

PROFILE

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What is your expertise/specialist knowledge?

I am a corporate lawyer, whose practice includes M&A, private equity and general corporate work. I work across various sectors including the mining, real estate, telecoms and health sectors. I also work across the continent on cross-border transactions, which involves interacting with lawyers from different jurisdictions and cultures and with different ways of working, and finding solutions as a collective.

A selection of my recent deals includes advising:

- > *Barloworld on its landmark BEE transaction (Khula Sizwe);*
- > *Anglo American on its internal reorganization, including the separation of its South African thermal coal assets and business operations from the group's remaining assets, the subsequent demerger of those assets and their listing on the London and Johannesburg Stock Exchanges (Project Armstrong);*
- > *Africa Lighthouse Capital on the acquisition of 19.37% of the shares in FSG Limited (Botswana); and*
- > *Ethos Mid-Market Fund on its acquisition and delisting of Torre Industries Limited.*

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

The acquisition by Absa Bank Limited from Barclays Bank Plc of banks in nine jurisdictions in Africa stands out for me. It introduced me to working across the continent and involved some travel, across the continent and to London, with the client. We

worked alongside our alliance firm, Linklaters, and our African Alliance partners. Numerous lawyers in Webber Wentzel assisted in the transaction, and I was exposed to our deep expertise, and the concept of collaboration, and built relationships while doing so. It is also the transaction where I began the journey of being a parent, and learning to balance the demands of my work and my family.

AN INTERESTING PERSONAL FACT ABOUT YOU:

I am generally obsessed with family. I was raised essentially by two fathers and two mothers (the African saying of being raised by a village holds true, in my case). I believe in doing good, and I serve as a director on the boards of Ubuntu Pathways NPC and Kolisi Foundation NPC, both are non-profit organisations operating primarily in my hometown of Port Elizabeth, supporting vulnerable people out of poverty and abuse.

HIGHLIGHTS

- > Named by Legal 500 2018 - 2021 as a legal expert
- > Named by the South African Professional Services Academy as the 2019 "Woman Professional of the Year"

Your advice to women in the corporate world
Be authentic, be available and be attentive. And as you rise up, build and lift up others with you.