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Legal500



CDH's consistent market-leading expertise across Africa recognised in Legal 500 EMEA 2025 rankings



CDH is proud to celebrate another year of recognition in The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 (Legal 500) rankings. Legal 500 is a leading guide that analyses the capabilities of law firms across the world, with a comprehensive research programme revised and updated every year to bring the most up-to-date vision of the global legal market. The guide assesses the strengths of law firms in over 150 jurisdictions, highlighting the practice area teams and experts delivering cutting-edge and innovative services to corporate counsel across the globe.

"We are proud to be recognised by Legal 500 year on year. The recognition is particularly rewarding when you consider the stringent criteria that Legal 500 uses when reviewing the performance of a firm or department including bench strength of the team (partners and associates), and the consistency of quality of the individuals within the team. By being ranked, Legal 500 recognises our strong technical ability for the most complex and innovative work, our capacity for the biggest transactions/cases, our market share, our clear investment for the future in a particular practice, and our reputation for handling complex, innovative deals, amongst other criteria".

"Part of the process is for Legal 500 to confidentially interview our clients," continues Brent "to gather genuine feedback on our service provision. We are therefore truly grateful for their positive insights that has again led to our extensive recognition by Legal 500".

"Congratulations to our experts for their dedication, client-centricity, and exceptional service provision. We are grateful for the opportunity to work with our clients and appreciate the trust they place in us to take them from vision to fruition," adds Sammy Ndolo, Managing Partner of our Kenyan practice.

The following testimonials were collated independently by the Legal 500 research team:

'CDH has a wide variety of expertise and is a one stop shop for all your legal needs.'

'Client-centric approach and responsiveness.'

'We have experienced rapid, precise responses in time-sensitive situations, demonstrating the law firm's agility and unwavering dedication.'

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The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 results:

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

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

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

Leading Individuals	
Gerhard Badenhorst	Tax
Emil Brincker	Tax
Chris Charter	Competition
Muhammad Gattoo	Real Estate
Corne Lewis	Dispute Resolution
Sammy Ndolo Kenya	Banking, Finance & Capital Markets
Aadil Patel	Employment
Clive Rumsey	Construction
Andrew van Niekerk	Construction
John Webber	Real Estate

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Next Generation Lawyers

Jerome Brink	Tax
Claudette Dutilleux	Dispute Resolution
Wayne Murray	Investment Funds

Leading Associates

Shameegh Allen	Commercial, Corporate/M&A
Nuhaa Amardien	Investment Funds
Mmakgabo Mogapi	Competition
Bridget Witts-Hewinson	Real Estate

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Banking & Finance

Mashudu Mphafudi
Kuda Chimedza
Mbali Khumalo
Michael Bailey

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Competition

Albert Aukema
Andries le Grange
Susan Meyer

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Commercial, Corporate/M&A

Vivien Chaplin
André de Lange
Andrew Giliam
Peter Hesseling
Dane Kruger
Jaco Meyer
Anita Moolman
Roxanna Valayathum
Storm Arends

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Sentebale Makara
Khaya Mantengu
Joe Whittle
Claudia Moser
Kananelo Sikhakhane

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Dispute Resolution

Rishaban Moodley
Jackwell Feris
Anja Hofmey
Sentebale Makara
Burton Meyer
Lucinde Rhodie
Clive Rumsey
Tim Smit

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Imraan Mahomed
Phetheni Nkuna
Kgodisho Phashe
Biron Madisa

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Investment Funds

John Gillmer

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Mining

Vivien Chaplin
Rachel Kelly
Fiona Leppan
Burton Meyer

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The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 results:

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Projects & Infrastructure

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Tessa Brewis

Johan de Lange

Jackwell Feris

Anita Moolman

Megan Rodgers

Amore Carstens

Tsele Moloji

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Real Estate

Mike Collins

Natasha Fletcher

Simóne Franks

Fatima Gattoo

Samantha Kelly

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Tax

Howmera Parak

Ludwig Smith

Stephan Spamer

Nicholas Carroll

KENYA

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Banking, Finance & Capital Markets

Stella Situma

Brian Muchiri

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The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 results:

KENYA

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Commercial, Corporate and M&A

Sammy Ndolo

Martha Mbugua

Njeri Wagacha

KENYA

CDH Lawyer Recommendations | Employment

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