

Laurie Hammond

Partner

Johannesburg

Biography

Laurie Hammond focuses on cross-border transactions in Africa, with an emphasis on structured trade, commodities and export finance. She has a broad range of experience advising clients across the commodity value chain, acting for lenders and borrowers in a variety of sectors from agriculture, mining, energy and natural resources to logistics and infrastructure, structuring bankable deals and advising on legal and regulatory risk for domestic and multinational clients.

Laurie has worked in the London and South African markets and is both an admitted solicitor and an attorney.

Representative experience

Advised a global energy trader on its coal supply and financing arrangements in South Africa.

Advised a syndicate of lenders on term loan facilities to development institutions in Africa for the financing of regional trade and infrastructure projects.

Advised a South African bank on soft commodities financing across Ghana, Kenya, Mauritius, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Advised a South African bank on its borrowing base facilities with a major aluminium processor.



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Languages

English

Practices

Banking Transactional

International Trade and Investment

Trade and Export Finance

Industries

Financial Institutions

Energy and Natural Resources

Areas of focus

Advised a lender syndicate on an uncommitted borrowing base stock and working capital facility for exporters of perishable commodities in Ghana, Brazil and the Netherlands.

Advised a debt fund in relation to a stock and working capital facility made available to a Chilean copper producer.

Advised a debt fund in relation to a prepayment facility made available to a Mauritian exporter (and Nigerian producer) of soft commodities.

Advised a Swiss Bank on its financing to a Swiss metal trader and, in particular, its security arrangements in South Africa.

Awards and rankings

- Banking & Finance (South Africa), Up and Coming, *Chambers Global*, 2017-2019
- Recognised, *The Best Lawyers of South Africa for Project Finance and Development*, 2019

Latest thinking and events

- Press Releases
 - Hogan Lovells relaunches in Johannesburg, South Africa
- Hogan Lovells Publications
 - When is registration as a credit provider under the National Credit Act required?
- Published Works
 - In year of elections, will African countries get the investor vote? *FA News*
- ■ Financing Africa's future - Who is taking the lead in lending?
- Published Works
 - Africa – It's always complicated, but in a good way *Without Prejudice*

Direct Lending

Education and admissions

Education

BSocSc (Economics), University of Cape Town

LLB (Dean's Merit List), University of Cape Town

Legal Practice Course (Distinction), BPP University Law School

Memberships

Business Women's Association of South Africa

Court admissions

South Africa

England and Wales

Accolades

Laurie Hammond is noted for her trade finance practice, frequently acting on cross-border mandates. Sources describe her as 'very knowledgeable' and 'really strong on structured trade and commodity finance'.

Chambers Global

Laurie Hammond is described as

■ Published Works

- Opportunities for alternative lenders in Africa
Business Brief

‘extremely good’, with one client praising her ‘understanding of our business and how we work’. She is active on trade finance and facilities with experience handling cross-border matters.

Chambers Global

Interviewees describe Laurie Hammond as ‘really solution-oriented’ and ‘very pleasant and approachable’. She frequently oversees multi-jurisdictional transactions.

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