

Practice Areas

Our Africa practice is a general commercial practice focusing on M&A and Banking and Finance work. Within these areas we have extensive experience in a number of specialist industry sectors, including:

- Aviation
- Energy, Oil & Gas
- Finance (including acquisition finance, asset finance, project finance, property finance and trade finance)
- Financial Institutions (including banks and micro-finance)
- Insurance
- Investment Funds
- Mining
- Private Equity
- Privatisations/Public Private Partnerships
- Regulatory
- Telecommunications
- Transport and Infrastructure

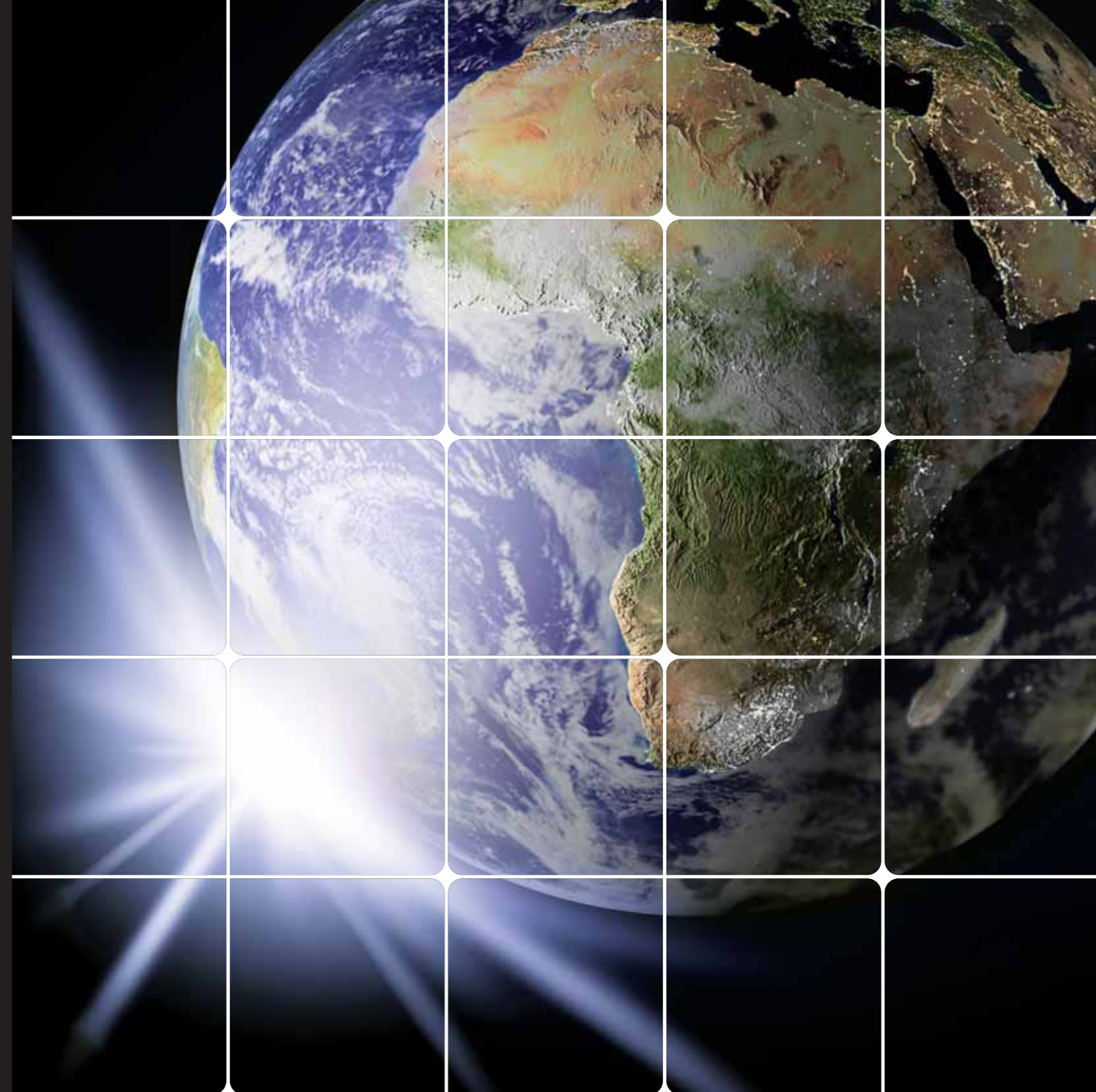
Deneys Reitz

Deneys Reitz is one of South Africa's leading law firms with offices in Johannesburg, Cape Town and Durban. It has an extensive practice in all main commercial, labour and litigation areas and its large international and southern African client base includes premier multinationals and listed companies. Together with Deneys Reitz we offer a combined and seamless resource of over 230 legal professionals, allowing us to provide an international service standard across all key practice areas. Deneys Reitz/Africa Legal is one of Africa's largest, most highly resourced legal services firms.

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International Recognition

Deneys Reitz and Africa Legal, our individual lawyers and the transactions we have advised on have received many coveted international accolades and awards. Please visit our website for details.



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Who we are

Africa Legal is a specialist legal team of internationally recognised Africa experts. We offer a unique pan-African commercial law service, being a major Africa based team of English qualified commercial lawyers working with leading South African and other internationally experienced lawyers.

