

CHIKONDI

BANDA

Candidate Attorney



• **2021:** Bachelor of Laws (Coventry University)

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BACKGROUND

Chikondi is a Candidate Attorney in the Corporate Commercial Department, under the pupillage of Mr Rizwan Desai, with a focusing on commercial and cooperate transactional work advising international, African and local clients on their local and cross-border transactions.

His commercial experience spans across a variety of industries which include, renewable energy & power, banking & finance, Mergers & Acquisitions, mining, telecommunications, financial services and Intellectual property.

MEMBERSHIP & AFFILIATIONS

- Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member of the Young International Council for Commercial Arbitration
- WIPO ADR Young Member

LEGAL EXPERIENCE & INTERNSHIPS

- **April 2021 to present:** Candidate Attorney, Desai Law Group
- **October 2020 to April 2021:** Legal Intern, Desai Law Group
- **May 2020:** Legal Consultant (Intern), Qualimental Technologies (**UK**)
- **2019 to 2020:** Virtual Internship at Linklaters, Latham & Watkins, Baker McKenzie, White & Case LLP (**UK**)
- **April 2019 to July 2019:** Legal Internship Programme, Desai Law Group
- **September 2018 to April 2019:** Legal Intern, Collins Newman & Company
- **May 2018:** Legal Intern, Nchito & Nchito Advocates (**Zambia**)
- **April 2016 to May 2017:** Legal and Compliance Volunteer, Freshwinds (**UK**)

CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

MERGERS & ACQUISITIONS

- Part of the team advising Premium Nickel Resources Corporation in the proposed acquisition of mining assets by it from BCL Limited and its subsidiaries.
- Part of the team rendering transaction advise to Access Bank Plc on the USD 400million proposed transaction to acquire 78.15% of the issue share capital of African Banking Corporation of Botswana Limited from ABC Holdings Limited including providing advice on and assisting with all required regulatory approval.
- Part of the legal team advising Enaex Africa in the structuring and formation of a joint venture between itself and a local partner.
- Part of the legal team conducting legal due diligence on the proposed investment or acquisition of Palapye Operation & Maintenance Company and Palapye Power Generation.
- Part of the legal team rendering advice on the acquisition of Kgalagadi Breweries (Pty) Ltd Non- Alcoholic ready to drink business by Coca-Cola Company.

LISTINGS

- Assisted the team in conducting the Legal due diligence for a BancABC in its listing on the Main board of the BSE.
- Assisted the team with conducting the legal due diligence for Seed Co in its listing on the Main Board of the BSE.

PROJECT/ PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

- Part of the team advising several bidders in the tender issued by the Botswana Power Corporation to develop and operate a 2 X50 MW (100MW) Solar Photovoltaic Power Project tender in Botswana.

INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- Part of the legal team advising on the registration of the Rainbow schools' trademark on behalf of Aleyo Capital LLP in their acquisition of Rainbow schools.
- Part of the legal team acting for Master Card and Guess in the opposition of a trademark application.
- Part of the legal team responsible for assisting and advising Adams & Adams, an internationally recognized African Law Firm on their local IP filings.

CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL

- Assisted the Managing Partner rendering legal advice to Choppies Enterprise Limited and Mascom Wireless Botswana Proprietary Limited.
- Assisted the legal advisor team in the USD\$360m loan facility between Botswana Development Corporation Limited and overseas Private Investment Corporation.
- Member of the legal team providing legal advisory and transaction services for the proposed amalgamation of two Botswana based copper mines.
- Part of the legal team acting for Tourism Development Consortium in the development and transfer of properties for the Setlhoa Development.
- Member of the legal team providing legal advisory and transaction services for the proposed amalgamation of two Botswana based copper mines.
- Conducted due diligence for the issuance of a BWP 500 000 000 Medium Term note for a leading variable rate company.

LITIGATION & ARBITRATION

- Assisted the team rendering legal advice and litigation services to Lewis Group Stores (Pty) Limited.
- Part of the team that acted for Norsad Finance Limited in its successful arbitral award against the Focus Group of Companies in the amount of BWP 100 million.

OTHER

- Assisting with the review of various contractual agreements including Insurance agreement, share sale agreement and review of a customer facility agreements.

