

PROFILE



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Raashmi Govender is an Executive in the Corporate Commercial department at ENSafrica based in Johannesburg. She specialises in M&A, private equity transactions, and JSE/regulatory matters, structuring and general corporate commercial matters.

She has acted for listed and unlisted, local and international clients in a range of industries, including private healthcare, finance and investments, mining, retail and media, as well as for NPOs, family and structured trusts, and high-net worth individuals.

Raashmi has been involved in multijurisdictional transactions across the African continent, and cross-border transactions between South Africa, the United States of America, the United Kingdom, various European jurisdictions, and India.

Her experience includes advising clients on JSE listing requirements and regulatory matters, M&A, company law, private equity, corporate governance, insider trading, corporate restructures, broad-based ownership schemes and due diligence investigations.

She is experienced in drafting and negotiating commercial agreements and opinions, including various transaction agreements, term sheets, circulars and prospectuses, trust deeds, MOIs, resolutions, due diligence reports and more.

Raashmi has also published various articles on company related matters in

accredited legal and corporate finance publications, notably on the permissibility of disproportionate dividend treatment amongst shareholders within the same class, piercing of the corporate veil in the context of group structures and shareholder activism.

She is fully proficient in English and Afrikaans with intermediate proficiency in Russian. Once she conquers Russian, she plans on moving onto isiXhosa.

Raashmi was a finalist in the Mail and Guardian Top 200 Young South Africans Awards (2020).

She is recognised as a “Next Generation Lawyer” by Legal 500 (EMEA) 2018, 2017– Commercial, Corporate and M&A (South Africa).

At the time she was promoted to Executive, (March 2018) she was the youngest black female director at ENSafrica.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, Raashmi provided pro bono work for, the South African Solidarity Fund, amongst others. After doing four months of ad hoc pro bono legal work, she was asked to carry the legal function at Solidarity Fund, mindful of their rapid response needs and need for credible legal advice under public scrutiny, and was seconded to the Solidarity Fund. While seconded to the Solidarity Fund for six months, she oversaw its legal contracting function.

Outside of her life as a corporate attorney, Raashmi’s interests lie in human rights, public service and community development

and economic and policy development, especially in the context of transformation in South Africa.

Raashmi is a member of the Black Management Forum. She has sat on the BMF Gauteng ownership sub-committee and task team. The ownership sub-committee focused predominantly on transformation in South Africa and she was involved in discussing and analysing legislation, bills and policy and analysing whether the ownership goals are adequately and purposively reflected in industry, and making submissions and recommendations thereon.

Raashmi was also instrumental as a board member of the Amnesty International Wits charter, where she, along with the rest of the board, spearheaded numerous campaigns, events and discussion forums for the Wits charter, including topics of specific concern to her such as human trafficking and dignity for women through economic and social empowerment change. In 2010, she was involved in the team that broke the world record by securing over 17 000 physical signatures in one night in the Demand Dignity campaign for petitioning the South African Minister of Transport to facilitate transportation initiatives to afford women in rural areas access to health facilities which they otherwise could not reach.

Prior to specialising in law, Raashmi received her undergraduate bachelors degree in Commerce majoring in marketing and law. She still has ambition to pursue her MBA internationally and supplement her love for business strategy, and marketing with her experience in corporate law, mergers and acquisitions and policy. 🇿🇦