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Corlett Manaka is Head of Litigation & Dispute Resolution and a member of the Werksmans Inc. Executive Committee. He advises across the practice areas of Business Crimes & Investigations; Dispute Resolution; and Insolvency, Business Rescue & Restructuring. Corlett specialises in aviation law and litigation; commercial litigation; competition law; regulatory law; local government law; and constitutional and administrative law. He advises on the provisions of the Public Finance Management Act (PFMA), Promotion of Administrative Jusitce Act (PAJA) and the Provisions of the Promotion of Access to Information Act (PAIA). Corlett co-founded Nalane Manaka Inc., which merged with Werksmans in 2006.

Years of Experience: 26 years

PRACTICE AREAS

- Disputes
- Regulatory

EXPERTISE

- Aviation law and litigation
- Commercial litigation
- Competition law
- Regulatory law in aviation
- Local government law
- Constitutional and administrative law

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Litigation
- Dispute Resolution
- Media, Communications and Technology
- Business Crimes & Investigations
- Regulatory, Constitutional and Administrative Law

CAREER

- Certificate in Competition Law, University of the Witwatersrand, 2002
- Admitted as an Attorney, 1996

- LLB, University of Limpopo, 1995
- BProc, University of Limpopo, 1992

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked as a Leading Partner by Legal 500 | 2026 | Dispute Resolution
- Ranked lawyer (Band 3) by Chambers Global | 2026 | Administrative & Public Law
- Ranked lawyer (Band 2) by Chambers Global | 2026 | Dispute Resolution
- Ranked lawyer (Band 2) by Chambers Global | 2025 | Dispute Resolution
- Ranked as a Leading Individual by Legal 500 | 2024 | Dispute Resolution
- Ranked as a Leading Individual by Legal 500 | 2025 | Dispute Resolution
- Ranked lawyer (Band 3) by Chambers Global | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 | 2025 Administrative & Public Law
- Ranked lawyer (Band 3) by Chambers Global | 2022 | 2023 | 2024 Dispute Resolution
- Ranked as a recommended lawyer by Legal 500 | 2016, 2018 and 2020 | Dispute Resolution
- Ranked as a stand-out lawyer by Acritas Stars | 2020 | Dispute Resolution
- Co-founder of Nalane Manaka Inc. which merged with Werksmans in 2006
- Serves on the Boards of various entities
- Member of the Werksmans Inc. Executive Committee
- Co-Authored Dispute Resolution Guide South Africa

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