



Roger Wakefield

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Roger Wakefield has over 30 years’ experience at Werksmans as a highly skilled litigation and dispute resolution lawyer.

PRACTICE AREAS

- Digital Media & Electronic Communications
- Disputes
- Intellectual Property

EXPERTISE

- Arbitration
- Private International Law and Cross-Border Disputes
- Maritime and Shipping Law
- Investment treaty arbitration
- Disputes
- Technology Disputes
- Intellectual Property

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Enforcing a USD 100 million arbitration award against the Government of Zimbabwe in favour of **KfW Bank**
- Represented the **Premier Soccer League** in its dispute with the SABC relating to broadcast rights. The SABC’s claims against the PSL were dismissed by the arbitrator in January 2008, paving the way for the PSL to conclude one of the biggest sports broadcast rights deals in South Africa.
- Involved in majority of the leading cases on the enforcement of foreign judgments in South Africa since 1994.
- Attachment of a commercial Airbus airliner belonging to the Government of Tanzania in litigation proceedings against Tanzania.
- Attachment of mineral cargo aboard ship belonging to the Democratic Republic of the Congo in litigation proceedings against the Democratic Republic of the Congo.
- Acted for the **Premier Soccer League** in court proceedings declaring that copyright vested in its fixture lists, requiring gaming operators using fixtures to pay royalties
- Represented numerous multinational companies in cross-border disputes and litigation.
- Represented numerous multinational companies in litigation against foreign states.
- Representing Danish investor against the Government of the United Republic of Tanzania regarding a breach of the bilateral investment treaty between the two countries
- Represented ship owners in Maritime disputes

CAREER

- Admitted as an Attorney, 1993
- LLB, University of the Witwatersrand, 1990
- BA, University of the Witwatersrand

HIGHLIGHTS

- Named as a leading commercial litigator in the International Who’s Who of Commercial Litigators (2013 – 2017)
- Rated as a leading arbitration lawyer in Best Lawyer since 2010
- Member of the Management Committee of LEX Africa: a network of leading law firms in 27 countries across Africa
- Member of the Mauritius Chamber of Commerce Arbitration Centre’s (MARC) Court of Arbitration
- Member of the South African ICC Nomination Committee