PROFILE

Kaylea Sher-Fisher

Director Designate

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Kaylea Sher-Fisher is a director designate in Baker McKenzie's Corporate M&A Practice Group in Johannesburg. Kaylea advises and focuses on mergers and acquisitions as well as private equity transactions.

Kaylea's experience extends across sectors with extensive experience in manufacturing, telecommunications and pharmaceutical transactions. Kaylea is also experienced in and has advised clients on the establishments and investment of funds in South Africa.

Kaylea represents and advises multinational and listed companies on local and cross-border transactional work in sub-Saharan Africa.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Consumer Goods & Retail
- Energy & Infrastructure
- Healthcare & Life Sciences
- Industrials, Manufacturing & Transportation
- Technology

REPRESENTATIVE EXPERIENCE

- Advised Royal Bafokeng Holdings, a key shareholder in Towerco Bidco Proprietary Limited, in respect of its acquisition of Telkom's masts and towers business, housed in its wholly-owned subsidiary, Swiftnet SOC Limited. We were awarded **TMT Team of the Year** by African Legal Awards 2024 in recognition of our work on this matter. It was also **shortlisted for the Catalyst Private Equity Deal of the Year by DealMakers 2024**.
- Advised Clark Holdings in its disposal of all of its shares in Twizza Proprietary Limited to the Beverage Company Proprietary Limited.
- Advised SPAR Group Limited in relation to the acquisition of the businesses of 14 Petmasters stores throughout South Africa.
- Advised Norfund, as a member of the consortium, that acquired the business of Langeberg & Ashton Foods from Tiger Brands. **This deal won the Business Rescue Deal of the Year by DealMakers 2025.**
- Advised Infinite Partners on its investment in a group of companies that operate within the telecommunications sector in South Africa, which following implementation of the transaction will result in our client acquiring a 40% stake in the group.
- Advised Marubeni Corporation, a major Japanese integrated trading and investment business conglomerate, on its strategic acquisition of a 30% interest in Phillips Healthcare Corporation (Phillips Pharma), a leading distributor of pharmaceuticals, medical devices and diagnostics equipment across sub-Saharan Africa with operations in Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, Namibia, Nigeria, Rwanda, UAE, Uganda and Zambia.
- Advised a listed multi-national company on various land acquisitions in South Africa for in aggregate ZAR 600 million.
- Advised Smile Telecoms Holdings Limited and Smile Telecoms IP Limited in respect of a sale agreement to dispose of all its shares in Smile Communications Tanzania Limited (a Tanzania telecommunications entity) to Vodacom Tanzania Public Limited company.
- Advised Varun Beverages Limited in its acquisition of a 100% stake in the Beverage Company (Proprietary) Ltd, South Africa, and its wholly-owned subsidiaries (Bevco Group), valued at around ZAR 2.9 billion, with an option to accept minority co-investment from large equity funds, subject to regulatory and other approvals, from a consortium led by Ethos and Nedbank. **This deal was shortlisted for the Catalyst Private Equity Deal of the Year by DealMakers 2023.**
- Advised a private equity fund as one of the bidders looking to acquire 100% of the shares in a tower company (a company who owns mobile telecommunications towers) throughout South Africa.
- Advised a South African mining company as one of the bidders looking to enter into a joint venture in respect of a mining opportunity in Western Australia.
- Advised The Foschini Group (TFG) on the signing of a franchise agreement with JD Sports Fashion Plc to be its exclusive retail partner, which entitles TFG to open and operate JD Sports stores across South Africa.
- Advised African Rainbow Energy and Power in relation to the establishment of its renewable energy private equity fund with initial assets of ZAR 5 billion. *
- Advised The Foschini Group Limited in relation to its acquisition of Quench Proprietary Limited. *
- Advised the shareholders of the Connect Group in relation to their disposal of 100% of the Connect Group to Net 1 UEPS Technologies Inc for c. ZAR 3.8 billion.*
- Advised Transaction Capital Limited in relation to its acquisition of various tranches of shares in We Buy Cars for in aggregate c. ZAR 3.4 billion. *
- Advised Tyme Bank Holdings Limited in relation to its acquisition of Retail Capital Limited for ZAR 1.5 billion. *

** Experience obtained prior to joining Baker McKenzie*

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Law Society of South Africa

EDUCATION AND ADMISSIONS

Admitted in South Africa (2020)

Kings College London (LLM International Finance and Commercial Law) (2023)

University of Witwatersrand (LLB) (2017)

North-West University (BA Political Science Honours) (2014)

North-West University (BA Politics, Philosophy and Economics) (2013)