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## CDH Kenya appoints new Corporate & Commercial Partner, Martha Mbugua



**Martha Mbugua**  
Partner | Kenya

Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's (CDH) Nairobi office is delighted to welcome the esteemed Martha Mbugua to the firm. She joined as a Partner in the Corporate & Commercial practice, as of 1 September 2022. Martha has more than 13 years in three globally ranked law firms in Nairobi, she also worked briefly in South Africa and in the legal departments of Barclays Bank of Kenya (now Absa Bank Kenya Plc) and East Africa Breweries Limited.

Her combination of wide-ranging experience in both corporate law firms and as inhouse counsel, has provided Martha with a wealth of experience in Private Equity and Venture Capital structuring and investments, M&A, corporate and debt restructuring, and general corporate and commercial law.

Martha is well recognised in the East African market, by her wealth of accolades; she is founder and managing partner of boutique law firm Law3Sixty, with IFLR ranking her as a rising star in the Private Equity/Mergers in 2017, 2018 and 2019 and as a highly regarded lawyer in 2021 and 2022. In 2018 Martha was recognised by Legal500

as a recommended lawyer in the Kenyan market. Kenya's Business Daily newspaper ranked her as one of the *Top 40 under 40 Women for the year 2017*, and noted Martha as one of the youngest female partners specialising in private equity/mergers and acquisitions.

*"To be able to grow the firm further, I have decided to merge Law3Sixty with one of Kenya's leading law firms, CDH Kenya. Through the merger, we will be able hone in on the practice of law, so as to provide clients with a broader and deeper portfolio of services",* said Martha

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*"Martha has been involved in numerous complex and ground-breaking matters, not only in East Africa, but across the continent too. It is a privilege to welcome Martha and her clients to CDH Kenya, and we look forward to providing her with the operational tools to propel her work forward,"* said Sammy Ndolo, CDH Kenya Managing Partner

*"We are regularly looking at ways to create partnerships for the benefit of our clients, and we found synergies in the overarching goals of Law3Sixty and ours - that is, to provide seamless legal services in East Africa and enable our worldwide clients to harness the vast opportunities within the continent, and beyond,"* says CDH Chief Executive Officer, Brent Williams.

Martha obtained her LLB at the University of Nairobi. Thereafter she attended the Kenya School of Law where she undertook the Advocates Training Program Diploma in Law. Martha obtained her LLM – International Commercial Law (Financing International Trade, International Oil & Gas Law, and International Commercial Arbitration) at the University of Birmingham.



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