

# LEXAfrica

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## A BRIEF OVERVIEW



## ABOUT US

LEX Africa is an alliance of leading law firms across Africa which was founded in 1993 and was the first legal alliance focusing solely on Africa. Only African law firms join the Alliance subject to strict performance and selection criteria to ensure world class standards of legal practice.

Each member is an independent law firm whose key specialist focus is on general corporate and commercial law as well as litigation and dispute resolution.

LEX Africa effectively covers the entire African continent and provides a valuable resource for businessmen and investors in Africa. LEX Africa has a more than 20 year track record of assisting and advising clients on their African business activities. Each member is a full service business law firm with expert knowledge and experience on both local laws and the local business, political, cultural and economic environment. A lawyer exchange program and specialist LEX Africa practice and industry sector groups facilitates professional relationships and the sharing of information and skills.

LEX Africa accordingly provides a “one stop shop” and Pan African legal team for cross border and local African legal solutions for clients wherever they wish to do business in Africa.

LEX Africa’s management office is situated at the offices of the South African member, Werksmans Attorneys. A management committee is elected at each Annual General Meeting of members. LEX Africa produces popular Business and specialist guides annually, including Mining in Africa, Insolvency and Restructuring and a recently launched guide to Foreign Judgment and Arbitral Awards in Africa. The guides are available for download from LEX Africa’s website.

## DISTINGUISHING OUR MEMBER FIRMS

### Expertise and Experience

We commit to provide our clients with legal solutions of the highest quality and expertise. LEX Africa has an established track record of advising and assisting clients in Africa since 1993.

### Integrity

We conduct all dealings with clients and other member firms in accordance with the highest ethical and professional standards.

### Diversity

Our members reflect the rich diversity of the African continent. They are located in North, South, East, West and Central Africa. Languages include English, French, Portuguese, German, Mandarin, Arabic, Zulu, Swahili and other indigenous languages. Religions include Christianity, Islam, Hinduism, Judaism and African traditional beliefs. Our members are accordingly fully equipped to advise clients on local business etiquette, customs and cultural practices to facilitate a successful outcome.

### Community

Member firms share similar values and are colleagues and friends bound by a common Pan-African vision and strong professional relationships.

### Social Responsibility

Our members strive to be good corporate citizens. As lawyers, we have a role to play in contributing to the socio-economic development of our Continent and supporting the Rule of Law.

### Leadership

As well respected members of the legal fraternity, we pride ourselves on being ambassadors for our Continent.

### Constant Innovation

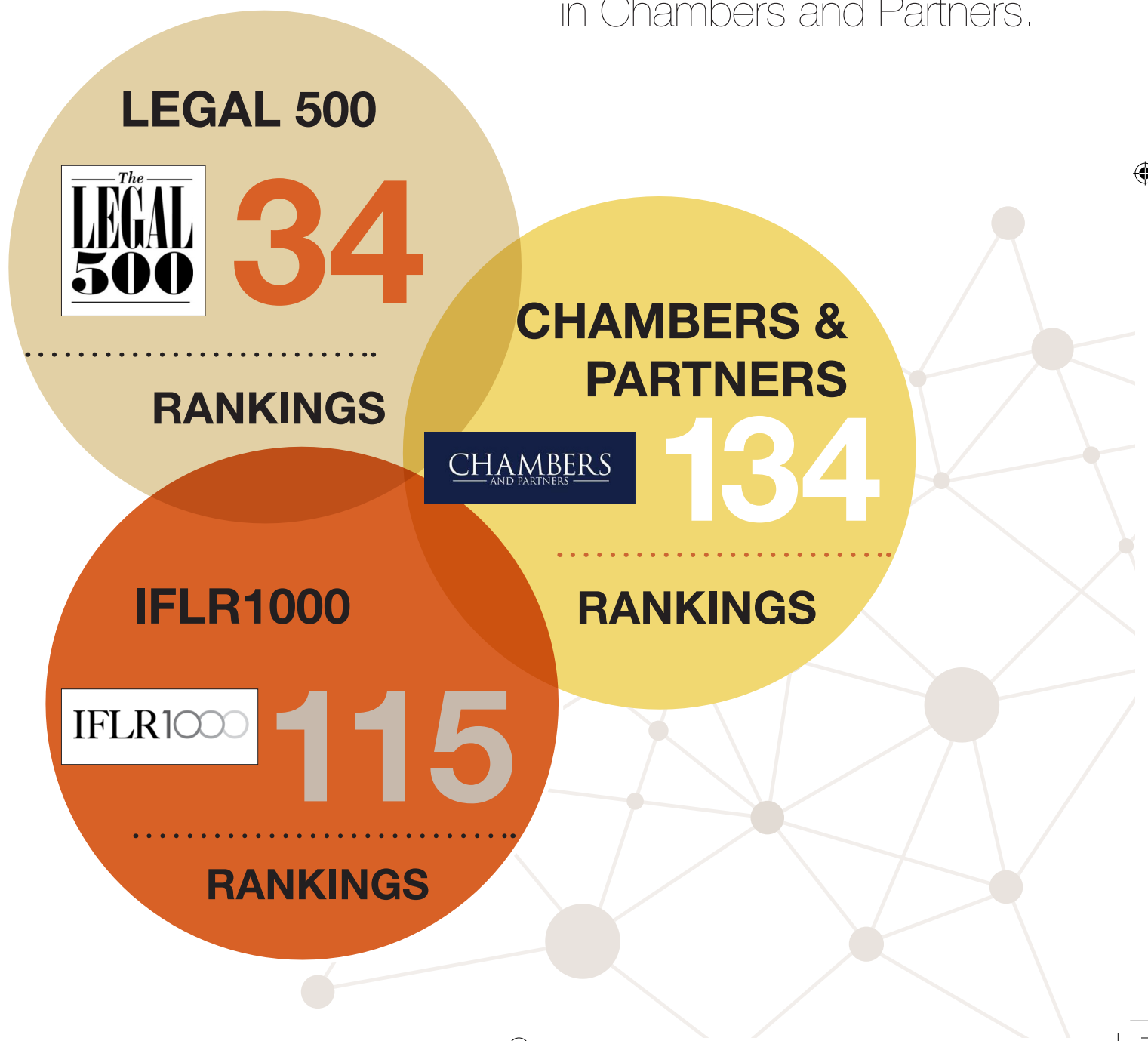
We proactively identify opportunities and develop innovative solutions for clients having regard to changing laws and an ever changing investment and business environment.

