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# Kathleen Louw

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Kathleen Louw is a Director in the Dispute Resolution practice at Werksmans Attorneys with experience in complex commercial litigation and regulatory disputes.

She advises and represents clients in contractual disputes that are progressed in the various forums of mediation, arbitration and High Court litigation. Her practice includes commercial disputes involving companies, directors, shareholders, trusts, heirs & beneficiaries and the administration of estates.

Kathleen represents industry leaders across multiple sectors, developing litigation strategies that are commercially grounded and outcome-focused. She has acted in a number of high-profile matters in both arbitration and court proceedings.

She is also a member of the firm's mining team and has particular expertise in mining law. She represents mining clients in High Court litigation and advises on regulatory engagements with the Department of Mineral and Petroleum Resources (DMPR). Her experience includes preparing and lodging internal objections and appeals with the DMPR and, where necessary, instituting judicial review and mandamus proceedings once internal remedies have been exhausted.

Kathleen is valued for her strategic judgement, technical rigour and ability to navigate complex disputes efficiently and decisively.

Years of experience: 16 years

## PRACTICE AREAS

- Disputes
- Mining & Resources

## EXPERTISE

Litigation & Dispute Resolution

- Dispute Resolution
- Prospecting & Mining Litigation
- Contractual Disputes
- Administrative Law

## RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- a public transport operator on its contractual obligations in respect of its relationships with various specialised entities who design, construct and operate aspects of the South African rapid rail system
- various mining houses and companies (including their subsidiaries) in respect of their global supply of raw materials, their contractual obligations in respect of their relationships with subcontractors and their interaction with the Department of Mineral Resources

- the plant leasing component of a group of companies in respect of their customised short and long term leasing of heavy earth moving equipment within the mining, civil and construction sector
- a well established manufacturer of glass solutions in South Africa in respect of ongoing franchisee litigation
- a well established primary tissue paper manufacturing company and its various subsidiaries in respect of construction related disputes
- a company that facilities the housing of cellular and wireless, radio and television broadcast, microwave and two-way radio communications equipment in respect of their multi-tenant leasing model, specifically in relation to commercial lease disputes

## CAREER

- **Diploma in Prospecting & Mining Law**, 2017
- **Director** 2016
- **Masters Degree in International Litigation, Arbitration and Dispute Resolution**, University College London, 2015
- **Admitted as an Attorney**, 2010
- **LLB**, Stellenbosch University, 2004