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Kirsty Simpson is a director in the Litigation and Regulatory team at DLA Piper South Africa.

Anglais

She has vast experience in all aspects of commercial litigation and alternate dispute resolution (including expert determination, mediation and both domestic and international arbitration). Kirsty provides practical advice and strategic insight into litigious or potentially litigious matters, with a view to effective management and resolution, or avoidance, of disputes.

She has experience in matters relating to contracts, delict, unjustified enrichment, shareholder disputes, director disputes, distressed companies, franchising, consumer law, banking and procurement. Kirsty also has experience in all aspects of administrative law and constitutional litigation.

Over the years, she has represented numerous listed and unlisted national, foreign and multi-national clients including in the natural resources, construction and engineering, hospitality, food and beverages, property and banking sectors.

Kirsty has appeared in various courts and arbitral forums nationally and internationally, with resultant experience in cross-border litigation and arbitration proceedings pertaining to projects implemented and/or legal proceedings seated on the African continent. She also appears in administrative tribunals and enquiries and meetings in business rescue and liquidation proceedings.

LANGUES

- Anglais

Qualifications professionnelles

- Attorney of the High Court of South Africa

Reconnaissance

- *Best Lawyers* in South Africa (Litigation) 2022 edition

Formation

- Rhodes University, BA
- Rhodes University, LLB, cum laude
- Rhodes University, LLM, cum laude
- University of the Witwatersrand, Certificates of Competence in Advanced Company Law

Adhésions

- Registered arbitrator with the Arbitration Foundation of South Africa (AFSA)
- (AFSA) International committee member
- Member of the International Bar Association (IBA)
- Members of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA)

ACTUALITÉS

Publications

Digitization: Facilitating the implementation of AfCFTA

27 April 2021

Africa Connected

Digitization and the use of technology presents a major opportunity for the African continent in the implementation of AfCFTA.

Pre-existing challenges in the nature and extent of infrastructure on the continent can be avoided, efficiencies can be leveraged and innovative solutions suitable to the African continent can be harnessed.

Africa rising: Virtual hearings in international arbitration

4 November 2020

Africa Connected

Before the COVID-19 pandemic, the legal community was dabbling in the use of virtual hearings in certain parts of the world. However, the imposition of national lockdowns, strict social distancing measures and travel restrictions has forced lawyers to move away from the comfort of traditional, in-person hearings, towards new-age virtual hearings held on electronic platforms.

Litigation funding in Africa: Maximizing opportunities

4 November 2020

Africa Connected

The measures implemented by governments in response to COVID-19, coupled with the rapid economic downturn and ongoing uncertainty arising from the pandemic, have created the perfect storm. The outlook may seem bleak, but third-party funding offers a ray of hope for beleaguered boardrooms looking to maximize cashflow in this unpredictable period.

Climate change measures and disputes

11 August 2020

Africa Connected

Africa is rich in natural resources, and several African economies are dependent on supplying or using fossil fuels, including South

Africa, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Ghana, Tanzania and Mozambique, to name a few.
