# Anja Hofmeyr



Anja Hofmeyr is a Director in our Dispute Resolution practice.

## **About Anja**

Anja began her career as a candidate attorney with Hofmeyr Herbstein and Gihwala (now Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr) in 2002. In 2004 she was appointed as an associate and promoted to senior associate in 2005. In 2007 she became a director. Anja specialises in commercial dispute resolution (litigation, arbitrations, and mediations), regulatory and administrative law matters across various industries, product liability and group or class actions.

### **Credentials**

#### **Education**

- Enrolled with the Legal Practice Council
- BA LLB, University of Stellenbosch
- Part LLM, Vrije Universiteit, Amsterdam (exchange programme)
- LLM (Corporate Law), University of Pretoria: 2003
- Year of admission as an attorney: 2004
- Dip (Telecommunications Law), 2005
- Dip (Administrative Law), 2010
- $\bullet$  Training in the US on defending class actions 2010 2015

# **Experience**

Commercial dispute resolution

Commercial dispute resolution processes (litigation, arbitrations and mediations) in the following sectors; Telecommunications and broadcasting; Energy and chemicals; Media; Minerals and mining; Gambling

• Regulatory requirements

In-depth knowledge of regulatory requirements applicable in the communications and broadcasting sector.

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#### **Expertise**

Dispute Resolution

**Consumer Protection** 

Corporate & White Collar Investigations

Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade

**Product Liability** 

Projects & Energy

Public Law

Regulatory

Technology & Communications

#### Location

Johannesburg

#### Language

English



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 Representing clients in dealings with various regulatory bodies, including ICASA (Independent Communications Authority of South Africa), the NCC (the National Consumer Commission), SAICA (South African Institute of Chartered Accountants and the Gambling Boards of various provinces.

#### · Mining company

Representing a major mining company in a group action by ex-employees claiming damages for illnesses (coal workers' pneumoconiosis, chronic obstruction pulmonary disease, etc) contracted whilst in Sasol Mining's employ, allegedly due to the failure by Sasol to comply with statutory obligations.

#### · Chemical company

Representing a chemical company in defending a product liability claim of approx. ZAR 165 million, arising from the sale of allegedly defective wax products used in the manufacture of matches.

#### · Major oil company

Represented a major oil company in arbitration proceedings against a leading Bank, where the company called on payment guarantees issued for petroleum products delivered to third parties in the amount of approx. ZAR 400 million. The Bank denied liability on the basis that the guarantees were fraudulently issued by one of its employees. We secured a settled in favour of our client of an amount close to the amount claimed.

#### · Fertilizer manufacturer

Represented a fertilizer manufacturer with regards to an action instituted farmers in a claim for damages against Sasol resulting from alleged contraventions of the Competition Act.

#### · Contractual obligations

Mediation proceedings between two major mining companies regarding contractual obligations relating to the supply of coal.

#### Vodacom

Represented Vodacom in an insurance claim relating to stolen airtime.

#### Vodacom

Represented Vodacom in various legal reviews of legislation and regulations, including the Call Termination Regulations and the Number Portability Regulations

#### Vodacom

Represented Vodacom in various review applications launched by parties in relation to the radio frequency spectrum auction held in 2021 (in 2016, 2020 and 2021)

#### Vodacom

Represented Vodacom in relation to Telkom and other MNOs regarding facilities leasing and infrastructure sharing disputes before ICASA and in South African courts (two reported cases where Vodacom was successful in the SCA and further appeals rejected)

#### • Acted for local wine producer

Acted for a local wine producer in attending to a worldwide recall of wine products and engaging with the NCC regarding glass fragments found in bottled wine

#### News

#### When AI lies: The legal minefield of artificial intelligence and defamation

In a world where artificial intelligence can write poetry, diagnose diseases and draft legal documents, what happens when it tells lies about a person? This question moved from theory to reality when OpenAI, through its AI chatbot ChatGPT, found itself at the centre of a legal battle that should serve as a warning to those who blindly rely on artificial intelligence as a source of information.



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# Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies issues proposed policy direction to ICASA on B-BBEE in the ICT Sector

On 23 May 2025, the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies gave notice of the proposed policy direction to be issued to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA) in terms of section 3 of the Electronic Communications Act 36 of 2005 (the ECA) regarding Broad-Based Black Economic Empowerment (B-BBEE) in the ICT Sector.

# Comments invited on proposed Policy Direction to ICASA regarding Individual Electronic Communications Network Licences

On 21 May 2025, the Minister of Communications and Digital Technologies gave notice of his intention to issue a policy direction to the Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (ICASA), directing the regulatory body to conduct an inquiry into the demand, need, and benefits of issuing new individual electronic communications network services (I-ECNS) licences.

#### ICASA publishes draft Signal Distribution Services Regulations, 2025

The Independent Communications Authority of South Africa (" ICASA") published the draft Signal Distribution Services Regulations for public comment on 8 May 2025 (" the draft regulations").

#### Overview of the (r)evolution of legislation governing the use of cannabis: Where to from here?

Cannabis has been a hot topic in the media and bold statements have been made by the Government regarding the economic potential that the cannabis sector can unlock in the country. President Cyril Ramaphosa has referred to the potential revenue that could be created in the sector on two separate occasions during his annual State of the Nation Address. It has also been highlighted that industrial hemp and cannabis will create a pathway to industrialisation by having a ripple effect through to various other sectors such as foreign investment, agriculture, employment and construction. Although the Government's stated intention to relax and review policies that hinder the growth of the industry is appreciated, South Africa is at a crossroads when it comes to competing with international cannabis industries developed within a regulatory framework.

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# Recognition

- Chambers Global 2025 ranked Anja in Band 5 dispute resolution.
  - Chambers Global 2024 ranked Anja Hofmeyr as an "Up & Coming" dispute resolution lawyer.
  - The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 2025 recommended Anja for dispute resolution.
  - Anja was listed in the Legal 500 Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist: Africa 2023.

