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Chris Stevens is a Director and Head of the Mining & Resources practice area. Chris is deeply skilled in matters relating to due diligence; opinion work; administrative appeals and reviews; mining title registration; and resources law. He is a sought-after advisor on mining transactions; mining disputes; and all aspects of the MPRDA. Chris advised Anglo American Platinum on all its B-BBEE projects for all its joint ventures and existing mines.

PRACTICE AREAS

Mining & Resources

EXPERTISE

- Due diligence
- Opinion work
- Administrative appeals and reviews
- Mining title registration
- Resources law

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Mining transactions
- Mining disputes
- All aspects of the MPRDA
- Advised Anglo Platinum on its BEE projects for its joint ventures and existing mines;
- Currently advising the Department of Water Affairs in relation to the acid mine drainage project in the Witwatersrand and;
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CAREER

- BCom (University of the Witwatersrand)
- LLB (University of the Witwatersrand)
- 2012: Director, Werksmans
- Head of Mining & Resources practice area

HIGHLIGHTS

- Ranked lawyer (Band 1) by Chambers Global | 2026 | Energy & Natural Resources: Mining
- Listed in hall of fame by the Legal 500 | 2026 | Mining
- Listed in hall of fame by the Legal 500 | 2024 – 2025 | Mining
- Recognised as a thought leader Africa by Who's Who Legal | 2023 | Mining
- Ranked as an expert consultant by IFLR 1000 | 2022 | Energy & infrastructure and project finance
- Ranked lawyer (Band 1) by Chambers Global | 2008 – 2022, 2024, 2025 | Energy & natural resources: mining
- Named as a leading lawyer by Legal 500 | 2013 – 2016 and 2018 – 2021 | mining
- Ranked as a highly regarded practitioner by IFLR 1000 | 2020, 2024 and 2025 | Project development – mining
- Named as a global elite thought leader in Who's Who Legal | Mining
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- Named as a global elite thought leader in Who's Who Legal | Mining
- Membership: Mining Law Committee, IBA (2003 – 2004)
- Won WITS prize for mining law in LLM by course work (1991)
- Lectured LLB Prospecting and Mining Course, WITS (1995 – 2005)
- Lectures annually at the WITS LLM in Mining Engineering on Mineral Law Compliance
- Spoken at about 50 conferences in South Africa over the past 20 years
- Presentations:
    - RMMLF Mining Law Conference in Rio de Janeiro (2019); o IBA Conference in London on Investment in Africa (2018);
    - IBA conference in Rome on mining contractorship agreements (2005);
    - IBA conference in Cape Town on implications of the National Water Act on mining companies (1998); and
    - IPBA in Auckland, New Zealand on Native Title in South Africa and how it affects mining tenements (1998).