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Akhona is emerging as one of South Africa's promising young M&A lawyers, distinguished by his technical excellence, commercial acumen and ability to take ownership of complex transactions. His inclusion in The Rising 20 recognises both his contribution to the profession and his potential as a future leader in corporate law.

At CDH, Akhona has established himself as a trusted member of the Corporate and Commercial practice, consistently delivering beyond expectations for his level of seniority.

Over the past two years, he has contributed to significant transactions across healthcare, aviation, renewable energy, manufacturing and professional sport. His experience spans cross-border acquisitions, listed company transactions and B-BBEE ownership restructurings, requiring sophisticated legal analysis, meticulous execution and an understanding of complex regulatory environments. He has consistently displayed the ability to remain calm and effective under pressure.

Akhona's strength lies in his ability to contribute throughout the transaction lifecycle, from structuring and drafting to due diligence, risk assessment, implementation and closing. He combines sound legal expertise with practical commercial judgement, ensuring that advice aligns with clients' strategic objectives. His willingness to challenge proposed approaches constructively and contribute to strategic discussions reflects a maturity beyond his years.

Beyond transaction execution, Akhona leads due diligence investigations, coordinates multidisciplinary adviser teams and acts as a key client contact. He also supports the development of junior lawyers, providing guidance and encouraging them to assume greater responsibility.

Highly regarded by colleagues, senior leadership and clients for his professionalism, reliability and judgement, Akhona combines legal capability with the initiative and emerging leadership qualities needed to make a lasting contribution to South Africa's M&A profession.