We are client-focused, delivering legal services in a commercial and responsive manner while maintaining the highest technical and ethical standards. Our knowledge of and experience in transactions on the African continent means that our clients receive legal advice specific to the countries in which they operate.

Our clients are leaders in their field and include major international corporates, financial institutions, investment funds and governmental organisations. Our clients include Absa/Barclays, Actis, AFD/Proparco, AIG, Aureos, CDC, Citibank, the FirstRand Group, FMO, Hollard, the IDC, Metropolitan/Momentum, Nedbank, Seacom, Siemens, Standard Bank and Standard Chartered Bank, among many others.

African Specialisation

As Africa experts we can help you solve the legal problems you are likely to encounter on cross-border transactions across Africa, many of which can be unexpected:

Country risk & structuring issues

We can help you identify and mitigate country-specific risks and optimise investment structures by advising on legal and practical issues concerning taking security, the structuring of transactions, enforcing rights through courts or international tribunals, investor protections and local legal practices.

Know-how

We have accumulated a vast amount of specialist legal know-how relating to many African jurisdictions, saving you time and money when planning or documenting transactions in foreign jurisdictions.

Practicality in an imperfect world

Our job is to guide our clients and to find legally sound solutions that are practical, even in less developed jurisdictions where the legal position in relation to complex transactions or products can sometimes be unclear.

