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Overview

Noor Kapdi is Dentons' Chief Executive Officer for the Africa region. He is part of the global leadership of the Firm and is responsible for developing and implementing Dentons' strategy in the Africa region, growing the firm's presence to Kenya, Mauritius, Morocco, South Africa and Uganda, in addition to upcoming combinations in Angola, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Noor is a Founding Partner of KapdiTwala (now Dentons) and also the Chairperson of Dentons in South Africa. He is a member of the Global Banking and Finance, Global Corporate and Global Energy, Infrastructure and Project Finance practice groups. He is an experienced commercial lawyer with particular expertise in oil and gas and private equity. He has extensive experience in all aspects of the oil and gas upstream, midstream and downstream sectors. Noor has also been involved in all aspects of the private equity industry and has established his reputation in the region, working closely with provincial and national governments. His extensive knowledge spans all facets of private equity, including, buy-outs, venture capital, fund formation and management, fund investment and advice to professionals operating in this speciality. Clients benefit from his global experience in fundraising, fund structuring and fund management.

Noor has served as the deputy chairperson of the Western Cape Investment & Trade Promotion Agency (WESGRO) and as the acting chairperson of the executive committee of the South African Oil and Gas Alliance (SAOGA). He is also a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN).

Noor was recently awarded the Presidential Award from the Cape Law Society for his work in establishing the first black law firm in South Africa with an international affiliation.

Experience

- **Confidential client:** Negotiating to conclusion a joint venture with a Mozambique based logistics company to execute drilling programme logistics for a major multi-national company.
- **Confidential client:** negotiating with Mozambican National Oil Company to acquire operating rights and farming in gas field by a regional oil company.
- **Confidential client:** Representing a petroleum company in negotiation for the establishment of mass

transport terminals countrywide including preparation of all documentation such as franchising, licensing, supply and security agreements.

- **Confidential client:** Developing policy, procedure and processes to ensure compliance with the Petroleum Product Act and Petroleum Pipelines Act for an oil company to ensure compliance with licensing requirements.
- **Confidential client:** Providing an opinion and regulatory advice to the largest bio-ethanol plant in South Africa, its bankers and other funding advisors.

Recognition

Honors and Awards

- *Best Lawyers in Africa:* Recognised for Oil and Gas Law, 2020
- Named a 2019 Acritas Star – independently rated lawyer
- Ranked in IFLR1000 (2019) as a "Notable Practitioner" for M&A and Project Development in the Energy and Oil and Gas sectors
- Lexology Legal Influencer Award Q3, 2018: Infrastructure - Africa & Middle East
- Dentons South Africa Partners awarded the Cape Law Society's Presidential Award
- Client Choice Awards 2014, 2015 & 2016: Recognized for excellence in client service in Energy & Natural Resources, South Africa

Insights

- A new direction in Africa
- Transaction Guide – Definitive Pocket Guide for Corporate Governance and Transaction Management – KapdiTwala – co-author
- Petroleum and Liquid Fuels Sector Workbook- Selected Legislation and Contracts – KapdiTwala – co-author
- Author of several environmental and energy updates.
- "Three African regional economic blocs take major step towards forging a trans-Africa free trade zone," June 22, 2015

Activities and Affiliations

Memberships

- Association of International Petroleum Negotiators
- South African Oil and Gas Alliance
- Western Cape Investment & Trade Promotion Agency.

Prior and Present Employment

- Managing Partner – Dentons (formerly KapdiTwala), South Africa (2011 to date)

- Founder and Principal Consultant – Illumiknow Consulting (Pty) (2010 to date)
- Director – Krew Investments (2001 to date).

Areas of focus

Practices

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Mergers and Acquisitions

Industry sectors

- Energy
- Infrastructure and PPP
- Mining
- Economic Development

Education

- University of Cape Town, 1984, B Proc

Admissions and qualifications

- Attorney, Cape Law Society (South Africa), 1992
- Attorney, High Court of South Africa, 1992
- Attorney, Northern Provence Law Society (South Africa), 2013

Languages

- Afrikaans
- English