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Emma Reid is an Associate in the Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions and Private Equity practice areas. She has advised on local and cross-border M&A transactions and private equity transactions, including co-ordinating due diligence investigations in the context of such transactions. In particular, she has experience in advising on, negotiating and drafting a variety of commercial agreements for clients in the retail sector, agricultural sector and technology sector. She advises on company law and corporate governance matters.

Years of Experience: 2 years

PRACTICE AREAS

Commercial

- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Advised clients in the retail sector and agricultural sector and private equity funds in the RSA and Africa and other clients who supply/service the retail sector in various commercial transactions and matters. These transactions and matters cover various commercial and operational areas including: corporate financing, JSE requirements, group restructuring, acquisitions and disposals of shareholdings in companies and of business enterprises or business assets, lease and property sale agreements, supply agreements, SLAs, and others. Some examples of these transactions and types of matters include:
- Advising on logistics services agreements for a multinational food products supplier to the retail sector
- Advising South African companies on the disposal of their retail subsidiaries in various African countries
- Advising private equity funds on their acquisition and disposal of equity stakes in companies in South Africa and Africa
- Advising various company boards and shareholder groups on company law issues and shareholder disputes
- Advising various company boards regarding corporate governance matters

CAREER

- **Admitted as an attorney**, 2026
- **LLB** (*cum laude*), Stellenbosch University, 2023
- **BCom (Law)**, Stellenbosch University, 2021

HIGHLIGHTS

Articles:

- Restriction on the transferability of shares in a private company: ROFO vs ROFR (March 2025) (https://werksmans.com/rofr-vs-rofo-navigating-restrictions-on-the-transfer-of-shares-in-private-companies/)
- The Balancing Act: The sharing of company information by exiting private equity investors with potential third-party purchasers (April 2025) (https://werksmans.com/the-balancing-act-the-sharing-of-company-information-by-exiting-shareholders-with-potential-third-party-purchasers/)
- When does an acquisition of shares by a company of its own shares constitute a scheme of arrangement? (June 2025) (https://werksmans.com/when-does-an-acquisition-by-a-company-of-its-own-shares-constitute-a-scheme-of-arrangement/)