



## Q&amp;A



BOWMANS

## Rainbow Field

Director, Kenya

**Q** *Where did your journey begin and how did you end up where you are today?*

**A** My legal journey began in Perth, Western Australia, where I first qualified as a barrister and solicitor. For personal reasons, I relocated to Kenya in 2006 and then followed a legal path that has ended up being very rewarding.

**Q** *Were there any women who helped you on your journey?*

**A** Many women helped me in settling into my new role in Nairobi. My mother-in-law first and foremost helped me secure interviews with leading local firms in Nairobi. Thereafter, I had great support from a number of colleagues at the first firm I joined (some of whom I am still partners with at Bowmans!). I have had continued support from partners and team members since joining Bowmans in early 2009.

**Q** *Did you have a female role model? If so, who was she and why was she a role model to you?*

**A** Mother was always my role model. She pursued a professional ballet career and paid for my father's legal education. Later on, she retired to raise our family. It always amazed me how much one woman was capable of.

**Q** *What is the most valuable thing you have learnt from another woman?*

**A** Self-belief.

**Q** *What advice would you give to other women thinking of entering the M&A industry?*

**A** Being a woman in the M&A industry is not always easy. However, if you are able to set some boundaries from the outset it makes it easier to balance work and life. It is also important to keep an open mind and look out for opportunities that will help you achieve your professional goals. Such opportunities may not be where you expect.

**Q** *What qualities would you say are essential for a woman to thrive in the M&A industry?*

**A** Confidence, resilience and commitment. I think these are essential qualities for any person to thrive in the M&A industry. 

