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André's practice focuses on corporate and commercial law. With over 24 years of post-qualification experience he advises local and international clients on mergers and acquisitions, inbound and outbound cross-border investment, corporate establishments and restructurings. André also advises on general commercial matters including information technology law, exchange control, supply and franchise agreements, BEE compliance and IP commercialisation where his experience spans a range of sectors including technology, agriculture, consumer goods, financial services and real estate.

In addition to advising clients on their investments into and out of South Africa, André's experience extends across the African continent. He is experienced at managing multi-jurisdictional Pan-African corporate and commercial matters, providing clients with a single point of contact and working behind the scenes to coordinate lawyers on the ground as required.

André is an admitted attorney of the High Court of South Africa and is also a registered Conveyancer, Notary Public and Tax Practitioner. He has spoken at many international conferences, authored various publications and lectured at South Africa's leading universities on commercial law topics.

- Corporate
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Tax

- Technology
- Consumer Goods, Food and Retail
- Financial Services
- Industrials
- Real Estate

Afrikaans English

LANGUAGES SPOKEN

- Afrikaans
- English

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- Advising Aurecon Africa on its demerger from Aurecon Group internationally and establishing an new independent African business under the name "Zutari".*

- Advising Zutari on its acquisition of the Middle East business of Aurecon Group.*
- Advising a South African diversified holdings company in respect of the disposal of a laboratory business in South Africa and Zambia to one of South Africa's leading providers of occupational health and safety training solutions.*
- Advising a Netherlands-based private equity firm in respect of the EUR99 million disposal of a South African industrials company and its parent company to a German multinational automotive company.*
- Advising a newly established South African bank in respect of the transfer of its business from a predecessor firm.*
- Advising Efficient Group Limited (Efficient) in respect of the acquisition by Apis (UK) of a controlling interest in Efficient and the subsequent delisting of Efficient from the JSE Limited.*
- Acting for the controlling shareholders in respect of the sale of the 'Oh So Heavenly' Brand Portfolio and 100% of the issued shares in Canway Proprietary Limited, to WIPRO Unza (Singapore).*
- Advising a Netherlands-based technology company in connection with its acquisition of a software business from a South African software company.*
- Advising a leading multi-national confectionery and snack foods company in respect of the restructuring of its operations in South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland and Zimbabwe.*
- Advising ZZ2 on:
 - its group restructure and buy-out of minority shareholders*
 - its joint venture with Criterion African Partners.*

*Denotes experience from a previous firm.

CREDENTIALS

Professional Qualifications

- Attorney of the High Court of South Africa, 1996

Recognitions

- IFLR (2019 – 2021) – Highly Regarded for M&A, South Africa
- *Who's Who Legal* (2017 – 2021) – Recommended for Franchising
- *Best Lawyers* in South Africa (Corporate Law) 2022 edition

Education

- LLM, University of Pretoria, 2015
- HDip.International Tax, University of Johannesburg, 2001
- HDip.Tax, University of Johannesburg, 1997
- LLB, University of Pretoria, 1992
- BCom (Law), University of Pretoria, 1989

Memberships

- Legal Practice Council (LPC)
- International Trademark Association (INTA)
- The SA Institute of Directors (IODSA)
- The SA Institute of Tax Professionals (SAIT)
- International Bar Association (IBA)

INSIGHTS

Publications

- Author of the sections on commercialisation, exchange control and tax of IP in the Practitioner's Guide to Intellectual Property Law (Lexisnexis).
- Co-author to Commercial Law in Africa : An Easy Reference (AA publication).
- Country author (South Africa) of the tax and exchange control chapter of International Licensing and Technology Transfer : Practice and the Law (Kluwer Law International).
- Country co-author (South Africa) of Data Protection & Privacy (European Lawyer).
- Country co-author (South Africa) of Getting the Deal Through : Data Protection & Privacy.

Events

- André has spoken at many international conferences, authored various publications and lectured at South Africa's leading universities on commercial law topics.

NEWS

DLA Piper advises Shoprite on acquisition of multiple Massmart stores

17 February 2022

DLA Piper has advised Shoprite Holdings, the South African supermarket retailer, on its acquisition of Cambridge Food, Rhino Cash and Carry, Massfresh and selected Masscash Cash and Carry assets from Massmart, a subsidiary of the world's largest grocer, Walmart.

DLA Piper builds its ranking in "Best Lawyers" 2022 South Africa edition

11 November 2021

DLA Piper has built on its standing in the 2022 edition of the "Best Lawyers" South Africa listing by adding another three directors.

DLA Piper South African lawyers recognised by IFLR1000 2021

2 November 2021

DLA Piper has been recognised by the IFLR1000 in the publication's 2021 rankings of the world's leading financial and corporate law firms and lawyers.

DLA Piper bolsters corporate and commercial capability in South Africa with the appointment of André Visser

15 January 2021

DLA Piper has appointed André Visser as a director of its corporate practice in Johannesburg. André has over 24 years of corporate and commercial experience advising local and international clients across a range of sectors including technology, consumer goods, agriculture, financial services and real estate.
