



CDH achieves recognition in the 2026 Legal 500 EMEA rankings

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expertise and services

CDH has once again been recognised in the Legal 500 EMEA 2026 rankings, a leading global guide assessing law firms across more than 150 jurisdictions.

The recognition highlights the firm’s strong technical expertise, ability to handle complex and innovative matters, and consistent delivery of high-quality legal services across Africa.

Our clients benefit from our proven expertise, consistent track record of success, and access to top-tier legal talent. We combine legal insight with a practical, results-driven approach to guide matters from vision to fruition. By aligning our strategies with each client’s goals, we provide tailored support that not only addresses immediate legal needs but also helps bring their broader vision to life with confidence and clarity.

“We are proud to be recognised by Legal 500 year on year. The rankings reflect the strength of our teams, the quality of our work, and our ability to support clients on complex transactions and matters,” said Brent Williams: CDH CEO.

Client feedback forms a key part of the Legal 500 research process. *“We are grateful to our clients for their continued trust and positive feedback,”* added Sammy Ndolo, Managing Partner in Kenya.

Patrick Kauta, Managing Partner of CDH Namibia, congratulated the firm’s experts for their dedication and client-focused approach, noting: *“We appreciate the opportunity to work with our clients and the trust they place in us to help bring their vision to life.”*

The Legal 500 EMEA 2026 results

CDH Practice or Sector Area	Ranking
Commercial, Corporate and M&A	Tier 1
Dispute Resolution	Tier 1
Employment	Tier 1
Real Estate	Tier 1
Tax	Tier 1
Banking and Finance	Tier 2
Competition	Tier 2
Construction	Tier 2
Investment Funds	Tier 2
Mining	Tier 2
Projects and Infrastructure	Tier 2
Shipping and Transport	Tier 2

Hall of Fame	
Tim Fletcher	Dispute Resolution
Ian Hayes	Commercial, Corporate and M&A and Mining
Willem Jacobs	Commercial, Corporate and M&A
Fiona Leppan	Employment
Allan Reid	Mining
Ludwig Smith	Banking and Finance

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Leading Partner

Gerhard Badenhorst	Tax
Emil Brincker	Tax
Chris Charter	Competition
Vivien Chaplin	Mining
Muhammad Gattoo	Real Estate
Corné Lewis	Dispute Resolution
Aadil Patel	Employment
Clive Rumsey	Construction
Andrew van Niekerk	Construction
John Webber	Real Estate

Next Generation Partner

Jerome Brink	Tax
Claudette Dutilleux	Dispute Resolution
Wayne Murray	Investment Funds
Rachel Kelly	Mining
Shameegh Allen	Commercial, Corporate and M&A
Tsele Moloi	Construction

Leading Associate

Storm Arends	Commercial, Corporate and M&A
Nuhaa Amardien	Investment Funds
Nicholas Carroll	Tax
Natasha Fletcher	Real Estate
Akhona Mgwaba	Commercial, Corporate and M&A
Mukelwe Mthembu	Dispute Resolution
Mmakgabo Mogapi	Competition

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Banking and Finance

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Johan de Lange

Deon Wilken

Andrew van Niekerk

Amelia Heeger

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CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Competition

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Andries le Grange

Susan Meyer

Lebohang Mabidikane

Reece May

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Thabang Rapuleng

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Lulama Lobola

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Vivien Chaplin

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Lebohang Mabidikane

Jaco Meyer

Petr Erasmus

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CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Tax

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Ludwig Smith

Stephan Spamer

Petr Erasmus

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CDH Kenya Practice or Sector Area	Ranking
Banking, Finance and Capital Markets	Tier 2
Commercial, Corporate and M&A	Tier 3
Dispute Resolution	Tier 3
Employment	Tier 3
Real Estate and Construction	Tier 3

KENYA Leading Partner

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KENYA Next Generation Partner

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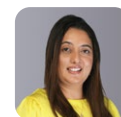
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