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Simon is a Senior Associate in RBB's Johannesburg office. He joined the firm in January 2018, after completing a master's degree in behavioural economics (first class) at the University of Nottingham. Simon also holds a bachelor's degree in economics and statistics, with honours in economics (first class), from the University of Cape Town. In his role as consultant competition economist, Simon has advised on a wide range of matters, across multiple jurisdictions, and in a variety of fora.

Since joining the firm, Simon has worked on a range of competition matters, including mergers, market inquiries, assessments of alleged abuse of dominance (excessive and predatory pricing), and damages litigations arising from cartel conduct. He has advised clients on matters before the South African, Namibian, and Tanzanian competition authorities, as well as in various court and arbitration and settings.

This experience spans a range of sectors, including air travel, construction, fast-moving consumer goods, medical supplies, telecommunications, forestry, banking, and online platform markets. Simon has also been actively involved in providing economic commentary on regulatory interventions such as the draft price discrimination and buyer power regulations published in 2019, the draft extended producer responsibility regulations published in 2020, and NERSA's methodology for determining the maximum price for natural gas in South Africa.

Some of Simon's more recent work includes providing advice in the context of the South African Competition Commission's online intermediation platforms market inquiry, Digital Realty's acquisition of Teraco Data Environments, various excessive pricing allegations before the South African authorities, and litigation regarding ICASA's allocation of radio frequency spectrum.

Recent Case Experience

IGUA-SA v Sasol Gas
Excessive Pricing Claim, SA

Netcare/Lakeview
Merger, SA

Cape Town Stadium - Aveng
Damages Claim, SA

NFPL/GRAS
Merger, Tanzania

OIPMI - OLX
Market Inquiry, SA

DSMI - MTN
Market Inquiry, SA

Digital Realty/TDE
Merger, SA

MIH eCommerce/WeBuyCars
Merger, SA

Consol
Commentary on Draft Regulations, SA

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