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Before joining ESI, Diana gained experience in estate administration and settlement, general litigation and general conveyancing practices. Diana currently advises on a range of corporate and commercial matters, with a focus on banking and finance, administrative law and the drawing and negotiation of commercial contracts. Diana further specialises in estate administration and settlement.

Languages spoken

English, Portuguese

Experience

Her experience has included advising:

- The Government of the Republic of Namibia (through the Africa Legal Support Facility) on the negotiation and implementation of its first green hydrogen bid in the development of the Southern Corridor Development Initiative.
- And assisting a foreign bank on the establishment of a banking institution in Namibia.
- On the implications of competition law on a database of goods and services used by the mining sector.
- And conducting a legal due diligence for an international petroleum company on various areas of law, including constitutional, petroleum, taxation, exchange control, investment, labour, environmental, corporate structure and antibribery/money laundering laws.
- A state-owned enterprise on the procurement process and the awarding of a concession in the maritime industry.
- A state-owned enterprise on the procurement process in the telecommunications industry.
- And assisting South African counsel on major financing transactions involving local financing institutions.
- And conducting legal due diligence for a major telecommunications company in Namibia and drafting local security documents.
- On regulatory compliance matters for various local and international corporate clients under the *Companies Act 28 of 2004* and the *Competition Act 2 of 2003*.
- Clients on commercial transactions and regulatory compliance.

Credentials

Professional Qualifications

- University of Cape Town: Bcom: Accounting with Law (2017); LLB (2019)
- King's College London: LLM in International Commercial and Finance Law (2024)
- Admitted as legal practitioner in the High Court of Namibia (2022)

Membership

- Law Society of Namibia

Insights

The Namibian Cryptocurrency Regime

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Namibia has recently enacted legislation marking the commencement of the country's cryptocurrency regime.