

Imraan Abdullah

Director



Imraan Abdullah is a Director in our Dispute Resolution practice. Imraan is a skilled practitioner specialising in [Public Law](#). Imraan also has experience in commercial litigation and arbitration, and in dealing with matters in the oil and gas sector, with a particular focus on downstream operations in South Africa.

About Imraan

After completing his articles, Imraan spent two years in civil society at the South African History Archive and simultaneously completed an LLM degree in Constitutional and Human Rights Law.

At the end of his stint at the South African History Archive, Imraan was fortunate to have been offered a judicial clerkship with Justice Johan Froneman at the Constitutional Court, where he served Justice Froneman for a year.

In 2019, Imraan joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as an Associate in the Dispute Resolution practice, was appointed as a Senior Associate in 2021, and became a Director in 2024.

Credentials

Education

- Registered with the Legal Practice Council
- BA (Law and International Relations), University of Witwatersrand
- LLB, University of Witwatersrand
- LLM, (Constitutional and Human Rights Law), University of Johannesburg
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2016

Experience

• Public Finance

Advising in relation to the PFMA, the MFMA and the associated regulatory frameworks.

• Public Procurement (Private clients)

Advising private entities on interactions and relations with government departments and public entities in respect of tender submissions, judicial reviews and contractual matters, amongst several other matters.

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Expertise

[Dispute Resolution](#)

Public Law

Regulatory

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- **Public Procurement (State clients)**

Advising public entities in relation to the PFMA, the PPPFA, the associated regulatory framework on SCM policies, preferential procurement, tender preparation, judicial reviews, parliamentary submissions, amongst several other matters.

- **Regulatory**

Advising client's on a wide variety of regulatory matters such as those arising in broader transport sector.

- **Commercial litigation**

Civil litigation and Arbitration in respect of contractual disputes.

- **Oil and Gas (and petrochemical)**

Advising in relation to the Petroleum Products Act (including on section 12A appeals and section 12B arbitrations) and the associated regulatory frameworks in respect of downstream activities.

News

[Setting aside a public procurement decision on the grounds that the award exceeded the available budget](#)

On 27 December 2024, the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) delivered a judgment in *Zeal Health Innovations (Pty) Ltd v Minister of Defence and Military Veterans and Another ZASCA 183*, that adds to the body of public procurement law jurisprudence. This particular judgment is of interest due to the grounds of review that were raised and, to a lesser extent, the court's treatment of the services rendered by the service provider.

[Liability of municipal officials for unauthorised, irregular, fruitless and wasteful expenditure](#)

Municipalities have original constitutional powers and are directly responsible for the management of their affairs. They are required to comply with the norms and standards imposed on them by national legislation. The Municipal Finance Management Act 56 of 2003 (MFMA) was enacted to "secure sound and sustainable management of the financial affairs of the municipalities", and "to establish treasury norms and standards for the local sphere of government". One of the ways it does this is by recognising the possibility that expenditure may not occur in a manner that illustrates sound and sustainable management and by creating liability and recovery mechanisms around that recognition to minimise financial exposure for municipalities.

[The transferability of administrative justice rights to a deceased estate in the context of a review of a medical scheme's decision](#)

In *Carlo Swanepoel N.O v Profmed Medical Scheme ZACC 23* the Constitutional Court considered an application for substitution brought by the executor of the deceased estate for Ms Mignon Adelia Steyn. The administrative law question at the heart of that application was whether Steyn's claim to just administrative action under the Promotion of Administrative Justice Act 3 of 2000 (PAJA) was transferable to her deceased estate.

['New Dawn' for Public Procurement in South Africa: The Public Procurement Act becomes law](#)

Following its adoption by the National Assembly on 16 May 2024, President Cyril Ramaphosa on 23 July 2023, assented to signed into law the Public Procurement Act 28 of 2024. The Public Procurement Act seeks to create a single framework that regulates public procurement, including preferential procurement, by all organs of state, with the necessary efficiency, cost-effectiveness and integrity and enhance transparency and integrity, among others, to combat corruption, ensure efficient, effective and economic use of public resources and advance transformation and broadened economic participation.

[The soon to be 'new' preferential procurement framework](#)

In addition to regulating public procurement generally, the long title to the Procurement Bill states that the Bill is meant to prescribe a framework within which preferential procurement must be implemented. Of course, this must be so, because the Constitution requires national legislation be enacted to provide for such a framework. It is important to note, however, that in as much as national legislation must prescribe a framework, the prerogative power to create and implement a preferential procurement policy within that framework remains with the individual organs of state and institutions. This was confirmed by the Constitutional Court, and is something that cannot be taken away from procuring entities by the Procurement Bill.

Podcasts

[Recent judgment declaring level 3 and 4 lockdown regulations invalid and unconstitutional](#)

Dispute Resolution Associate Imraan Abdullah recently joined The Honest Truth with Benito Vergotine to discuss the recent judgment declaring level 3 and 4 lockdown regulations invalid and unconstitutional.

[Liquor and tobacco ban during level 4](#)

Imraan Abdullah, Associate in our Dispute Resolution practice joined Benito Vergotine on Smile FM to discuss the liquor and tobacco ban during level 4 of the national lockdown.

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