored the South African chapter (together with Judge Dennis Davis, president of the Competition Appeal Court) of E Fox & M Trebilcock eds, The Design of Competition Law Institutions: Global Norms, Local Choices (OUP, 2013), a book evaluating the application of due process norms in the enforcement of competition law in different jurisdictions. This study forms part of an NYU project on 'Global Administrative Law'.
- Co-authored the South African chapter for the ABA's 2011 "Essentials of Merger Review" resource, October 2011 by the Antitrust Law Committee of the ABA.

## Education

- BA, University of Witwatersrand
- LLB, University of Witwatersrand
- LLM, New York University
- Certificate in Telecommunications Law, University of Witwatersrand
- Certificate in Advanced Administrative Law (with distinction), University of Witwatersrand
- Enrolled with the Legal Practice Council

## Languages

English