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Overview

Donna Gewer is a partner in our Johannesburg office Dispute Resolution Department.

She specialises in commercial and corporate litigation, arbitration and mediation and has experience in handling complex and substantial disputes. She acts on behalf of major local and international corporate clients, listed companies and state-owned enterprises including auditors, mining houses and pharmaceuticals companies.

She has BA and LLB degrees from the University of the Witwatersrand.

Experience

Donna is advising/has advised the following clients:

- Ellerine Bros (Pty) Ltd in relation to the business rescue of Stuttafords International Fashion Company (Pty) Ltd.
- A Government in an ongoing arbitration involving a Public Private Partnership.
- 3C Telecommunications (Pty) Ltd (3C), Oger Telecom (South Africa) (Pty) Ltd and Oger Telecom Limited in defending various High Court proceedings instituted by the minority shareholder of 3C in relation to the Blue Label/Cell C transaction.
- A large Jewish charity organization in the successful mediation of a significant dispute.
- A consortium of individuals and a Mauritian company in proceedings against Domino's Franchising International Inc., Taste Holdings Limited and Abraham Carel Viljoen.
- KPMG in proceedings brought against it and the Competition Commission by Netcare Hospitals in relation to its role in the Healthcare Inquiry.
- Jucool Enterprises Inc., a company incorporated in the British Virgin Islands, in proceedings instituted by the Commissioner of South African Revenue Service.
- CFR Pharmaceuticals S.A., a Chilean Listed company, in proceedings relating to the proposed acquisition of Adcock Ingram Holdings Limited.
- A mining company in defeating a claim of over R1 billion Rand brought against it in arbitration proceedings.
- A state-owned company in the recovery of R320 million plus interest.
- Pangbourne, a listed collective investment scheme, in a successful appeal to the Supreme Court of Appeal relating to the fulfillment of contractual provisions.

Donna was recently (2014 and 2015) one of the contributors to the Allen & Overy Global Litigation Survey. This ground breaking survey assesses ten key indicators of the litigation process in 137 legal systems. The globalisation of business has meant that commercial counterparties come from increasingly diverse jurisdictions and parties need to have a broader awareness of legal risk.