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Shayne Krige is the Head of the Investment Funds practice area. He also forms part of the Private Equity practice and Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions areas. Shayne specialises in investment funds; private equity; and international transactions. His expertise covers the range of investment fund types – from hedge funds, pension funds to private equity and venture capital funds – extending to corporate/mergers & acquisitions as well as corporate structuring. Shayne has acted for investment funds; fund managers and investors as well as major corporations seeking to invest into and out of South Africa.

Years of Experience: 23 years

PRACTICE AREAS

- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions
- Investment Funds
- Private Equity
- Technology & Innovation

EXPERTISE

Commercial

- Investment Funds
- Private Equity
- Corporate Mergers & Acquisitions

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Represented several South African and international clients in establishing and operating hedge funds, private equity funds, venture capital funds, investment management and advisor companies including those established in South Africa, Luxembourg, British Virgin Islands, Cayman Islands, Mauritius, Malta, Isle of Man, Jersey, Guernsey and France.
- Acted as South African counsel to One Thousand & One Voices, a fund blending philanthropy and investment in assets across the African continent, as international legal counsel to the Evolution One fund, a fund investing into clean technology investments in sub-Saharan Africa and Barak, a trade finance fund investing across Africa.
- Represented LPs investing into private equity funds across Africa including major banks and several family offices.
- Advising international banks on operations in South Africa including major Swiss and Japanese banks.
- Represented founders of Skype in establishment of international communications business.
- Litigation experience including acting for the principals of the Belvedere Group in relation to allegations of administering one of the biggest Ponzi schemes in history involving Mauritius, Guernsey, the Cayman Islands and South Africa.

- Regular speaker at international conferences on investment funds.
- Fluent in French and German.
- Clients have included Allan Gray, Amnesty International, Bank Insinger de Beaufort, Inspired Evolution, Investec Bank, Standard Bank, Pictet, JP Morgan, Public Investment Corporation, Steinhoff, AIG, South African Reserve Bank and SAB Miller.

CAREER

- **Admitted as an Attorney**, 1999
- **LLB**, University of the Witwatersrand,
- **BA**, University of the Witwatersrand,
- 2011, Director, Werksmans
- Head of Investment Funds & Private Equity practice area

HIGHLIGHTS

- Listed as a Leading Partner in Investment Funds by the Legal 500 (2026).
- Listed as a Leading Lawyer in Investment Funds by the Legal 500 (2025).
- Ranked as a Highly Regarded practitioner for Banking and Capital Markets in IFLR1000 (2020 – 2023, 2024, 2025).
- Listed as a Recommended Lawyer in Investment Funds by the Legal 500 (2024).
- Admitted as an English Solicitor and Solicitor of Eastern Caribbean Supreme Court.
- Practised for 12 years in Paris, France.
- Recognised as a Thought Leader Africa Private Funds – Who's Who Legal | 2023.
- Headed the Werksmans' team that won "Offshore Investment Team of the Year for South Africa", at the Offshore Excellence Awards judged in London, August 2014.
- Named as a Leading Individual in Investment Funds by the Legal 500 (2016 – 2023)."Industry knowledge surpasses all other firms", according to a client. Shayne Krige is "outstanding' in local as well as offshore structuring and regulatory issues."
- Identified as a Recommended Practitioner, Global Leader in Who's Who Legal: Private Funds Formation 2018 – 2023.
- Winner in the category of Investment – Solicitor of the Year – South Africa, of the Lawyer Monthly Legal Award, 2017- 2018.

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