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## 814 Lawyers Recognized in 13<sup>th</sup> Edition of *The Best Lawyers in South Africa*<sup>™</sup>

AUGUSTA, Ga., 11 November 2021 — Best Lawyers®, the oldest and most respected guide to the legal profession globally, is pleased to announce the release of the 13<sup>th</sup> edition of *The Best Lawyers in South Africa*<sup>™</sup>.

The 2022 edition of *The Best Lawyers in South Africa* recognizes the professional excellence of 814 lawyers in 56 practice areas, including 49 “Lawyer of the Year” honorees. “Lawyer of the Year” honors are awarded to only one lawyer per practice area in each region with extremely high overall feedback from their peers, making it an exceptional distinction.

“We are pleased to continue presenting the most reliable, unbiased legal awards for the top legal professionals in South Africa through our esteemed and unique peer review process,” says Best Lawyers CEO Phil Greer.

Lawyers who are nominated for consideration are voted on by currently recognized Best Lawyers working in the same practice area and located in the same geographic region. Our awards and recognitions are based purely on the feedback we receive from these top lawyers. Those who receive high peer reviews undergo a thorough verification process to make sure they are currently still in private practice. Only then can these top lawyers be recognized by Best Lawyers.

In addition to historic individual lawyer recognitions and “Lawyer of the Year” awards, 11 firms received a “Law Firm of the Year” award in 13 practice areas:

### Law Firm

Allen & Overy  
Bowmans  
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Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr  
ENSafrica  
Glyn Marais  
Herbert Smith Freehills  
Norton Rose Fulbright South Africa  
Pinsent Masons  
Spoor & Fisher  
Webber Wentzel  
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Werksmans Attorneys

### Specialty

Banking and Finance Law  
Competition / Antitrust Law  
Labor and Employment Law  
Mining Law  
Tax Law  
Real Estate Law  
Project Finance and Development Practice  
Insurance Law  
Construction Law  
Intellectual Property Law  
Corporate Law  
Litigation  
Mergers and Acquisitions Law

“Law Firm of the Year” awards recognize a single top firm for its work in a specific legal practice area nationwide. Awards are determined based on a handful of factors including lawyer feedback, the number of lawyers included in Best Lawyers for that firm and practice area, the number of office locations a firm has, historical analysis of the firm’s “Lawyer of the Year” awards, materials submitted by firms and the firm’s overall scope and areas of expertise.

For research purposes, smaller and more rural cities located within a reasonable distance to larger cities are combined into single geographical regions called “metro areas” to help collect as much feedback and data as possible. South Africa, as defined by Best Lawyers, is composed of four metro areas with Johannesburg having the largest number of listed lawyers.

Search *The Best Lawyers in South Africa* results by lawyer name, firm, region and/or practice area by visiting [www.bestlawyers.com](http://www.bestlawyers.com).

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