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DARYL DINGLEY

Partner & Head of Competition Practice
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Daryl advises on all aspects of competition law, including merger control, cartel and other prohibited practice investigations, exemption applications and competition law compliance. Daryl's knowledge of competition laws extends to many African countries and regional regulators like the COMESA Competition Commission. He has experience across a wide range of sectors including automotive, construction, fishing, freight, information technology, insurance, mining, pharmaceuticals, property, starch, steel, sugar, telecommunications and transport. He was also formerly a Senior Economist (Head of Case Analysis) at the South African Competition Commission.



EBRAHIM PATEL

Minister

**Department of Trade, Industry & Competition,
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Minister Patel's role is a combination of the Economic Development and Trade and Industry portfolios. Amongst other responsibilities, he has provided overall strategic direction to the Industrial Development Corporation, introduced a policy directive to enable greater use of scrap metal in local foundries and steel mini mills, co-ordinated the work on the New Growth Path (NGP) economic strategy for South Africa, as well as co-ordinated the conclusion of a number of social accords between government and other social partners on training, the green economy, youth employment and local procurement. He has served for more than a decade on the Governing Body of the United Nations agency, the International Labour Organisation (ILO), and led global negotiations on matters as diverse as policy and standard setting on human resources development, cooperatives, the employment relationship, globalisation and social justice and the Global Employment Agenda. [Click here for full profile](#)



MELULEKI NZIMANDE
Webber Wentzel (August 2022)

Meluleki is the former Chief Commissioner of the International Trade Administration Commission of South Africa (ITAC). He specialises in all aspects of international trade and investment law across a range of sectors, investigations into customs duty amendments, including anti-dumping, safeguard and other trade remedy investigations, negotiation of bilateral and multilateral trade agreements, including the African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA), the Southern African Customs Union (SACU) is a party, including the EU-SADC Economic Partnership Agreement, the SACU Agreement, the WTO Agreement and others. Meluleki also has expertise in matters relating to mergers and acquisitions, anti-corruption law and general commercial law.



ROBERT WILSON
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Robert specialises in competition law. His experience includes advising clients on complaint investigations and litigation, merger control, market inquiries and compliance. Robert also has significant knowledge of the competition laws of many other African countries and regularly works on multijurisdictional merger applications across Africa. His experience extends across a number of sectors including mining, liquid fuels, chemicals, plastics, construction, industrial and consumer goods, distribution and retail, financial services, healthcare, and information and communication technology.



JAMES HODGE

Chief Economist and an Acting Deputy Commissioner

The South African Competition Commission

James has prevailed in numerous precedent-setting cases in the areas of abuse of dominance and public interest in merger control. He is also considered a leading expert in sector-specific regulation. He has assisted the communications regulator to litigate and regulate interconnection rates, resulting in large reductions in mobile call prices. Prior to joining the Competition Commission, James was the managing partner of the Competition and Regulatory Economics practice at Genesis Analytics. During his academic career, James advised the Africa Group in WTO negotiations on trade-in services which touches on the regulatory environment for these sectors.



OLIVIER SERRAO

Strategy Executive

Business Leadership South Africa

Olivier has worked in organised business structures for several years, previously occupying the role of Executive Director: Economic Policy at Business Unity South Africa (BUSA), South Africa's apex representative of organised business at domestic and international level. Olivier has also worked in National Government (the former Economic Development Department [EDD], where he served as Director and Acting Chief Director of Social Partnering and National Social Dialogue), participating in a number of high-level initiatives including social dialogue processes that culminated in the introduction of a national minimum wage in South Africa. Olivier also has experience in managing social dialogue and negotiation processes as well as programme and project management.



PROFESSOR FRANZISKA SUCKER

Associate professor, School of Law
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Franziska was, among other things, a visiting research fellow at the World Trade Institute (WTI), and a visiting researcher at the South African Institute for Advanced Constitutional, Public, Human Rights & International Law (SAIFAC). Prior to working in South Africa, Franziska was a senior researcher at the Max Planck Institute for Comparative Public Law and International Law in Heidelberg, Germany and a legal adviser in the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GTZ/GIZ), Accra (Ghana) for the Good Governance Programme, Revenue Mobilisation Support. She is also co-editor (with Kholofelo Kugler) of the book titled International economic law: (southern) African perspectives and priorities.



STEPHEN MELTZER

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Stephen has over 25 years of experience in international trade law, advising SACU Industries, governments and exporters and focuses on all aspects of trade law, including trade remedies, customs, import/export regulation, free trade agreements, other international agreements and World Trade Organisation law. He also has considerable experience in mergers, acquisitions, JSE and corporate law.



Yael Shafir
Webber Wentzel

Yael, a newly joined member of the CTI team at Webber Wentzel, is a trade and investment lawyer with a special interest in FDI and Africa related investment and investment promotion. Yael has over 25 years' experience working across Africa and Europe in a variety of roles across the legal and financial services sector and supports client teams in relation to their Africa-wide investments and projects.

Thank you

