

**RICKY CHINGOTA**

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Ricky Chingota has handled corporate and commercial matters (for both domestic and international clients) ranging from company law to employment, mergers and acquisitions, competition law, due diligence, financial services laws, tax, energy, insurance law, intellectual property and land transactions among others.

Ricky has litigation experience in civil and criminal matters. He also has interest in arbitration and he substantially contributed to the Malawi chapter of the book titled *Arbitration in Africa: A Review of Key Jurisdictions* (Fifth Edition) by John Miles, Tunde Fagbohunlu San and Kamal Rasiklal Shah.

MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES

- Malawi Law Society

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2012 - Bachelor of Laws (Honours); University of Malawi; Chancellor College

CAREER SUMMARY

Dec 2014 – date: Associate – Savjani & Co.

Aug 2013 – Nov 2014: Senior Legal Aid Advocate, Ministry of Justice, Legal Aid Department.

Aug 2012 – July 2013: Senior State Advocate, Ministry of Justice, State Advocate Chambers.

AREAS OF EXPERTISE

- Company law, employment, land transactions and commercial matters in general.

TOP MATTERS

1. Conducted a comprehensive due diligence (in conjunction with a senior associate) on a local commercial bank in respect of a potential acquisition of a stake in the bank by an investor.
2. Advised Bowman Gilfillan, including applying for and obtaining exchange control approval, in relation to the acquisition of shares in a foreign holding company (through employees' share ownership scheme) by employees of a local subsidiary.

3. Provided a legal opinion (in conjunction with a senior associate) to NICO Asset Managers in relation to the issuance of a note programme of up to MK7 billion by First Merchant Bank Limited – confirming, among others, the bank's corporate power to issue the note programme and the validity of the programme memorandum.
4. Assisted the partner and senior associates in conducting due diligence and advising a client on various issues relating to the development of a power plant in Malawi.
5. Advised various clients on employment and pension in Malawi.