# A RECOGNISED LEADING **ALLIANCE**

Our **LEX Africa members** are top performing law firms in their respective countries and their lawyers are consistently recognised in the **major legal directories** as leaders in their fields.

LEX Africa is ranked as a **Band 1 Leading Regional Law Firm Network**

in Chambers and Partners.



## WHAT SETS US APART

We are the leading African Legal Alliance with a vision to facilitate business and investment growth and development in Africa through best legal practice. We pride ourselves by following these key principles:

### **DRIVE GROWTH • MINIMISE RISK**

Through the Alliance, you have access to a large pool of highly skilled, experienced and reputable lawyers. Our lawyers will help you to maximise your benefits from growth opportunities in Africa and also, as importantly, to minimise your risk.

### **GLOBAL EXPERTISE • LOCAL INSIGHT**

LEX Africa members have world class specialist legal expertise and experience but effective solutions are often not just about the law. Dealing with legal and commercial matters in many African countries often also requires our members' intimate knowledge of local customs, cultural practices, languages and the local business, investment and political environment.

### **WORLD-CLASS SERVICE STANDARDS**

Clients who are referred to a LEX Africa member can be confident they are dealing with a leading law firm in that country whose lawyers are highly regarded for their expertise and experience. Members are selected on the basis that they consistently meet world-class service standards in legal practice in accordance with the LEX Africa Code of Conduct.

### **INDEPENDENT FIRMS • A PAN AFRICAN CROSS BORDER TEAM**

LEX Africa members are proudly independent African firms. However through LEX Africa, they also form a powerful Pan-African cross border team to assist clients throughout the Continent. This is reinforced by close professional relationships and friendships between members as well as the specialist LEX Africa practice groups in dispute resolution, corporate/M&A, competition/antitrust, insolvency/business restructuring, mining and banking/finance.

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## OUR MEMBER FIRMS

### **Angola – Luanda**

Faria De Bastos & Lopes

### **Botswana – Gaborone**

Armstrongs

### **Burkina Faso – Ouagadougou**

SCPA Kam & Some

### **Cameroon - Douala**

D.Moukouri & Partners

### **Cote D'Ivoire - Abidjan**

F.D.K.A Association d'Avocats

### **Democratic Republic of Congo – Kinshasa**

Emery Mukendi Wafana & Associates

### **Ethiopia – Addis Ababa**

Tadesse Kiros Law Office

### **Ghana – Accra**

Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa, Ankomah

### **Kenya – Nairobi**

Kaplan & Stratton

### **Lesotho – Maseru**

Webber Newdigate

### **Malawi – Blantyre**

Sacranie, Gow & Co

### **Mauritius – Port Louis**

Erriah Chambers

### **Mozambique – Maputo**

Couto, Graca & Associados (CGA)

### **Namibia – Windhoek**

Keop and Partners

### **Nigeria – Lagos**

Giwa-Osagie & Company

### **Senegal – Dakar**

Mame Adama Gueye & Associates

### **South Africa – Johannesburg**

Werksmans Attorneys

### **Tanzania – Dar es Salaam**

FB Attorneys

### **Uganda – Kampala**

Katende Ssempebwa & Co

### **Zambia – Lusaka**

Corpus Legal Practitioners

### **Zimbabwe – Harare**

Scanlen & Holderness Legal Practitioners

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