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Overview

Derek Lötter is the head of our Competition Practice.

Derek specialises in competition law. He has been involved in prominent competition matters before the competition authorities in South Africa and advised on competition law in various other African countries. His expertise extends to pharmaceutical law and regulation, consumer law and franchising.

Derek's expertise has been recognised by Chambers Global, IFLR1000 and the Legal 500.

He has B.Com and LLB degrees from the University of KwaZulu-Natal, an MBL from the University of South Africa and Certificates in Advanced Company Law and Banking and Financial Markets Law from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Experience

Derek also advises on the competition law implications of activities in a number of other African countries and participated in the COMESA Competition Commission's validation conference in Addis Ababa. Derek is also advising the Namibian Competition Commission in the complaint proceedings involving medical aids funds in Namibia, and formed part of the first Special Committee to hear oral representations under the Namibia Competition Act.

Derek also practices as a general commercial lawyer, in the areas of pharmaceutical law and regulation, consumer law and franchising.

Derek has done detailed competition review and compliance audits on behalf of a number of listed and other South African corporations, including with respect to the firms' international operations (especially with activities in sub-Saharan Africa).

Derek has extensive experience in a variety of sectors, allowing him to advise on the competition law implications of conduct in a number of affected areas of businesses.

- Advised on the Microsoft/LinkedIn matter which has been nominated for the *Global Competition Review (GCR) Awards 2017 Merger control matter of the year – Europe*: Creative, strategic and innovative competition work for a client on a landmark merger control matter in Europe.
- Advised on the Dell/EMC matter which has been nominated for the *Global Competition Review (GCR) Awards 2017 Matter of the year: Merger control, cartel, unilateral conduct, litigation or any other competition matter worldwide*. Creative, strategic and innovative work by teams of in-house and external lawyers and economists.
- Advised on the AB InBev/SABMiller matter which has been nominated for the *Global Competition Review (GCR) Awards 2017 Matter of the year: Merger control, cartel, unilateral conduct, litigation or any other competition matter worldwide*. Creative, strategic and innovative work by teams of in-house and external lawyers and economists.
- Recognised in *Who's Who Legal: Competition 2017*- The guide to the world's competition law experts

Publications & Insights

- Chambers Legal Practice Guides – Cartels 2015 South Africa chapter
- Getting the Deal Through: Intellectual Property & Antitrust 2017