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Richard Roothman is a Director in the Banking & Finance and Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions practice areas. Richard specialises in banking and financial services regulation; debt capital markets; exchange control; leveraged and acquisition finance; leveraged and management buy-outs; project and limited recourse finance; structured finance transactions; listings/flotations; public offerings and private placements; securitisation, and syndicated and bilateral financing structures. Richard is consistently recognised in international rankings, including being named as a leading lawyer in Capital Markets (2010 – 2017), Banking (2011-2017) and in Project Finance (2011 – 2013) by IFLR1000: The Guide to the World’s Leading Financial Law Firms.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Banking & Finance
- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
- Technology & Innovation

EXPERTISE

- Banking and financial services regulation
- Debt capital markets
- Exchange control
- Leveraged and acquisition finance
- Leveraged and management buy-outs
- Project and limited recourse finance
- Structured finance transactions
- Listings/flotations
- Public offerings and private placements
- Securitisation
- Syndicated and bilateral financing structures

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Matters related to:

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate Mergers and Acquisition
- Technology & Innovation

CAREER

- BCom (Law) LLB (University of Pretoria)
- LLM (Cornell University, USA)
- LLM (Tax) (University of the Witwatersrand)
- 1996: Admitted as member of the New York Bar
- 2007: Director, Werksmans
- Head of the Banking & Finance practice area

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked by Chambers Global | **Band 2** | Capital Markets: Debt | 2026
- Ranked in **hall of fame** by The Legal 500 | Banking & Finance | 2026
- Ranked in **hall of fame** by The Legal 500 | Banking & Finance | 2024, 2025
- Ranked as a **highly regarded** practitioner by IFLR 1000 | Banking and Finance | Capital Markets | Structured Finance & Securitisation | 2010 – 2017, 2022, 2024, 2025
- Ranked by Chambers Global | **Band 4** | Banking and Finance | 2011, 2019 – 2022
- Ranked by Chambers Global | **Band 2** | Capital Markets | 2012, 2019 – 2022, 2024, 2025
- Ranked by The International Who's Who of Capital Market Lawyers | Capital Markets | 2014
- Ranked by The International Who's Who of Capital Market Lawyers | Debt and Equity | Structured Finance | 2013