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Dr Hugo Meyer van den Berg is an attorney with extensive experience in banking and project finance, corporate and commercial law, and energy, environmental, and natural resources law. He is also a notary and court-accredited mediator, and frequently serves as trustee and director. He previously chaired both the Law Society of Namibia and the Legal Practitioners' Fidelity Fund.

Dedicated to education and professional development, Dr Van den Berg publishes widely on mining, energy, and environmental law, and contributes to trainings, webinars, and professional presentations. He is an Adjunct Associate Professor at the University of Cape Town, affiliated with the DST/NRF SARCHI Research Chair: Mineral Law in Africa, where he lectures in mineral law, oil and gas law, and mine contract negotiation. He also serves on the Academic Advisory Group of the IBA's Section on Energy, Environment, Natural Resources, and Infrastructure Law, is a guest lecturer in the Extractive Industry Law in Africa postgraduate programme at the University of Pretoria, and since 2018 has lectured on business entities at the Justice Training Centre in Namibia's candidate legal practitioner programme.

Related services

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Languages spoken

English, Afrikaans

Experience

His experience has included advising:

- Lenders and borrowers in some of the largest project financing transactions in Namibia.
- Namibian and international companies in defending investigations of restrictive business practices and abuse of dominance under competition law.
- An offshore engineering and operations company with various aspects relating to an offshore gas field, including commenting on the relevant petroleum agreements, providing regulatory advice and providing other commercial and upstream petroleum advice.
- Various entities on diverse aspects of Namibian oil and gas law, include due diligences, regulatory advice, drafting of oil and gas contracts and advising on environmental aspects.
- A mining company on the acquisition of various mining assets and the expansion of its mining operations in Namibia, including providing regulatory advice and drafting of the necessary contracts.
- A company, as lead local counsel, on an acquisition transaction where it acquired mining assets in Namibia, further assisting with competition, mining, commercial and land issues.
- Namibia's first cement production company on various matters, including environmental, regulatory and commercial matters.
- Mining companies on various regulatory and commercial issues.
- Providing training to an international petroleum company for their *Namibian Oil and Gas Scenarios Workshop*.

Credentials

Professional Qualifications

- University of Stellenbosch: LLB (2007); BAHons in Classical Literature (Latin) (*cum laude*) (2011)
- University of Cape Town: LLM in Mineral Law (*cum laude*) (2009); PhD in Petroleum Law (2015)
- Admitted as legal practitioner in the High Court of Namibia (2010)

Recognition

- Ranked as Band 3 lawyer in *Chambers Global*, every year since 2019

Memberships

- Law Society of Namibia

Insights

Growing regulatory intervention in Namibia

26 August 2025

Decision Support Systems: Using technology to enhance decision-making in the African legal industry

27 April 2021

Whether drafting legal documents, litigating, or managing a law firm, legal professionals are expected to predict, with a relatively high degree of certainty, the possible consequences of every step they take and every word they communicate. Then, having considered all the possible consequences, they must decide on the best course of action. Any such decision typically involves having several alternatives, comparing them and evaluating their outcomes.