



Yaniv Kleitman

Director

Yaniv Kleitman is a Director in our Corporate & Commercial practice and operates as a professional support lawyer (PSL). He specialises in company and securities law.

Practice areas

Corporate & Commercial

Sectors

The Companies Act
Corporate Governance
Listings, Stock Exchanges & Public Documents

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Career

Yaniv began his career as a Candidate Attorney at Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr and was appointed as an Associate in January 2009. He was promoted to Senior Associate in January 2011. In 2015 Yaniv was appointed as a Director.

Experience

- Part of the team that advised Vodacom in its BEE transaction, Vodacom's acquisition of StorTech and Vodacom's acquisition of Gateway Communications in 2008/2009 (due diligence aspects).
- Part of the team that advised Foskor and Industrial Development Corporation in Foskor's BEE transaction in 2008/2009.
- Part of the team that advised Batho Bonke Capital in the latter's conversion of its "A" Preference Shares in Absa Group into a 5% shareholding in Absa Group, in 2009.
- Part of the team that advised Pareto in its acquisition of a 50% ownership interest in each of Menlyn Park Shopping Centre and Cavendish Square and Cavendish Connect Shopping Centres, in 2010.
- Part of the team that advised on the unbundling and listing of Mvelaserve, then a subsidiary of Mvelaphanda Group, in 2010.
- Advised in the unwind of Batho Bonke, in 2012 / 2013.

- Part of the team that advised Mvelaserve and Mvelaphanda Group (now New Bond Capital) in their respective takeovers by Bidvest and Blackstar Group, in 2012 / 2013.
- Advised on a number of listed acquisitions and combinations including Steinhoff / Pepkor (as well as the subsequent Steinhoff scheme of arrangement and Frankfurt listing), Mediclinic / Al-Noor, Ascendis / Remedica and Ascendis / Scitec, in 2014 - 2016.
- Advised extensively in the numerous renewable energy projects that were initiated by the Department of Energy and which are underway in South Africa.
- Advised a number of parastatals on compliance and governance aspects.
- General corporate and commercial, advisory and due diligence work.
- Advises extensively in the field of company and commercial law, and provides training and seminars in these fields.

Market Recognition

- The IFLR1000 2019 and 2020 recommended Yaniv as a notable practitioner in M&A.

Education

- LLB (*cum laude*), University of Johannesburg
- LLM (Commercial Law) (*cum laude*), University of Johannesburg
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2009
- Enrolled with the Legal Practice Council

Languages

English