Callie-Jo Bouman

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Callie-Jo has progressed from associate to senior associate, demonstrating the judgement, ownership and commercial instinct that underpin future partnership and dealmaking success. Her inclusion in The Rising 20 recognises her transactional excellence and growing industry profile.

Callie-Jo has demonstrated versatility across complex public M&A, capital markets and due diligence mandates. On one transaction, she drafted 52 transaction documents, served as the primary contact for the client, conveyancing teams and funding banks, and led weekly all-party calls. For a major JSE listing, she managed key due diligence and pre-listing statement workstreams, coordinated teams and trained junior colleagues.

Her ability to deliver under pressure was evident when she led multidisciplinary vendor due diligence for a disposal and coordinated an updated report within 24 hours of the client's request, without compromising quality. She also brings strong technical rigour to financial models, statements and transaction structures, while producing complex agreement drafts that demonstrate sound judgement, technical precision and require minimal senior input. Client feedback highlights her sound commercial judgement, well-supported advice, ability to expedite deliverables while remaining composed throughout, ultimately providing an excellent client-focused approach.

Beyond transactions, Callie-Jo contributes to industry knowledge through articles for **DealMakers** and co-authoring the fourth edition of iTechLaw's *Startup Legal Playbook*. She serves on the firm's Employment Equity and Values Committees and supports knowledge sharing, junior development and global business development.

Combining technical excellence, resilience, commercial judgement and a commitment to developing others, Callie-Jo is a deserving member of The Rising 20, with strong potential to become a leading dealmaker.