Governance and reputational risk

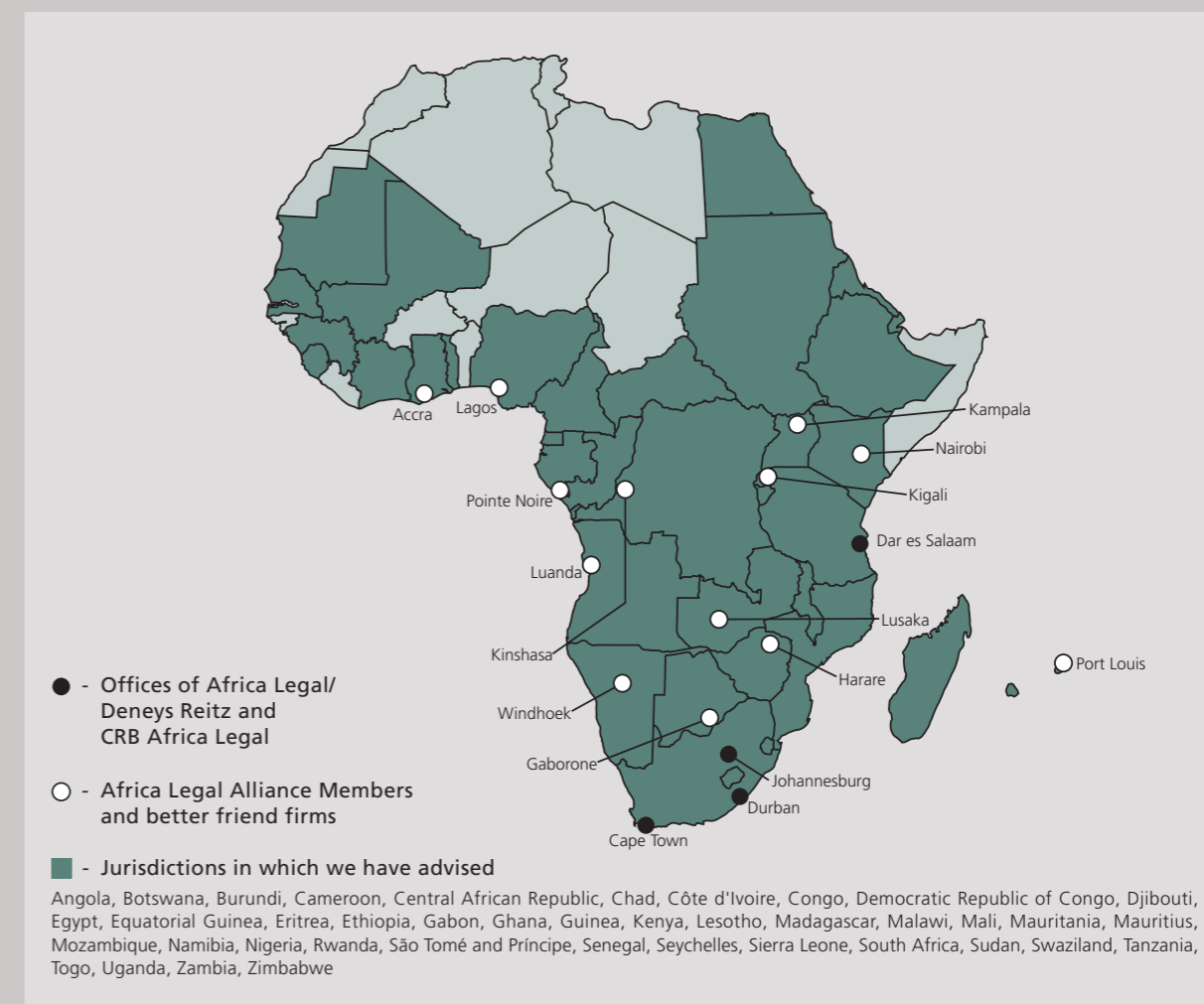
We can help you to ensure that you achieve wider strategic and governance objectives while conforming to local laws and practices. We know the markets and industries in which our clients operate which means we can recommend appropriate protection to reduce reputational risk.

Advisers

We know the best local advisers and manage their input to make sure the advice you get is the advice you need and is provided as cost-effectively as possible.



African Focus, English Law, African Footprint



We have a unique approach to covering the 53 jurisdictions in the African continent - and that approach means we provide a first-class service wherever our clients are doing business:

We know Africa

We are exclusively focused on providing a pan-African commercial legal service and we have advised on many transactions in over 40 African jurisdictions.

We offer real depth of English law expertise

English law is the first choice for international contracts and the basis of the legal systems in much of sub-Saharan Africa. Our ability to provide a quality English law service means we can compete with leading UK and US law firms for major English law transactions, while offering local charge-out rates. We also advise under South African law (the basis of the legal systems of many Southern African jurisdictions), and have concluded many transactions in French and Portuguese speaking jurisdictions. Like our clients, our lawyers have international experience and an international outlook – many having worked for leading international law firms.

We have a real African footprint

We are based in Johannesburg, the most important commercial centre and business gateway into sub-Saharan Africa. We also have offices in East Africa through our association with CRB Africa Legal, a leading Tanzanian firm with whom we enjoy a strong working relationship. The full-time secondment of senior Africa Legal lawyers to Dar es Salaam, working with CRB Africa Legal on joint instructions, pooling our know-how, and developing a training programme for the junior team members of CRB Africa Legal, are important components of this association.

Our offices in South Africa and Tanzania are further supported by our Africa Legal Alliance - an extensive network of relationships with selected leading law firms throughout Africa. We can give our clients prompt access to the best lawyers in the region, including Angola, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Kenya, Mozambique, Namibia, Nigeria, Uganda and Zimbabwe.

We have also established strong relationships with law firms in many other jurisdictions such as Botswana, Mauritius, Rwanda, and Zambia.

With Deneys Reitz we have excellent relationships (including secondment arrangements) with many of the major international law firms.