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Werner advises local and international clients on all aspects of competition law, including merger control, cartel and other prohibited practice investigations and dawn raids, exemption applications and competition law compliance and training. Prior to joining DLA Piper Werner worked in the competition practice of another leading South African law firm and spent time at the Competition Commission of South Africa.

### LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Afrikaans
- English

- Regulatory and Government Affairs

- Financial Services
- Technology

Afrikaans English

Werner has been involved in various high profile transactions during his career. He has extensive experience in matters involving the South African competition authorities (having worked there for four years) and advises on matters across the agri-processing, financial services, FMCG, information technology, manufacturing and telecommunications sectors.

- Representing a multi-national FMCG company in receiving merger control approvals in Botswana, Ethiopia, Kenya, Malawi, Namibia, South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.
- Representing heavy equipment manufacturer in receiving merger control approvals in South Africa, Tanzania and Zambia.
- Representing private equity firms in receiving merger control clearances in COMESA, South Africa, Botswana, Namibia, Swaziland, Tanzania and Zambia.
- Representing vehicle manufacturers in receiving merger control approval in South Africa.
- Representing leading mobile network operator in market inquiry in South Africa.
- Representing bank in cartel proceedings in South Africa.
- Representing client in negotiating administrative penalty for pre-implementation of a merger in Zambia and subsequently successfully receiving merger control approval.

- Representing leading construction firm in cartel proceedings in South Africa.

## CREDENTIALS

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### Education

- King's College University of London, Postgraduate diploma in economics for competition law (with merit), 2012
- King's College University of London, Postgraduate diploma in EC competition law (with merit), 2010
- University of Stellenbosch, LLB, 2004

### Memberships

- Admitted Attorney, Conveyancer and Notary in the Western Cape High Court, 2007

## INSIGHTS

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### Publications

#### **Aiscension: AI in the legal sector**

27 April 2021

Africa Connected

One area of risk which AI can help mitigate, and detect, is cartel activity. DLA Piper has recently launched Aiscension to help detect and prevent cartel activity in collaboration with Reveal Data.

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#### **Antitrust Matters**

September 2020

Antitrust Matters

We are pleased to share with you a New Edition of our periodical global publication Antitrust Matters.

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#### **South Africa: Asset transactions during COVID-19 and the role of merger control approval**

September 2020

Antitrust and Competition: Novel Issues in a Post-Coronavirus World

The decision by governments to impose restrictions on businesses to slow the spread of coronavirus disease 2019 (COVID-19) has had a severe impact on the global and South African economy.

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