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The COVID-19 pandemic has had a dramatic effect on the African legal market and beyond. But the entries in these awards highlighted the high standard of work being undertaken by lawyers across the continent, work that is so vital to securing Africa's long term prosperity by upholding the rule of law and providing the right environment in which business can flourish.

We would like to thank our judges for setting aside so much of their time to assess this year's entries. We are also grateful to the headline sponsors of these awards – Alliot Global Alliance – for their invaluable support.

Finally I'd like to acknowledge our partners, the Corporate Counsel Association of South Africa (CCASA) and Africa Legal for their continued insight and contribution. And most of all we would like to thank you for supporting these awards. We hope you enjoy them. Good luck!

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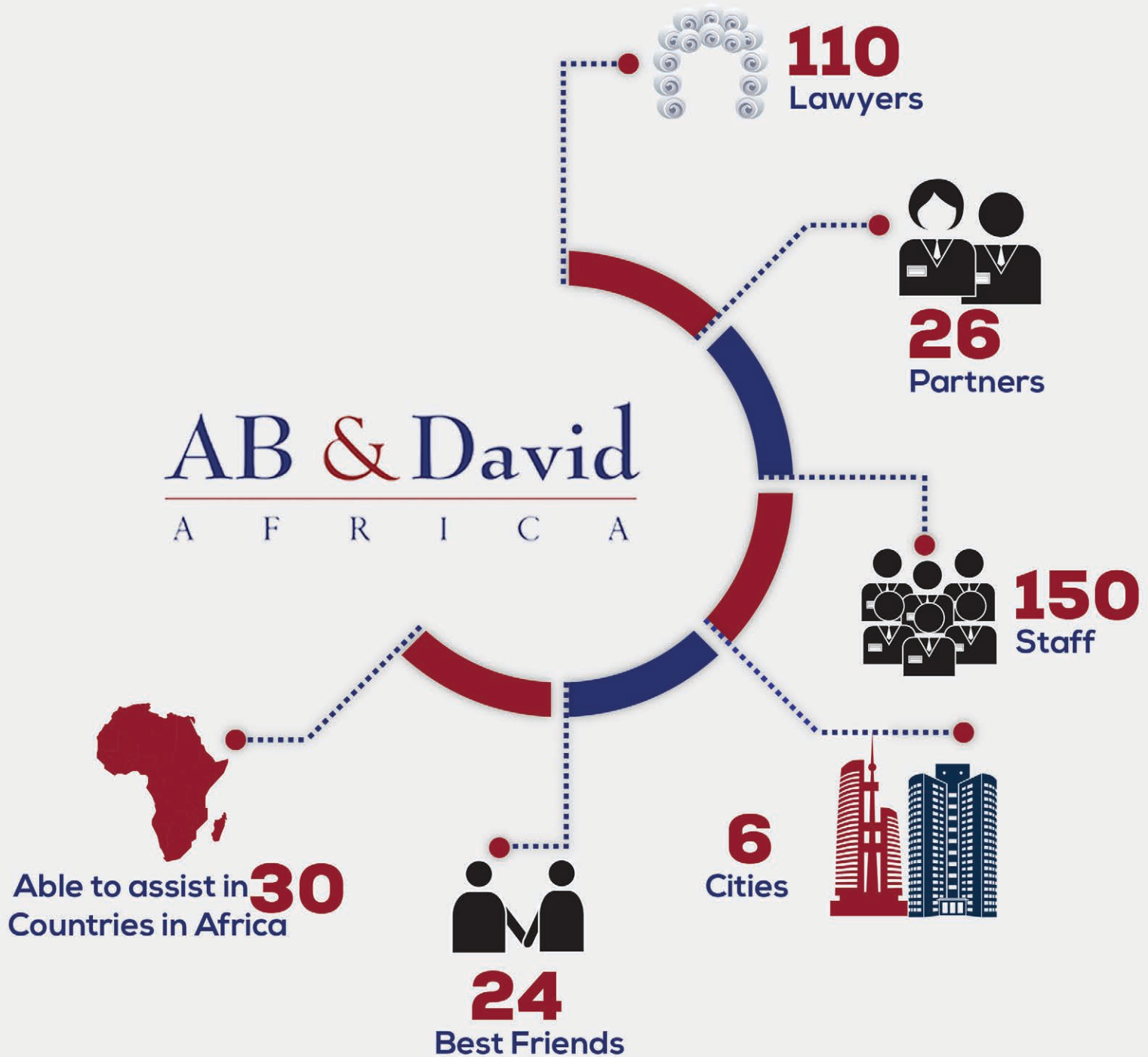
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