

Tim Fletcher

Chairperson, Director



Tim Fletcher is the Chairperson of Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr, and Director in our Dispute Resolution practice. He has been involved in commercial dispute resolution for many years including High Court litigation and private arbitration - both domestic and international. He has successfully resolved disputes concerning general commercial and contractual issues, administrative law issues including tender reviews as well as education, insurance, gambling, information technology, product liability and real estate issues. Tim is also an expert on education regulatory matters.

About Tim

Tim is a presently Chairperson of the firm and Director in the Dispute Resolution practice.

Credentials

Education

- BA LLB LLM, University of the Witwatersrand
- Solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales (non-practising)
- Year of admission as an attorney: 1991
- Year of admission as a notary public: 1995
- Year of admission as a solicitor: 2009

Memberships

- Law Society of England & Wales

Experience

- Commercial disputes

Managing complex commercial disputes before the High Court and in domestic and international arbitrations

- Complex regulatory issues.

Regularly involved in negotiations with the Department of Higher Education on behalf of leading private higher education service providers about complex regulatory issues.

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Expertise

[Dispute Resolution](#)

Corporate & White Collar Investigations

Education & Training

[Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals](#)

Insurance Law

International Arbitration

Pensions & Employee Benefits

Public Law

[Industries, Manufacturing & Trade](#)

[Technology & Communications](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English



- **General commercial issues**

Assists a major international retail group with general commercial issues including perfection of securities, retail and real estate disputes.

- **Indemnity claims**

Represents insurance brokerages and underwriters in indemnity claims.

- **High level investigations**

Has conducted high level investigations for major corporations

- **Administrative action**

Involved in numerous reviews of administrative action involving state tender awards

- **Matters before Equality and Constitutional Court**

Engaged from time to time in matters before the Equality Court and the Constitutional Court.

- **Gambling legislation**

Often Involved in appeals and reviews in the context of gambling legislation.

- **Pro Bono and Human Rights**

Assists our Pro Bono and Human Rights Department with litigious matters.

News

Trumped up charges

The levy imposed by the Trump administration on goods imported into the US from South Africa is impacting both South African and US businesses, whether supply agreements are already concluded or are being negotiated (particularly where significant minimum supply quantities are an issue), as parties try and deal with an overnight 31% increase in the landed price of goods in the US.

CDH's consistent market-leading expertise across Africa recognised in Legal 500 EMEA 2025 rankings

CDH is proud to celebrate another year of recognition in The Legal 500 EMEA 2025 (Legal 500) rankings. Legal 500 is a leading guide that analyses the capabilities of law firms across the world, with a comprehensive research programme revised and updated every year to bring the most up-to-date vision of the global legal market. The guide assesses the strengths of law firms in over 150 jurisdictions, highlighting the practice area teams and experts delivering cutting-edge and innovative services to corporate counsel across the globe.

CDH thanks clients for their feedback, which contributed to our exceptional Chambers Global 2025 rankings

CDH is honoured to have received significant new and improved rankings in the latest edition of Chambers Global. Chambers and Partners have published guides to the legal profession since 1990, and identify and rank the world's best lawyers and law firms based on in-depth, objective research. We are proud to be recognised as world-class with rankings assessed on criteria that includes technical legal ability, professional conduct, client service, commercial awareness/astuteness, diligence, commitment, and other qualities that the client considers relevant. CDH is honoured to have met these criteria resulting in the following new and improved rankings:

Celebrating CDH's IFLR1000 2024 Sub-Saharan Africa rankings

CDH ends the year with a strong performance in the IFLR1000 rankings that highlights our in-depth relationships with clients and recognises our renowned expertise in financial and corporate transactional work across Africa. The IFLR1000 has been producing legal market intelligence since 1990 and remains the only international legal directory dedicated to ranking law firms and lawyers on the basis of financial and corporate transactional work.

[Robin Hood and the anti-dissipation interdict](#)

The legend goes that once upon a time and in a land far, far away, Robin Hood and his merry band spent their time stealing from the rich and giving to the poor. With Little John, Friar Tuck, Maid Marian and others, Robin would rob wealthy nobles as they passed through Sherwood Forest and then distribute the valuables to needy common folk. Prince John and his barons, vexed by the actions of the outlaws, instructed the Sheriff of Nottingham to find the valuables and lock them in the castle before they were given away to the poor and lost forever.

Videos

[Webinar Recording | Protecting schools and learners in a digital age: Tackling cyberbullying and understanding your legal responsibilities](#)

As private schools increasingly adopt online teaching and learning platforms, students are spending more time engaged in digital social interactions as well as social media.

[Webinar Recording | Developments in Education Law and impact on private schooling](#)

Watch the recording of our expert panel who explored the impacts of recent legislation, including the Basic Education Laws Amendment Act.

[The Cradock Four](#)

Tim Fletcher, Head of our Dispute Resolution practice, joined eNCA to discuss the application in the Pretoria High Court to compel the National Prosecuting Authority to make a decision on whether it will prosecute those suspected of being behind the 1985 murder of the Cradock Four. CDH is acting on a pro bono basis for the family of Lukhanyo Calata, and others.

Podcasts

[Safeguarding your good name: A podcast on defamation](#)

In this episode of CDH Conversations, Tim Fletcher, Luke Kleinsmidt and Elham Shaik in the Dispute Resolution practice, discussed potential strategies when instituting defamation claims in South Africa, and potential defences to such claims.

[What Directors expect from their juniors](#)

Chairperson, Tim Fletcher and CDH Partner Njeri Wagacha speak to Graduate Programme Manager, Boipelo Mathodlana.

[Njeri Wagacha provides a summary of the year's recordings](#)

Every month CDH Kenya Partner Njeri Wagacha publishes a podcast 'Njeri Talks Law'. In this final podcast for 2022, Njeri extends her gratitude to her listeners for accompanying her on your journey and provides a summary of her 2022 podcasts.

[Njeri Wagacha talks to Tim Fletcher](#)

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Recognition

- Chambers Global 2025 ranked Tim in "Eminent Practitioner" for Dispute Resolution.
- Chambers Global 2022 - 2024 ranked Tim in Band 2 for Dispute Resolution.
- Chambers Global 2019-2021 he was ranked in Band 3. Between 2015 - 2018 Tim was ranked in Band 4 for Dispute Resolution.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2024 - 2025 recommended Tim in the 'Hall of Fame' for dispute resolution.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2016–2023 recommended him as a leading individual for dispute resolution.
- Tim was listed in the Legal 500 Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist: Africa 2023.
- Tim was the exclusive South African winner of the ILO Client Choice Awards 2017 and 2018 in the litigation category.
- The International Who's Who of Business Lawyers 2015 identified Tim as being among the world's leading asset recovery lawyers.
- Who's Who Legal 2015–2019 identified Tim as one of the world's leading Insurance & Reinsurance lawyers
- Expert Guides: Insurance and Reinsurance has listed Tim as one of the top legal practitioners advising on insurance and reinsurance from 2013 - 2019.