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What is your expertise/specialist knowledge?

I advise on corporate transactions (private M&A, private equity and strategic investment), corporate finance, reorganisations, company law and governance, business rescue and B-BBEE. I also advise on commercial transactions and contracts, particularly consumer (including franchising), trust and data protection law. I work across a variety of sectors.

A selection of my recent deals includes advising on:

- > *the cross border disposal by Wendel (France) of its interest in the Tsebo group of companies in SA and advising on related B-BBEE structures;*
- > *Luxottica's transactions with Retailability consequent upon the Edcon business rescue and the establishment of Sunglass Hut stores within Woolworths stores; and*
- > *the disposal of shares in a UK holding company and cross border group restructuring with reinvestment into SA and the establishment of a B-BBEE employee share scheme in SA.*

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

The largest and most complex deal in which I was a key transaction adviser on the corporate and B-BBEE aspects, was the acquisition of the Tsebo group of companies by Wendel SE, a French listed company. The client benefited from my corporate and B-BBEE expertise. I worked with a multi-disciplinary team of advisers from Webber Wentzel, including

corporate, tax, banking, competition and exchange control. We worked with our alliance firm, Linklaters, in Paris. The deal involved a cross-border transaction with a pan-African restructuring of the group and the establishment of a multi-tiered B-BBEE ownership structure. This was one of the largest private equity transactions in Sub-Saharan Africa, with a value of circa ZAR 5.25 billion.

AN INTERESTING PERSONAL FACT ABOUT YOU:

I grew up with a racially and culturally diverse background, living on two continents (in South Africa and the United Kingdom) during Apartheid, as my parents were a mixed-race couple.

Your advice to women in the corporate world

*Hold true to your values.
Be yourself. Guard your integrity.*