



## Chambers FinTech Rankings 2020

Chambers FinTech 2020 “features the professional advisers with their fingers on the pulse and the ability to guide FinTechs through any challenge and obstacle they might face”. The guide features four professional services - legal, venture capital, consulting and public relations – considered to be central to the growth of many companies in the sector. The publication thus offers a unique proposition to those who want to find the best professional adviser.

**THE LATEST AND RECENTLY PUBLISHED CHAMBERS FINTECH 2020 EDITION LAUDED CLIFFE DEKKER HOFMEYR’S FINTECH TEAM BY:**

### RANKING CDH IN BAND 1

(one of only two South African law firms to achieve this top ranking)

### RANKING THREE OF CDH’S RENOWNED FINTECH EXPERTS

(the only South African law firm to have this many specialists feature in the guide)

### RANKING CHRISTOFF PIENAAR IN BAND 1

(the only FinTech lawyer in South Africa to achieve this ranking).

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### WHAT THE CHAMBERS FINTECH 2020 EDITION HAD TO SAY ABOUT OUR FINTECH TEAM:

*“Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr are applauded for their industry knowledge in the financial sector, including extensive involvement in corporate transactions, contractual agreements and private equity investments. They provide advice to a diverse range of clients, including corporate clients and emerging FinTech startups, on all aspects of product launch. The firm is particularly noted for its expertise in financial regulation.”*

*“They have great expertise across financial services, which is very helpful from a FinTech perspective. They aren’t only available to assist in one aspect – they range from investments to tax advice.”*

*“Because of their expertise, I know that I never have to go for a second opinion.”*



**Christoff Pienaar**  
Band 1



**Preeta Bhagattjee**  
Band 2



**Bridget King**  
Band 2

The 2020 FinTech edition saw Chambers expand its research from 22 jurisdictions to 37. This expansion reflects the global growth of this sector. As a firm, we are proud to be recognised as the South African leaders in this innovative and growing speciality.

**WHAT THE CHAMBERS FINTECH 2020 EDITION HAD TO SAY ABOUT OUR SPECIALISTS:**

Partner and National Practice Head of Technology, Media & Telecommunications, **Christoff Pienaar** (Band 1) receives praise for his expertise in key legal issues facing the FinTech industry. Peers especially recognise him for his specialist capabilities in data protection and outsourcing, while clients remark that *"he is someone that gives you a personal service, it feels like he's your personal lawyer. He is a massive asset to the firm."*

Partner, **Preeta Bhagattjee** (Band 2) enjoys an *"excellent reputation as a tech lawyer, and does a lot of work for banks,"* according to peers. She advises on a wide range of IT and outsourcing issues for clients in the financial and technology sectors. Clients remark that *"both her competence and personality are exceptional. She is very knowledgeable and efficient."*

Partner, **Bridget King** (Band 2) is widely regarded as an expert in derivatives and financial services regulation. She has substantial public profile in the regulation of cryptocurrencies and tokenised payments. Clients say that *"she really knows the stuff and is very easy to deal with – she gets into the vision of clients and wants to help them."* Another source remarks: *"She is on top of new regulations. She is clear, concise and gives us valuable opinions."*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO THE WHOLE OF OUR FINTECH TEAM AND PARTICULARLY TO CHRISTOFF, PREETA AND BRIDGET.**

Kind regards,



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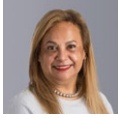
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