

**MARITIME &  
TRANSPORT**



You think new  
opportunities.  
We think  
plain sailing.

*Our horizons are as broad as your business vision.*



## Our Firm

Bowman Gilfillan Africa Group is one of Africa's premier corporate law firms, employing over 400 specialised lawyers. The Group provides domestic and cross-border legal services to the highest international standards across Africa, through its offices in South Africa, Botswana, Kenya, Madagascar, Tanzania and Uganda.

Differences in law, regulation and business culture can significantly increase the risk and complexity of doing business in Africa. Our aim is to assist our clients in achieving their objectives as smoothly and efficiently as possible while minimising the legal and regulatory risks.

While reliable technical legal advice is always very important, the ability to deliver that advice in a coherent, relevant way combined with transaction management, structuring, negotiating and drafting skills is essential to the supply of high quality legal services.

The Group has offices in Antananarivo, Cape Town, Dar es Salaam, Gaborone, Johannesburg, Kampala and Nairobi. Our office in Madagascar has francophone African coverage in Benin,

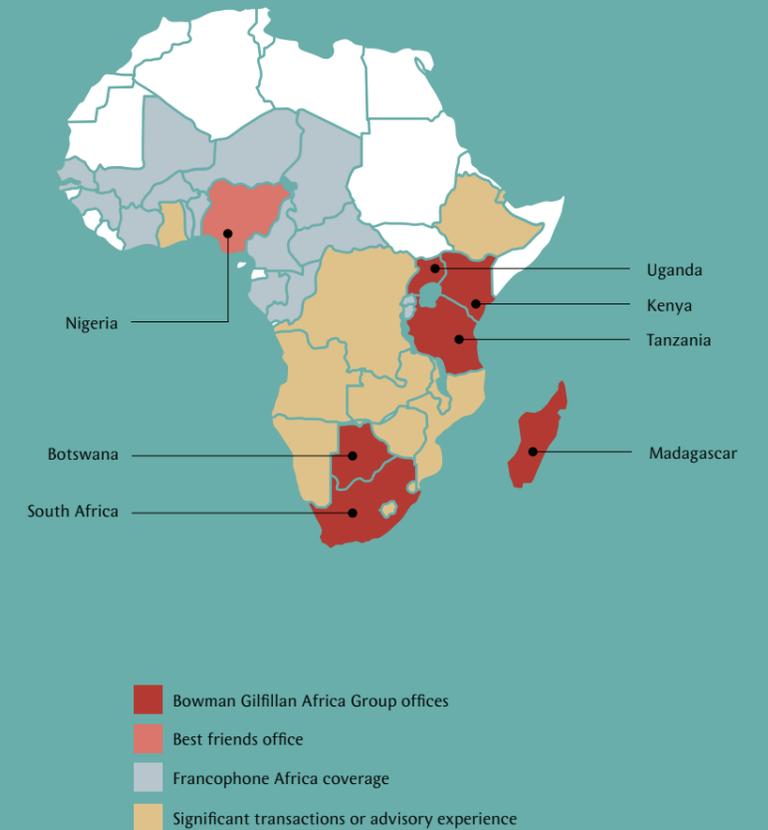
Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Congo Republic, Gabon, Guinea, Ivory Coast, Mali, Niger, Rwanda, Senegal and Togo.

We have a best friends relationship with leading law firm Udo Udoma & Bela-Osagie, in Nigeria, which has offices in Lagos, Abuja and Port Harcourt. We also have strong relationships and work closely with law firms across the rest of Africa which enables us to provide or source the advice clients require in any African country, whether on a single country or multi-jurisdictional basis.

We act for corporations, financial institutions, state owned enterprises and governments providing clear, relevant and timely legal advice to assist clients achieve their objectives and manage their legal risks.

The strength and depth of all the Group's practice area, geographical and sector specific teams are utilized to provide clients with the highest standards of service. In the cross-border arena the Group has extensive experience in the resources, energy, infrastructure, financial institutions and consumer goods sectors.

Bowman Gilfillan Africa Group's South African, Kenyan and Ugandan offices are representatives of Lex Mundi, a global association with more than 160 independent law firms in all the major centres across the globe. This association gives access to firms which have been identified as the best in each jurisdiction represented.



*The Bowman Gilfillan Maritime  
and Transport Practice Group*

The Bowman Gilfillan Maritime and Transport Practice Group enjoys more than 125 years' experience in the specialist field of maritime law.

Our division operates primarily out of Cape Town and has an intimate understanding of the unique aspects of the South African jurisdiction, which is one of the world's most favourable jurisdictions for securing maritime claims.

Whether you are doing a deal or looking to protect your interests, we provide efficient and cost effective maritime and transport law solutions. We are also internationally recognised for our expertise in providing emergency response throughout all major Southern African ports. It's a reputation that has been built on more than a century of experience, 24-hour availability and speed of response.

*Clients*

Our Maritime and Transport clients comprise a wide range of international and South African clients. They include shipowners, P&I Clubs, marine underwriters and financial institutions.

We are listed correspondents for the following P&I insurers who list legal correspondents in South Africa:

American Club

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British Marine

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Japan P&I

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North of England

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Skuld

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Standard Club

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Steamship Mutual

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The Shipowners' Club

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West of England

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Navigating  
the way  
to smoother  
waters



## Recent Matters

The Maritime and Transport division handles high profile shipping litigation and commercial transactions in the maritime and transport sector. We have represented clients in many of the major casualties in South Africa, including most recently:

The grounding and total loss of the “Kiani Satu” (South Africa)

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The grounding and wreck removal of the “SMART” (South Africa)

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Structural damage to the “Alina II” (South Africa)

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Flooding of the “Maria Rickmers” (Angola)

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The total loss of the “Gulser Ana” (Madagascar)

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Engine breakdown of the “Panos Earth” (South Africa)

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The grounding of the “Border” (Mozambique)

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On the corporate and regulatory front we represent:

South African lenders doing business in regional shipping and offshore matters

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International financial institutions and traders engaged in commodities

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Advising Regulators

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## Areas of Practice

The practice group's expertise cover the entire range of maritime legal services, these include:

Arrest

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Access and examination orders

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Bills of lading

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Cargo claims

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Charter parties

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Carriage of goods

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General average

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Hull and cargo insurance

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Judicial sales and foreclosures

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Liens

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Maritime casualties, collisions, grounding and salvage

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Marine resources

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Mortgage foreclosures

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P&I

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Personal injuries

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Pollution

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Salvage and stowaways

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Security arrests

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Shipbuilding and repair

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Ship sale and purchase

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Ship finance

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