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practical experience

Justin Balkin is an Executive at ENSafrica in the competition/antitrust practice.

Justin is involved in all aspects of competition law, including merger control and behavioural issues, in South Africa and in numerous other African jurisdictions with antitrust regimes (including COMESA, Namibia, Botswana, Tanzania, Zambia, Kenya, Zimbabwe and Swaziland).

Justin's mergers experience includes advising on the competition law aspects of transaction structuring, merger approvals (with a focus on complex local and multi-jurisdictional transactions), private equity transactions and the antitrust components of hostile takeover bids. Justin is an expert in all competition law aspects of local and international private equity acquisitions and disposals

From a behavioural perspective, Justin has been involved in various contested proceedings in relation to cartel conduct, prohibited practices and abuses of dominance. He has also advised clients on the Competition Commission's corporate leniency policy and has extensive experience in performing competition law compliance reviews and competition law training.

Justin has also been actively involved in the Competition Law Sub-Committee of the Law Society. He is the author of several articles on competition law and is an editor of the Butterworth's Competition Law Report.

Justin is recognised as a leading/recommended lawyer by:

- Chambers Global Guide 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 – Competition/Anti-Trust (South Africa)
- Legal 500 EMEA 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 – Competition - Recommended / Key Lawyer (South Africa)
- IFLR1000 Financial and Corporate Guide 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 – Leading Lawyer – Highly Regarded (South Africa)
- Best Lawyers® 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2018, 2017, 2016 – Competition/Anti-trust (South Africa)
- Euromoney Expert Guides – Guide to the World's Leading Competition and Antitrust Lawyers 2016 – Competition (South Africa)
- Who's Who Legal 2019 – Global Leader – Competition (South Africa), 2015 Expert – Competition (South Africa)

qualifications

- BCom (University of the Witwatersrand)
- LLB (University of the Witwatersrand)
- Admitted as an attorney of the High Court of South Africa

