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**SHIPPING AND  
LOGISTICS**



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## Our Firm

Bowmans is a leading Pan-African law firm. Our track record of providing specialist legal services, both domestic and cross-border, in the fields of corporate law, banking and finance law and dispute resolution, spans over a century.

With six offices in four African countries and over 400 specialised lawyers, we are differentiated by our independence and the quality of legal services we provide.

We draw on our unique knowledge of the African business environment and in-depth understanding of the socio-political climate to advise clients on a wide range of legal issues. Our aim is to assist our clients in achieving their objectives as smoothly and efficiently as possible while minimising the legal and regulatory risks.

Our clients include corporates, multinationals and state-owned enterprises across a range of industry sectors as well as financial institutions and governments.

Our expertise is frequently recognised by independent research organisations. We have been named African Legal Adviser of the Year by *DealMakers* for the last four consecutive years and South African Law Firm of the Year for 2018 in the Chambers Africa Awards for Excellence. Most recently we were named African Law Firm of the Year - Large Practice at the African Legal Awards hosted by *Legal Week* and the Corporate Counsel Association of South Africa. We were also one of only two firms that took home three practice awards - for Property and Construction Team of the Year, Energy and Natural Resources Team of the Year and TMT Team of the Year.




# Our Footprint in Africa

We provide integrated legal services throughout Africa from six offices (Cape Town, Dar es Salaam, Durban, Johannesburg, Kampala and Nairobi) in four countries (Kenya, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda).

We work closely with leading Nigerian firm, Udo Udoma & Belo-Osagie, and Mozambique-based boutique firm, Taciana Peão Lopes & Advogados Associados. We also have strong relationships with other leading law firms across the rest of Africa.

We are representatives of Lex Mundi, a global association with more than 160 independent law firms in all the major centres across the globe. This association gives us access to the best firms in each jurisdiction represented.



-  Bowmans offices
-  Relationship firm
-  Significant transaction or advisory experience



# Our Shipping and Logistics Practice

Our Shipping and Logistics Practice enjoys more than 125 years' experience in the specialist field of maritime and transport law.

We operate out of Cape Town and Durban and have an intimate understanding of the unique aspects of the South African jurisdiction, which is one of the world's most favourable jurisdictions for securing maritime claims.

Whether our clients are concluding deals or looking to protect their interests, we provide efficient and cost effective shipping and logistics law solutions.

We are also internationally recognised for our expertise in providing emergency response throughout all major southern African ports. Our reputation has been built on more than a century of experience, 24-hour availability and speed of response.

We serve a wide range of international and South African clients. They include shipowners, P&I Clubs, port authorities, marine underwriters and financial institutions.

We are listed correspondents for the following P&I insurers who list legal correspondents in South Africa:

- American Club
- British Marine
- Japan P&I
- North of England
- Skuld
- Standard Club
- Steamship Mutual
- The Shipowners Club
- West of England

On the corporate and regulatory front we represent/ advise:

- South African lenders doing business in regional shipping and offshore matters;
- international financial institutions and traders engaged in commodities; and
- regulators on port infrastructure

# Our Specialised Services

Our expertise covers the entire range of maritime legal services, including:

- Access and examination orders
- Arrests, attachments and security arrests
- Bills of lading
- Bunker disputes and arrests
- Cargo claims
- Carriage of goods
- Charterparties
- Commercial agreements including standard trading conditions
- General average
- International trade agreements and letters of credit
- Judicial sales and mortgage foreclosures
- Liens
- Logistics, including all modes of transport, clearing, forwarding and customs
- Marine resources
- Maritime casualties, collisions, grounding and salvage
- P&I, hull and cargo insurance
- Personal injuries
- Pollution
- Ports and terminals
- Salvage
- Ship finance
- Ship sale and purchase
- Shipbuilding and repair
- Ships agency
- Stowaways
- Wrecks and wreck removal



## Our Signature Matters

We handle high profile shipping litigation and commercial transactions in the shipping and logistics sector. We have represented clients in many of the major casualties in South Africa, including most recently:

- the grounding and total loss of the “Kiani Satu”
- the loss of containers overboard the “Seroja Lima”
- the grounding and wreck removal of the “SMART”
- the fires aboard the “Tai Shan” and the “Maersk Londrina”
- the collisions involving the “Sunrise Jade” and the “Chemstar Jewel”

| “A shipping law powerhouse servicing P&I clubs, charterers, owners and banks on an array of wet and dry work.”  
| – *Chambers & Partners, 2018*

| “the whole Bowmans team was excellent... They were very practical, and helped us get done what we had to get done in the most efficient way possible.” – Client quoted in  
| *Chambers & Partners, 2017*







### AFRICAN LEGAL AWARDS 2018

We were named African Law Firm of the Year (Large Practice). We were also one of only two firms that took home three practice awards - for Property and Construction Team of the Year, Energy and Natural Resources Team of the Year and TMT Team of the Year.

### CHAMBERS AFRICA AWARDS 2018

We were named South African Law Firm of the Year.

### DEALMAKERS AWARDS 2018

We have been identified as the leading legal adviser in Africa by volume. This is the fourth consecutive year we have been recognised this way.

### INDIA BUSINESS LAW JOURNAL 2018

We have been named as one of the Top Regional and Specialist Firms (Worldwide).

### CHAMBERS & PARTNERS 2018 RANKED US IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

#### BAND 1

##### KENYA

Banking & Finance  
Corporate/ Commercial  
Employment

##### SOUTH AFRICA

Capital Markets: Debt  
Capital Markets: Equity  
Competition  
Corporate Investigations  
M&A  
Employment  
Environment  
IT/ Telecommunications  
Projects & Energy  
Shipping  
Tax

##### UGANDA

General Business Law

#### BAND 2

##### SOUTH AFRICA

Banking & Finance  
Dispute Resolution  
Media & Broadcasting  
Restructuring/ Insolvency

##### KENYA

Projects & Energy

##### TANZANIA

General Business Law

### IFLR1000 2019 RANKED US IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

#### TIER 1

##### KENYA

Financial & Corporate  
Mining

##### SOUTH AFRICA

Capital Markets  
Power  
M&A

##### UGANDA

Financial & Corporate  
Project Development

#### TIER 2

##### KENYA

Power  
Infrastructure

##### SOUTH AFRICA

Banking  
Infrastructure  
Mining  
Oil & Gas  
Project Finance

#### TIER 3

##### TANZANIA

Financial & Corporate  
Project Development

### THE LEGAL 500 EMEA 2018 RANKED US IN THE FOLLOWING AREAS

#### TIER 1

##### KENYA

Banking, Finance &  
Capital Markets  
Commercial, Corporate & M&A  
Employment  
Real Estate & Construction

##### SOUTH AFRICA

Commercial, Corporate & M&A  
Competition  
Employment  
Projects & Infrastructure  
Shipping

##### UGANDA

Legal Markets Overview

#### TIER 2

##### KENYA

Dispute Resolution  
Projects & Energy

##### SOUTH AFRICA

Banking & Finance  
Construction  
Dispute Resolution  
Investment Funds  
Tax

##### TANZANIA

Legal Markets Overview

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Lawyers

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Recognised  
Lawyers

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Recognised  
Lawyers

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