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Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's Pan-African excellence recognised in Chambers Global 2026

Pan-African law firm Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH) is honoured to be prominently recognised in the Chambers Global 2026 rankings, an achievement that reflects the firm's unwavering commitment to client excellence across Africa. These rankings are determined using rigorous criteria, including technical legal expertise, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities clients deem important.

CDH extends its sincere gratitude to its clients for their valuable feedback and continued trust in both the firm and its legal practitioners.

Commenting on the achievement, CDH CEO, Brent Williams said:



Over the past several years, our clients across Africa have navigated a particularly challenging environment. Our purpose has always been to walk alongside them, working closely on a day-to-day basis while helping to position their organisations for the future. These rankings affirm that our clients regard us as true business partners, citing our commercial awareness, innovative solutions, and our highly customer-centric and responsive approach.



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Sammy Ndolo, CDH Kenya Managing Partner, echoed this sentiment:

“Chambers Global identifies and differentiates the very best legal talent worldwide. As a firm with a strong and growing footprint across Africa, we operate as one seamless team, united by a commitment to excellence in client service and a willingness to go the proverbial extra mile. Clients consistently note our commercial awareness and our deep understanding of their businesses as multinationals, as well as the industries in which they operate.



CDH Namibia Managing Partner, Patrick Kauta added:

“CDH’s outstanding performance in this year’s Chambers Global rankings is a clear endorsement of the strength, trust, and longevity of our client partnerships. We proudly congratulate all the practice areas and practitioners recognised in the Chambers Global 2026 rankings, whose excellence, commitment, and client-focused approach underpin this outstanding achievement.



We congratulate the following practice areas and specialists on entering the rankings tables.

South Africa

Specialists

Rishaban Moodley	Administrative & Public Law
Mohammed Saib	Capital Markets: Debt
Susan Meyer	Competition/Antitrust
Corné Lewis	Dispute Resolution
Alecia Pienaar	Environment
Anja Hofmeyr	IT & Telecoms
Tessa Brewis	Projects & Energy
Lucinde Rhoodie	Restructuring/Insolvency

Kenya

Practices

Dispute Resolution
Employment
Real Estate

Specialist

Desmond Odhiambo	Dispute Resolution and Employment
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CDH's top-tier rankings are detailed in full below.

Band One ranked practices

Corporate/M&A
Employment
Real Estate
Tax

Band Two ranked practices

Administrative & Public Law	Dispute Resolution
Banking & Finance	Energy & Natural Resources: Mining
Capital Markets: Debt	IT & Telecoms
Capital Markets: Equity	Private Equity
Competition/Antitrust	Restructuring/Insolvency
Construction	

Band One ranked specialists

Chris Charter	Competition/Antitrust
Clive Rumsey	Construction
Ian Hayes	Corporate/M&A
Aadil Patel	Employment
John Webber	Real Estate
Emil Brincker	Tax

Band Two ranked specialists

Peter Hesseling	Corporate/M&A
Fiona Leppan	Employment
Imraan Mahomed	Employment
Allan Reid	Energy & Natural Resources: Mining
Shem Otanga Kenya	Intellectual Property
David Pinnock	Private Equity



Band Three ranked practices

Banking & Finance | Kenya

Corporate/M&A | Kenya

Corporate Investigations

Employment | Kenya

Environment

Insurance

Intellectual Property | Kenya

Band Four ranked practices

Projects & Energy

Real Estate | Kenya

Band Three ranked specialists

Jacquie Cassette

Administrative & Public Law

Rishaban Moodley

Administrative & Public Law

Sammy Ndolo | Kenya

Banking & Finance and Corporate/M&A

Peter Hesseling

Capital Markets: Equity

Andrew van Niekerk

Construction

Joe Whittle

Construction

Tim Smit

Corporate Investigations

Njeri Wagacha | Kenya

Corporate/M&A

Willem Jacobs

Corporate/M&A and Private Equity

Desmond Odhiambo | Kenya

Employment

Simone Dickson

IT & Telecoms

Muhammad Gattoo

Real Estate

Jerome Brink

Tax

Stephan Spamer

Tax



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Band Four ranked specialists

Deon Wilken	Banking & Finance
Albert Aukema	Competition/Antitrust
Andries le Grange	Competition/Antitrust
David Pinnock	Corporate/M&A
Desmond Odhiambo Kenya	Dispute Resolution
Lucinde Rhoodie	Dispute Resolution and Restructuring /Insolvency
Vivien Chaplin	Energy & Natural Resources: Mining
Anja Hofmeyr	IT & Telecoms
Tessa Brewis	Projects & Energy
Megan Rodgers	Projects & Energy
Nastascha Harduth	Restructuring/Insolvency

Eminent Practitioner

Tim Fletcher	Dispute Resolution
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Band Five ranked practice

Dispute Resolution | Kenya

Band Five ranked specialists

Susan Meyer	Competition/Antitrust
Vivien Chaplin	Corporate/M&A
David Thompson	Corporate/M&A
Jackwell Feris	Dispute Resolution
Anja Hofmeyr	Dispute Resolution
Clive Rumsey	Dispute Resolution

Senior Statesperson

Ludwig Smith	Banking & Finance
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Up & Coming

Mohammed Saib	Capital Markets: Debt
Corné Lewis	Dispute Resolution
Alecia Pienaar	Environment
Alex Kanyi Kenya	Tax

Spotlight ranking

International & Cross-Border Capabilities

Individual Spotlight ranking

Megan Rodgers	Foreign Expertise based abroad in South Africa
Gerhard Badenhorst	Tax: Indirect Tax



Tim Fletcher
Chairperson



Brent Williams
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Our BBBEE verification is one of several components of our transformation strategy and we continue to seek ways of improving it in a meaningful manner.

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