

Winners of the 2022 African Legal Awards

The ninth annual African Legal Awards found the continent's legal sector gathering at the Houghton Hotel in Johannesburg on Friday, 2 September 2022, for the first in-person ceremony in two years.



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The awards, hosted this year by Law.com International news editor Rose Walker, seek to honour and celebrate Africa's best and brightest legal talent across 41 different categories.

Webber Wentzel was the top performing firm of the evening, earning a total of seven awards including African Law Firm of the Year – Mid Large Practice, as well as the individual award for Private Practice Most Promising Newcomer for Alyssa Smith. Bowmans took home four awards, while the DLA Piper Africa network also collected four awards among its group - including African Network/Alliance of the Year.

Shortlisted in 2021's African Law Firm of the Year – Small Practice category, Pavestones Legal won the coveted award this year.



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Baker McKenzie took the awards for Future Generations, supported by Save the Children, and Private Practice Rising Star - Mid-Large Practice for Tracy van der Colff. Also earning two awards each were Fasken and Tiefenthaler Attorneys, with Tiefenthaler's Arno Koekemoer being named Private Practice Rising Star - Small Practice.

The full list of the African Legal Awards winners 2022

Category	Winner
African Law Firm of the Year – Mid Large Practice	Webber Wentzel
African Law Firm of the Year – Small Practice	Pavestones Legal
African Network/Alliance of the Year	DLA Piper Africa
Alternative Service Provider of the Year	Herbert Smith Freehills
Banking & Finance Team of the Year - Large Practice	Allen & Overy
Banking & Finance Team of the Year - Small-Md Practice	Bowmans
Best Use of Technology	ALN Kenya Anjarwalla & Khanna
Capital Markets Team of the Year	Bowmans
Competition and Regulatory Team of the Year	Fasken
CSR, Diversity, Transformation and Economic Empowerment Award	Fasken
Employment Law Team of the Year	SAL & Caldeira Advogados (DLA Piper Africa)
Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Team of the Year - Md-Large Practice	Webber Wentzel
Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Team of the Year - Small Practice	IKM Advocates (DLA Piper Africa)
ESG Initiative of the Year	Webber Wentzel
Future Generations Award, supported by Save the Children	Baker McKenzie
General Counsel of the Year	Samallie Kiyingi, African Export-Import Bank (Afreximbank)
In-House Rising Star Award	Samantha Anderson, Anglo American
Innovation Award	Barnard Incorporated Attorneys
International Law Firm of the Year	Mranda & Associados
IP Team of the Year	ENSafrica
Legal Department of the Year - Large Team	Safaricom
Legal Department of the Year - Small Team	Tongaat Hulett
Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year - Large Practice	Clyde & Co
Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year - Md-Sized Practice	Webber Wentzel
Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year - Small Practice	TripleOKLaw
M&A Team of the Year	Webber Wentzel
Partner of the Year - Mid-Large Practice	Karim S. Anjarwalla, ALN Kenya Anjarwalla & Khanna
Partner of the Year - Small Practice	Asmahaney Saad, KTA Advocates
Private Equity Team of the Year	Webber Wentzel
Private Practice Most Promising Newcomer Award	Alyssa Smith, Webber Wentzel
Private Practice Rising Star Award - Md-Large Practice	Tracy van der Colff, Baker McKenzie
Private Practice Rising Star Award - Small Practice	Arno Koekemoer, Tiefenthaler Attorneys
Property and Construction Team of the Year - Md-Large Practice	Dentons
Property and Construction Team of the Year - Small Practice	Tiefenthaler Attorneys
Restructuring Team of the Year	IKM Advocates (DLA Piper Africa)
Risk & Compliance Department of the Year	Law For All
Specialist Law Firm of the Year	Lopes Attorneys
Tax Team of the Year	Bowmans
TMT Team of the Year	Eversheds Sutherland
Transportation and Infrastructure Team of the Year	Bowmans