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Akhona Bilatyi is a Director in the Dispute, Regulatory, and Digital Media and Electronic Communications practice areas. She advises on general commercial litigation, corporate governance, regulatory law, constitutional law, procurement and administrative law, and telecommunications. She holds an LLB from the University of Johannesburg.

Years of Experience: 8 years, with 6 years post admission experience.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Digital Media & Electronic Communications
- Disputes
- Regulatory

EXPERTISE

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Commercial
- Digital Media & Electronic Communications
- Regulatory
- Financial Sector

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- General litigation; and
- Administrative law disputes.

CAREER

- 2016: LLB (University of Johannesburg)
- 2019: Associate, Werksmans Attorneys
- 2021: Senior Associate

HIGHLIGHTS

Advised, inter alia, on:

- Telkom SA Ltd (“Telkom”) in a review application that was launched against the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), seeking to set aside the decisions of ICASA to publish the composite invitation to apply for an individual electronic communications network services and Radio Frequency Spectrum licenses for the purpose of operating a Wireless Open Access Network, and the publication of invitation to apply for licensing process for international mobile telecommunications in respect of the provision of mobile broadband wireless access services for urban and rural areas using complimentary bands IMT700, IMT800, IMT2600 and IMT3500 spectrum frequency.
- The Prudential Authority (“PA”) of the South African Reserve Bank (“SARB”), in various applications instituted by an exempted entity in accordance with the Banks Act and the Financial Sector Regulation Act.
- Mobile Telephone Networks (Pty) Ltd (“MTN”) in tender review proceedings against a government entity.
- Co-authored article: “Is Government Moving in the Same Direction: Will Rapid Deployment of Electronic Communications Facilities Be Realised Soon?” (Sunday Times)
- Ranked as a key lawyer by Legal 500/ 2025/ Dispute Resolution