

Denise Durand

Director



Denise Durand is a Director in our Dispute Resolution practice.

About Denise

Denise began her career as a mineral rights manager in an investment group before pursuing law. Denise joined Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr as an Associate in 2017 and became a Senior Associate in 2019. Denise was promoted to Director in 2024.

Credentials

Education

- BA in Applied Economics and Law, University of the Witwatersrand
- LLB, University of the Witwatersrand
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2016

Experience

- Advising and representing clients in several pre-litigious and litigious matters.
- Acting for blue-chip clients in a variety of sectors including mining, financial services, property, tourism, education, poultry, water treatment and agriculture and providing the following services, amongst others.
- Drafting of legal pleadings, notices and documents in commercial disputes, including but not limited to shareholder disputes, eviction applications, successfully opposing business rescue applications; foreclosure of immovable properties, recovery of commercial rental arrears and interdict proceedings.
- Instituting and opposing arbitration proceedings locally and abroad; and review of notarial leases and trust deeds.
- Review of shareholder agreements, memoranda of incorporation and preparation of various company resolutions.
- Mediation with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy and community forums.
- Conducting due diligence for transfer of shareholding in mining operations, including preparation of legal risk reports and document management.

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Expertise

[Dispute Resolution](#)

Location

Johannesburg

Language

English

- Preparing and managing exploration, mining and production right licence applications for various mineral; resources and gas reserves, including transfer of ownership and amendment of mineral rights.
- Advising on developments in mining, oil and gas legislation in relation to licensing and reporting requirements.

News

[Overlaps and oversight: Navigating mineral rights in South Africa](#)

As the global economy begins to embrace the transition to green metals, ensuring certainty of mineral right tenure is crucial for the sustainability of these aspirations. The granting of ostensibly exclusive rights to multiple parties poses a significant challenge to role players in South Africa's ever-fluctuating mininglandscape.

[Side-stepping subpoenas](#)

A long-standing favourite of court-room dramas, the service and use of subpoenas plays a central role in the functioning of our legal system.

[But it's my emails and stuff!](#)

Does the mandament van spolie remedy apply to email addresses and network servers? This question was recently answered by the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) in the case of Blendrite (Pty) Ltd and Another v Moonisami and Another (Case no 227/2020) ZASCA 77.

[Day to day or not?](#)

The notion of corporate accountability has been a source of criticism (and praise) for juristic entities across the world. While theories surrounding holding wrongdoing directors accountable continue to develop, a converse debate regarding the rights and entitlements of certain directors continues. Important to this debate is the right that certain directors have in the day to day management of a company's business.

[My dog's keeper: Who bears the responsibility for harm caused by animals?](#)

In the recent decision of Van Meyeren v Cloete (636/2019) ZASCA 100, the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) revisited the age old question of who bears the liability for an animal that causes harm to another. While this question has sometimes been regarded as academic, the SCA has illustrated the continued relevance of ancient Romanlaw.

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