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Paul Cleland is a Director in the Competition practice area. He specialises in all aspects of competition law, including contested and uncontested merger approvals; cartel; abuse of dominance and other prohibited practices investigations; interim relief proceedings; and compliance. Paul has significant experience in advising clients in the media sector in relation to competition issues and advises firms across a range of other sectors and industries on competition issues, including mining; distribution and logistics; motor vehicle; chemical and industrial; forestry and agriculture; beverages; banking, insurance and financial services; regulated and electronic payments. He provides advice regarding merger filing requirements in African jurisdictions outside of South Africa, including the regional COMESA competition regime.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Competition
- Technology & Innovation

EXPERTISE

- All aspects of competition law, including contested and uncontested merger approvals; cartel, abuse of dominance and other prohibited practices investigations; interim relief proceedings; and advisory and compliance.
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RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

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CAREER

- BA LLB (University of the Witwatersrand)
- 2009: Director, Werksmans

HIGHLIGHTS

Named as:

- Ranked leading lawyer **(Band 5**) by Chambers Global | Competition/Antitrust | 2025, 2026
- Ranked lawyer (**Band 4**) by Chambers Global | 2013, 2016, 2017, 2021 and 2022, 2024 | Competition/Antitrust
- a recommended lawyer in Competition by the Legal500 (2012, 2016, 2017, 2018 and 2021);
- a leading practitioner in Competition & Antitrust by Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business (2018, 2019 and 2020).
- Lecturer
- Commercial Contracts, Attorneys Admission Courses (2003 2004) (Law Society of the Northern Provinces)
- Commercial Contracts, Practical Legal Training (2003 2004) (Law Society of the Northern Provinces)
- Skills Transfer Project, Practical Competition Law Programme (2008 and 2010) (Law Society of South Africa, LEAD & SASSETA)

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