

Sentebale Makara

Director



Sentebale Makara is a Director in our Dispute Resolution practice and the Construction & Engineering sector. He is a qualified mediator in Missouri (USA), with a focus on sectors such as construction, engineering, mining, energy and transport. He specialises in dispute resolution and is well versed in arbitration, commercial litigation, investigations, procurement, reputation management and alternative dispute resolution. Sentebale's clientele includes prominent domestic and international firms in construction, mining, renewable energy, telecommunications and high net worth individuals. His work involves dealing with forensic investigations, disciplinary actions, inquiries, and disputes. Additionally, Sentebale has led workshops, seminars, and talks on resolving disputes.

About Sentebale

Credentials

Education

- LLB, University of Western Cape
- LLM, University of Missouri (Center of Dispute Resolution)
- Certificate in Advance Construction Contracts, University of Pretoria
- Admitted May 2014 as Attorney
- Right of Appearance March 2017

Memberships

- NADEL Johannesburg (Executive Member and former Deputy Chairperson)

Experience

- Advised Rand Water in rescission of judgement application and the setting aside of unlawful contract. Furthermore, he advised Rand Water in construction dispute launched by contractor.
- Advised Veolia Water Solutions (Pty) Ltd (Contractor) in a contractual dispute with Employer.

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Expertise

Dispute Resolution

Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing

Construction & Engineering

Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring

Corporate & White Collar Investigations

Mediation

Mining & Minerals

Location

Johannesburg

Language

Afrikaans

English

isiXhosa

isiZulu



- Advised various lodge owners with objections and appeals relating to Municipal Valuations Roll and Rates.
- Acting for a client in defence of a claim for the return of shares in the High Court of South Africa in relation to a shareholders dispute.
- Acted for Vaal Central Water (formerly) Bloem Water in various procurement disputes and construction law related disputes.

News

[Safeguarding truth: A new look at the proposed whistleblower-protections in South Africa](#)

In June 2023, South Africa took a significant step towards enhancing the legal framework for whistle-blower protections with the release of the Discussion Document on Proposed Reforms for the Whistle-blower Protection Regime (Discussion Document), which proposes a new Whistle-blower Protection Amendment Bill (Bill). The proposed Bill has been prompted by the shortcomings in the existing whistle-blower protection regime and the findings from tribunals such as the Zondo Commission. More narrowly, the Bill's aims are to address the shortcomings of the existing Protected Disclosures Act 26 of 2000 (Act).

[The construction mafia: The not-so-new normal](#)

South Africa's construction industry continues to be held to ransom in what began as isolated incidents of extortion on construction projects in early 2015, has now evolved into a nationwide threat, costing the country billions of rand in revenue and jeopardizing vital infrastructure development. The perpetrators of these criminal activities, who disrupt and extort construction projects in all aspects of the project value chain, are known as the "construction mafia".

Videos

[Webinar Recording | Expropriation Act 13 of 2024: Expropriation of land - where are we](#)

Our panel of experts hosted a webinar on the Expropriation Act 13 of 2024.

[Webinar Recording | Risks facing construction projects in Africa](#)

Our panel of experts gave an overview of the challenges and constraints that face players in the construction industry in Africa and practical insights on how to handle them.

[Webinar Recording | Your land or mine?](#)

A review of the law and trends in relation to unlawful occupation, both rural and urban.

Podcasts

[Ramaphosa's Whistleblower Protection Bill: A Step Toward Ending Corruption or Just a First Step](#)

Sentebale Makara, Director in the Dispute Resolution practice recently joined Kwena Moabelo on Power FM to discuss 'Ramaphosa's Whistleblower Protection Bill: A Step Toward Ending Corruption or Just a First Step?'

[The construction mafia](#)

The South African construction sector is under siege from extortion, which has escalated from sporadic incidents in 2015 to a widespread crisis. This illicit activity is often attributed to unlawful activities conducted organised extortionists and criminal organisations also known as the construction mafia.

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Recognition

- • The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 recommended Sentebale for construction.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 recommended Sentebale for dispute resolution.
- Mail & Gaurdian's 200 Young South Africans (2018 publication) listed as one of the exceptional South Africans under 35 who are market leaders in their sectors.
- Africa Legal Attorney of the Year Awards 2018 Finalist
- Semi Finalist of the Standard Bank Rising Star Awards 2018