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What is your expertise/specialist knowledge?

I have been a general corporate and M&A lawyer for more than 20 years. I have advised on several schemes of arrangement, take-overs of listed entities, generally on buy and sell transactions and B-BBEE transactions. I have a passion for company law and love to study the Companies Act, "just for fun".

Some of my recent deals include advising:

- > *Metro Fibre Networx (Pty) Ltd on its capital raise with Stoa Infra & Energy Fund (France), Sanlam Private Equity, Old Mutual's Digital Infrastructure Investment Holdings and African Rainbow Capital Investment;*
- > *DSV Panalpina and DSV South Africa (Pty) Ltd on their acquisition of Globeflight Worldwide Express; and*
- > *RMB Westport Real Estate Development Fund on the sale of their property portfolio to Growthpoint Investec Africa.*

A brief example of a deal you worked on that stands out for you:

The deal that stands out for me is the takeover and scheme of arrangement when Old Mutual, the IDC and Guma Tourism bought Tourvest in the early 2000s. It was one of the first transactions with our (at the time new) tax team at Webber Wentzel, in which we implemented a simultaneous debt push down structure, management incentive proposal and JSE entity takeover. It was a steep learning curve for all – offeror, the company, the funders, management, the lawyers and tax advisers.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Named by Legal 500 2021 as a legal expert
- > Named by Best Lawyers 2009 - 2021 as a leading individual
- > Named by IFLR1000 2011 as a leading lawyer (M&A)

AN INTERESTING PERSONAL FACT ABOUT YOU:

I love hiking. My best hike ever was to Bhutan, walking along the foothills of the Himalayas, meeting the wonderful people of "The Happiest Country in the World" and soaking up the culture.

Your advice to women in the corporate world

Always embrace your own uniqueness, be true to what you believe in. Being genuine will keep you motivated and make others gravitate towards you. It also enables you to find your own "why", in Simon Sinek's words, as only you know what truly inspires you. Armed with that knowledge, you will have the passion to conquer the world!