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Preeta Bhagattjee, Director and Head of the Technology & Innovation practice, is a technology law specialist and has extensive experience in communications and digital technology law as well as data protection and cyber-security and intellectual property. Her specialisation includes advising industry leaders on their key strategic technology innovation projects, on major outsourcing and technology projects as well as shaping clients' legal and regulatory strategies for digital and virtual transformation and on cloud computing services, e-commerce, fintech, digital health and machine learning, robotics and augmented reality, quantum computing and wearable tech. She advises both technology innovators, service providers, investors and disruptors on technology solutions as well as technology users on all their legal needs, in South Africa and across multiple jurisdictions in Africa and across the globe, including across highly regulated sectors such as financial services, healthcare, telecommunications, media and communications.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Digital Media & Electronic Communications
- Healthcare & Life Sciences

EXPERTISE

- Digital, virtual and e-commerce legal strategy and contracting
- Information technology contracting (software, outsourcing and cloud computing)
- Data Protection and Cybersecurity
- Data commercialisation and data analytics
- Digital Media
- Fintech
- Digital health
- Technology regulation
- Intellectual property
- Insuretech
- Regtech
- Machine learning, robotics and augmented reality (artificial intelligence and deep learning), quantum computing and wearable tech
- Robotic process automation and connected cars and telematics
- Digital infrastructure and communications

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Digital and innovation legal strategies
- Legal and regulatory implementation of fintech and digital health (healthtech and medtech) products and services
- Cloud services requirements
- Outsourcing services requirements including having advised on a number of large-scale technology, telecommunications and networking outsourcing agreements
- Complex technology procurement, licensing and IP transactions, including with local and offshore components
- Data aggregation, cross border data processing and data analytics

CAREER

- BA LLB, University of the Witwatersrand
- LLM, University of South Africa (UNISA)
- LLM, University of Johannesburg
- Year of admission as an attorney in South Africa, 1999

HIGHLIGHTS

- Chambers Global 2026 ranks Preeta in Band 1: IT & Telecommunications
- Chambers Global 2026 ranks Preeta in Band 2: FinTech Legal
- Chambers Global 2011 – 2024, 2025 ranks Preeta in Band 1: IT & Telecommunications
- Chambers Global Fintech 2020 – 2024, 2025 ranks Preeta in – Band 2.
- Chambers Global 2019 Fintech Legal Guide ranked Preeta in – Band 2.
- Best Lawyers ranks Preeta in Outsourcing Law and Information Technology Law

AUTHORSHIPS

- Preeta has contributed a chapter on South African law to the publication **Cybercrime and Security**, edited by Professor Pauline Reich and published by Oxford University Press.
- Preeta has authored the **OneTrust Guidance Note – South Africa** – data protection overview and co-authored the Thomson Reuters Practical Law guide on Outsourcing in South Africa