

# Anja Hofmeyr

Director



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
- 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

[Government and State-Owned Entities](#)

Product Liability

Public Law

Regulatory

[Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade](#)

[Technology & Communications](#)

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## Location

Johannesburg

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## Language

English

- 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 settlement 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 by 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

### [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.

### [Class actions: Can an order certifying a class action be appealed?](#)

The settlement agreement reached in the silicosis class action has been widely reported on in the media. What may not be as widely known is that the matter is not yet over – not all of the respondent mining companies cited in the class action brought by the current and ex mineworkers formed part of the settlement, and two of the six remaining mining companies, against whom the proceedings continues, lodged an appeal against the certification and declaratory orders of the High Court.

### [The Legal 500 Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist for Africa](#)

Congratulations to our Dispute Resolution Lawyers that have been included in the Legal 500 Private Practice Arbitration Powerlist for Africa.

### [Be careful about what you put out there: Public information is not private](#)

A recent judgment handed down by the Supreme Court of Appeal (SCA) serves as an important reminder that the right to privacy cannot always be invoked to limit the right to freedom of expression. In the case of *Bool Smuts and Another v Herman Botha ZASCA 3*, the SCA found that personal information ceases to be private once released to the public by the owner.

### [Motorists given a reprieve from the demerit system – for now...](#)

"You got a fast car, I want a ticket to anywhere ...", the words of the iconic song of Tracy Chapman conjures up images of the open road, freedom and traveling at high speeds to a better future. The Administrative Adjudication of Road Traffic Offences Act 46 of 1998 (AARTO) creates a single national system of road traffic regulation and seeks to regulate "every aspect of road traffic". The system is based on demerit points which are incurred for traffic offences or infringements.

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## Recognition

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