



ALCHEMY



WHO WE ARE

Disruptive and bespoke strategic corporate and commercial legal services that blend expertise and results.

We are a niche team of internationally recognised and globally ranked lawyers that is well-known and regarded for providing tailor-made strategic legal advice and solutions.

Our significant depth of capability enables us to advise on complex, high-profile transactions to deliver pertinent, productive outcomes.

Through our in-depth understanding of our client's needs, we furnish practical legal solutions to the multifaceted business challenges of both local and international clients. Furthermore, as lead counsel, we operate across all relevant jurisdictions to achieve clients' desired results.

Our team applies exceptional intellect and experience to the provision of business-like advice.



WHAT WE DO

We bring together over 100 years of collective knowledge to meet a full range of legal requirements.

Our team is also highly proficient in strategic, financial, and legal project management, and acquires a detailed appreciation of each of our clients' businesses to meet their needs.

Where we do not have the required in-house transaction expertise, we collaborate with and project manage the best-of-the-best contributors, as no firm can be universally strong in every aspect of law.

**This includes
in-house expertise
in the following
specialist practice
areas:**

- ✓ Banking and Finance
- ✓ Broad-based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE)
- ✓ Capital Markets
- ✓ Competition Law
- ✓ Corporate Finance and Structuring



- ✓ Corporate Governance and Compliance
- ✓ Corporate and Company Law
- ✓ Dispute Resolution
- ✓ Litigation
- ✓ Mining and Resources
- ✓ Public-Private Partnerships
- ✓ Regulatory Law and Compliance
- ✓ Restructuring and Insolvency

OUR APPROACH

At Alchemy, we believe strongly in simplifying and clarifying legal issues for our clients and working with them to achieve their vision and strategic goals.

We are clear in our approach, that:



our clients come first and our philosophy of care is a compelling driving force



we are focused, energetic, efficient and nimble



we remain on top of trends, developments and emerging issues in our niche.

As a team, we have managed some of the largest and most complex deals in Africa, and our client-centric and value-additive delivery model assures results. Additionally, our progressive slant to technology and resourcing offers clients competitive pricing options and a variety of fee arrangements.

OUR PARTNERS



MORNÉ VAN DER MERWE

Morné, a senior partner and co-founder of Alchemy, is a recognised international dealmaker. He routinely assists clients with merger and acquisition matters, securities law, mining transactions, broad-based black economic empowerment transactions, capital markets, corporate finance and structuring, leveraged and management buy-outs, and private equity transactions. Morné is regularly ranked as a leading lawyer in his areas of expertise.

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WILDU DU PLESSIS

Wildu, a senior partner and co-founder of Alchemy, is a renowned expert on Africa. He represents and advises leading domestic and international financial institutions, private equity groups, and corporates in connection with a wide variety of financing transactions, acquisitions, restructurings, regulatory, and general finance matters. He has advised on many of the most high-profile first-to-market transactions in South Africa and is regularly ranked as one of South Africa's leading lawyers in the fields of banking and finance, securities, capital markets, and restructuring and insolvency.

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FANI DINGISWAYO

Fani has extensive experience in private legal practice and as an in-house lawyer. He represents and advises leading domestic clients in the construction, engineering, services, and mining industries – handling both contractual negotiations and dispute resolution.

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NATASHUA COETZER

Natashua has a wealth of experience in commercial contracts, competition and company law, corporate governance and regulatory work. Her specialist interest is mergers and acquisitions for small and large entities.

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LEANA ENGELBRECHT

Leana is a recognised and experienced specialist competition and regulatory lawyer. She combines these practice areas to provide clients with comprehensive advice on high-profile, complex and strategic matters across a broad range of industries in South Africa as well as on the African continent.

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PIERRE BURGER

Pierre is a highly experienced, dual-qualified, accredited and internationally respected dispute resolution practitioner. He has served on the Management Committees of the South African Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) as well as the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA), and the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. His extensive expertise includes dealing with complex, high-value commercial disputes across a range of industries including banking, property, technology and innovation, company and shareholder disputes, and contentious regulatory. Pierre has a particular interest in international arbitration and the growing field of Technology Law. He is regularly ranked as a leading lawyer in the practice area of dispute resolution.

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BRUCE SCHUBACH

Bruce, our chief operating officer, has extensive executive experience in the legal sector. He is business-minded and enjoys engineering the growth of Alchemy as an experience-heavy legal advisory resource for clients.

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Our members are regularly recognised and ranked by leading publications including Chambers Global, Legal 500 EMEA, IFLR1000, Who's Who Legal and Best Lawyers. In addition, they are frequently interviewed by the media, participate in national and international conferences, and contribute to the latest innovative legal practice and thinking, wherever possible.



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