

# BUSINESS RESCUE, RESTRUCTURING & INSOLVENCY



"The strength of the CDH team definitely lies in their sound knowledge and understanding of the law," with praise for the team's "strategic approach."

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## **OVERVIEW**

The African economy is ever-changing, and the need to adapt in response is essential to any thriving company.

However, often businesses fall victim to the harsh financial reality that not all companies can thrive in our economy.

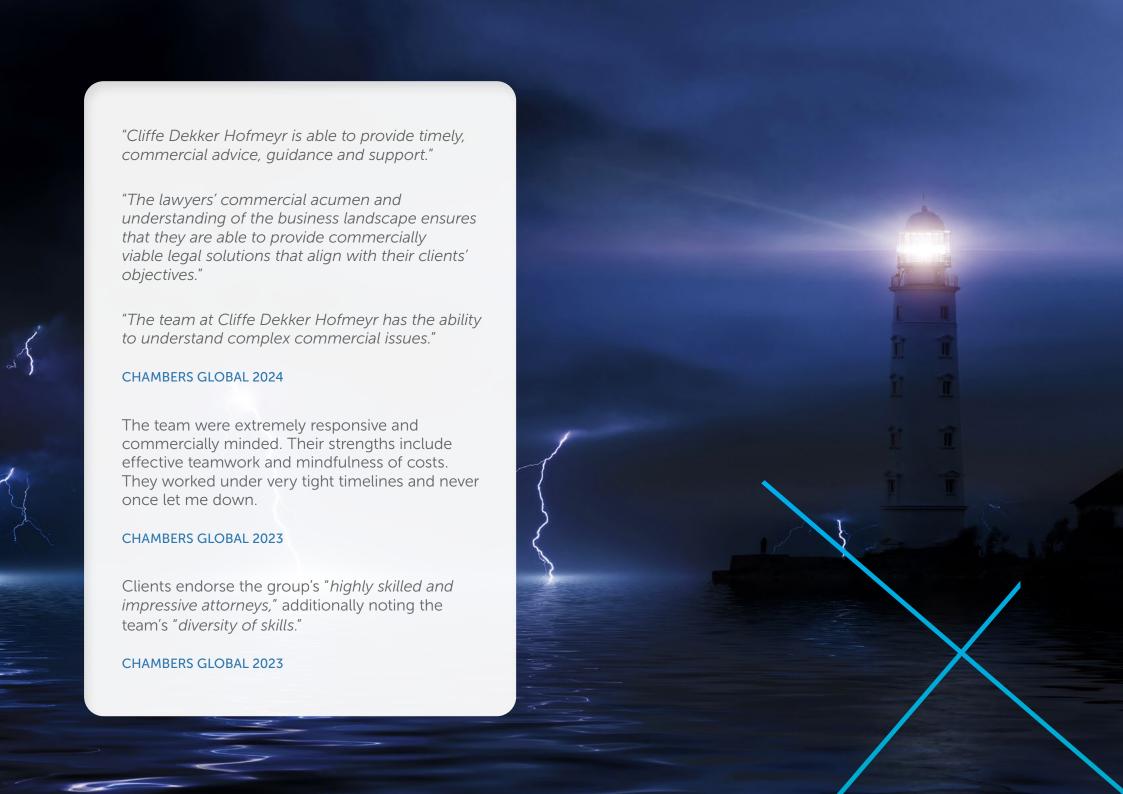
Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr's (CDH) highly skilled and experienced Business Rescue, Restructuring & Insolvency team in both South Africa and Kenya is able to meet the needs of our clients regardless of the economy and the many challenges it brings.

# WE PRIORITISE EFFECIENCY

We manage, apply and share our considerable knowledge assets for the benefit of our clients through continuous skills training.

We keep clients informed on regulation developments through seminars and our regular article alerts.

Our dedicated professional support lawyer assists the practice in leveraging our intellectual capital, channelling our professional expertise into thought leadership articles and ensuring that our practice remains constantly updated with new developments in the law.







# **BUSINESS RESCUE**

Business rescue has become the most sought-after tool for rescuing a company.

However, abuse of the proceedings is also rising, as debtors often want to exploit the benefits of business rescue and avoid the inevitable consequences of liquidation.

CDH's dedicated Business Rescue. Restructuring & Insolvency team is fully equipped to assist in any business rescue dilemma. We work closely with all relevant stakeholders to ensure that the distressed company is either restructured, placed into business rescue or liquidated, depending on the best possible commercial outcome.

The team provides strategy advice to boards of directors where the company is financially distressed, to ensure that the directors do not fall foul of their obligations in terms of the Company's Act.

## **INSOLVENCY**

When insolvency is the only solution, our lawyers have a track record of providing forthright advice to achieve the best outcome. Whether you are a creditor, lender, company, director or business owner, our team can assist you in the least cumbersome way possible.

Our clients turn to us in the preliminary stages of insolvency to represent and assist them through the process, whether it is instituting liquidation or sequestration proceedings, or conducting forensic investigation and convening enquiries.

### MARKET RECOGNITION

Our Business Rescue, Restructuring & Insolvency team is externally praised for its depth of resources, capabilities and experience.

Chambers Global 2018-2023 ranked us in Band 2 for restructuring/insolvency.

The way we support and interact with our clients attracts significant external recognition.

Sammy Ndolo is the Kenya Managing Partner. *Chambers Global 2021–2023* ranked Sammy in Band 4 for corporate/M&A. *Chambers Global 2023* ranked him in Band 4 for banking & finance. *The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2023* recommended him for banking, finance & capital markets *The Legal 500 EMEA 2023* also recommended Sammy for corporate, commercial/M&A. *IFLR1000 2021–2022* ranked Sammy as a notable practitioner.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2018, 2020–2023 recommended Timothy Baker for construction.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2023 recommended Mongezi Mpahlwa for dispute resolution.

The Legal 500 EMEA 2022 recommended Desmond Odhiambo for dispute resolution.

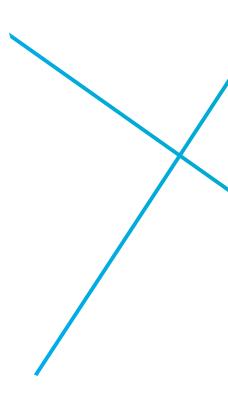
Chambers Global 2023 ranked Lucinde Rhoodie in band 4 for dispute resolution. The Legal 500 EMEA 2021–2023 recommended her for dispute resolution.











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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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