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Professor Michael Katz is Chairperson of ENSafrica, specialising in corporate and commercial law, including advising on M&A, competition law, tax law, privatisation and deregulation, project finance and non-recourse financing, public-private partnerships, empowerment ventures and banking and financial markets.

Michael has been involved in many large M&A transactions, both in South Africa and cross-border. He has also been involved in some high-profile hostile bids.

Michael is regularly quoted in the media and speaks at a number of international and domestic conferences and high-profile events. Michael publishes numerous articles, chapters and papers on legal and fiscal topics, including co-authoring the Butterworths Company Law Precedents (four volumes) and South Africa's contribution to the United Nations' and Harvard University's Corporate Law Tools Project.

Appointments/Professional Affiliations

- South African Institute of Tax Practitioners (SAIT) – Tax Honorary Fellowship Award 2013
- chairperson of the Specialist Committee on Company Law (established in terms of section 191 of the South African Companies Act, 2008)
- chaired the Tax Advisory Committee, reporting to the Minister of Finance
- chaired the Commission of Inquiry to Investigate the Taxation System of South Africa (appointed by the government)
- member of the King Committee on Corporate Governance
- trustee of numerous trusts, including The Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, The Constitution Hill Trust, The Legal Resources Trust, The Constitutional Court Trust, The Donald Gordon Foundation, and The South African Holocaust and Genocide Foundation
- chaired the Commission of Enquiry for the Johannesburg Stock Exchange to review the structure and operations of the stock exchange
- board of Directors, South Africa 2010 FIFA World Cup LOC
- was chairperson of the National Housing Finance Corp Ltd
- was member of the FSB Legislative Committee

Academic Appointments

- Honorary Degree: Doctorate of Laws – University of the Witwatersrand
- Course director, Advanced Company Law – University of the Witwatersrand
- Honorary Professor – University of the Witwatersrand
- Member of the Board of Governors – Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Awards/Accolades

- The Legal 500 EMEA 2019, 2018 – Hall of Fame; 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 – Corporate Commercial: M&A (South Africa); 2016 – Legal Market Overview (Africa)
- South African Professional Services Awards 2016 – Lifetime Achievement Award
- 15th Annual DealMakers Gala Awards – Lifetime Achievement Award
- Chambers Global Guide 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 – Corporate: M&A; 2016, 2015 – "Star individual" for Corporate: M&A, Tax (South Africa)
- IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 – Leading Lawyer – Highly Regarded (South Africa)
- Best Lawyers® 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017 – Corporate, M&A; 2016 – Corporate Lawyer of the Year; 2020 - Mergers and Acquisitions (South Africa)
- Who's Who Legal 2019 – Corporate Governance; 2019 - M&A (South Africa)

qualifications

- BCom (University of the Witwatersrand)
- LLB (University of the Witwatersrand)
- LLM (Harvard Law School)
- LLD (honoris causa) (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa