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"knowledge, intellect, passion, excellence and dedication"

practical experience

Lizél Blignaut is an executive at ENSafrica. She practises as an economist in the competition/anti-trust department, where she specialises in competition economics.

She has advised a diverse range of clients in South Africa and internationally in industries such as paper and packaging, mining and mineral beneficiation, manufacturing, financial services and insurance, healthcare, transport, telecommunications, agro-processing and fast moving consumer goods. Lizél has rendered advice on a number of significant high profile deals and investigations.

Lizél practices in all areas of competition economics and policy, including the economic analysis of the competitive and public interest impact of mergers and acquisitions, as well as the assessment of prohibited practices. Her practice involves both the assessment of historical competitive conduct, as well as forward looking analysis of intended practices. Her speciality areas include vertical and horizontal merger analysis, the assessment of vertical and horizontal agreements, and abuses of dominance, such as excessive pricing, price discrimination and exclusionary acts. Another area of substantial experience is in competition law compliance audits and training. Lizél also advises clients on competition law compliance in emerging African jurisdictions, including COMESA.

She has also lectured at the University of Cape Town's Competition Law Course and frequently speaks at conferences on matters of competition economics and law. She has co-authored four papers on excessive pricing, dominant market participant supply behaviour, competition issues in the healthcare industry and damages calculations. Prior to joining ENSafrica, Lizél headed the Mergers and Acquisitions division of the Competition Commission of South Africa.

Lizél is recognised as a leading/recommended practitioner by:

- The Legal 500 EMEA 2018, 2017, 2016, 2015 – Competition (South Africa)

qualifications

- BCom (cum laude) (University of Pretoria)
- BCom (Economics) (Hons) (cum laude) (University of Pretoria)
- Certificate in Competition Law (University of Witwatersrand)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Economics for Competition Law (King's College, London)

