

Winners of the African Legal Awards 2018

International law firm Baker McKenzie and South Africa-based Bowmans were among the big winners at the African Legal Awards 2018, which took place at The Wanderers Club, Johannesburg, South Africa on Friday 7 September.



Representatives of Baker McKenzie, which was named International Law Firm of the Year.

Baker McKenzie was named International Law Firm of the Year for the second year in a row, earning its third win in four years. Bowmans secured African Law Firm of the Year - Large Practice, one of four awards it received on the night which also included Property and Construction Team of the Year, and Energy and Natural Resources Team of the Year.

It was also a good night for Bowmans' South African rivals ENSAfrica and Webber Wentzel, which each secured three awards.

Flagship awards for in-house lawyers and legal teams went to Tinuade Awe of The Nigerian Stock Exchange, who was named General Counsel of the Year, while Legal Department of the Year - Large Team went to the African Legal Support Facility, which is affiliated with the African Development Bank and helps African governments negotiate commercial transactions.

Full list of winners

Category	Winners
International Law Firm of the Year	Baker McKenzie
African Law Firm of the Year - Small Practice	Manokore Attorneys
African Law Firm of the Year - Large Practice	Bowmans
African Network/Alliance of the Year	ALN (Africa Legal Network)
Specialist Law Firm of the Year	Harris Hadar Inc
Attorney of the Year (partner)	Moray Hathorn - Webber Wentzel
Attorney of the Year (associate/assistant solicitor)	Darryl Jago - Hogan Lovells (South Africa)
Junior Corporate Counsel of the Year	Naomi Kasi Mue - Adrian Group Ltd (Kenya)
Senior Corporate Counsel of the Year	Faith Damilola Adesua - Guinness Nigeria Plc
General Counsel of the Year	Tinuade Awe - The Nigerian Stock Exchange
CCASA Achiever Award	Justice Edwin Cameron
CCASA Achievement Award	Stellenbosch University Law Clinic

Legal Department of the Year - Large Team	Africa Legal Support Facility
Legal Department of the Year - Small Team	Life Healthcare
Banking, Finance and Restructuring Team of the Year	Webber Wentzel & Linklaters
Employment Law Team of the Year	ENSafrica
Energy & Natural Resources Team of the Year	Bowmans
Environmental & Renewables Team of the Year	Aluko & Oyeboode
IP Team of the Year	ENSafrica
Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year	LNP Attorneys Inc
M&A Team of the Year	Anjarwalla & Khanna
Property and Construction Team of the Year	Bowmans
Transportation and Infrastructure Team of the Year	White & Case LLP
Competition and Regulatory Team of the Year	ENSafrica
TMT Team of the Year	Bowmans
Best Use of Technology	Law For All
CSR, Diversity, Transformation and Economic Empowerment Award	Webber Wentzel
Innovation Award	Exigent Limited

The ceremony, which was attended by nearly 300 lawyers from in-house legal departments and law firms, was jointly hosted by CCASA (the Corporate Counsel Association of South Africa) and Legal Week (organisers of The British Legal Awards). Emcee for the night was leading South African journalist, radio host and television presenter, Jeremy Maggs.



The team at Bowmans winning the award for African Law Firm of the Year - Large Practice

The evening culminated with the CCASA Lifetime Achievement Award, which went to Justice Edwin Cameron, who sits on

the Constitutional Court of South Africa and is renowned for his pioneering work campaigning for gay rights.

Presenting the award, CCASA president Howard Snoyman, head of legal and regulatory affairs at Discovery Health Medical Scheme, said: “Judge Cameron, with his combination of exceptional legal learning skills, proven commitment to a democratic South Africa in its transformation and his personal courage, must be acknowledged as, in the words of Nelson Mandela, ‘one of South Africa’s heroes’.”

The awards were judged by an independent panel comprised of senior in-house lawyers and general counsel from an array of leading companies including Nokia, Standard Bank, Absa Capital and Sasol.

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