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Guinevere Blignaut
Executive
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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Guinevere Blignaut is an Executive at ENS in the Corporate Commercial practice. She specialises in general corporate matters, corporate restructures and M&A.

She has acted for clients in a variety of industries, including the automotive, transport and logistics, mining, fuels and energy, retailers of fast-moving consumer products, healthcare, and property development industries.

Guinevere's experience includes drafting and reviewing a variety of commercial documents, including shareholders, sale of shares, sale of business, lease, supply, and distribution agreements, as well as providing legal opinions and advice on South African legislation such as the Companies Act, 2008; the Consumer Protection Act, 2008; and the Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment Act, 2003.

She has also conducted and managed a number of due diligence investigations.

AREA OF EXPERTISE

Corporate Commercial

QUALIFICATIONS

BCom LLB (Stellenbosch University)

Admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa 



Shafeeka Hartley
Executive
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PRACTICAL EXPERIENCE

Shafeeka Hartley is an Executive at ENS in the Corporate Commercial practice and her practice spans all aspects of commercial and transactional work.

Shafeeka has acted for clients in various sectors including mining, natural resources and energy, private equity, education, food and beverage, automotive, media/entertainment and real estate.

Shafeeka has particular expertise in mergers and acquisitions (M&A), equity capital markets (ECM), corporate restructures and broad-based black economic empowerment (B-BBEE) advisory, regulatory and compliance. Shafeeka has advised on cross-border and multi-jurisdictional M&A and ECM transactions in the mining sector, including takeovers, amalgamations, schemes of arrangement, IPOs, rights offerings, private placements, accelerated book builds and general, specific and convertible securities issues. Her experience also includes listings and delistings of companies on the JSE and general corporate finance work.

Shafeeka has set up share incentive schemes, advised on renewable energy projects, the structuring and establishment of new business entities in South Africa and the restructuring of existing corporates. She has advised SOEs and has experience in administrative law including public finance management and procurement. Shafeeka has assisted clients with the establishment of non-profit organisations and has led numerous due diligence investigations and is skilled in the drafting of commercial contracts and legal opinions.

Shafeeka regularly advises clients on corporate governance and regulatory compliance, most notably with the South African Companies Act and the Takeover Regulations, the King IV Report and the JSE Listings Requirements.

RECOGNISED AS A LEADING/RECOMMENDED LAWYER BY:

IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide; M&A – 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018 – Notable Practitioner (South Africa)
Best Lawyers® 2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019 – Corporate Law (South Africa)
Who's Who Legal 2021, 2019 – Mining (South Africa)

AREA OF EXPERTISE

B-BBEE | Corporate Commercial | Equity Capital Markets

QUALIFICATIONS

BA (University of Cape Town)
LLB (University of Cape Town)
BCom (Taxation) (Honours) (University of Cape Town)
Admitted as an attorney and conveyancer of the High Court of South Africa 

