

Pierre Burger



Partner

Pierre is a highly experienced, dual-qualified, accredited and internationally respected dispute resolution practitioner. He has served on the Management Committees of the South African Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) as well as the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA), and the ICC Commission on Arbitration and ADR. In 2022, he was admitted as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales. He is regularly interviewed by the media and is ranked as a leading lawyer in the practice area of dispute resolution.

Practice focus

Pierre's extensive expertise includes dealing with complex, high-value commercial disputes across a range of industries including banking, property, technology and innovation, company and shareholder disputes, and contentious regulatory. He has a particular interest in international arbitration and the growing field of Technology Law.

Representative clients and matters:

Dispute Resolution

- Acted for Southernport Developments in successfully asserting a claim against Transnet for harbour-front property in Gqeberha.
- Advised various JSE-listed commercial landlords and tenants on liability issues arising from the COVID-19 lockdown.
- Acted for an AIM-listed UK diamond mining company in international arbitration proceedings against its EPCM contractor arising from a mine development in Lesotho.
- Acted for NGN Telecoms in defending a claim by its software developer and service provider.
- Acted for South Africa's largest retail pharmacy chain in a claim against its software developer arising from defective performance.
- Acted for Selpal, a virtual distribution platform, in defending a claim by its software developer, DVT, on the basis of defective performance.
- Acting for a UK mining company in defending international arbitration proceedings instituted by its mining contractor for loss of profits.
- Acting for a manganese mining company in disputes with a neighbouring miner and negotiations with a state-owned entity regarding rail usage.
- Acted for a UK investment advisory entity in international arbitration proceedings against a Botswana educational institution for recovery of success fees.
- Acted for a capital markets research and trading firm in disputes with former shareholders.



PRACTICE AREAS

- Dispute Resolution
- Regulatory
- Strategic Legal Consulting

INDUSTRIES

- Banking and Finance
- Corporate and Commercial
- Construction
- Technology and Innovation
- Mining
- Property

EDUCATION

University of Cape Town
BA (Hons) LLB 1998

Vrije Universiteit Amsterdam
BA (Hons) 1996

LANGUAGES

- Afrikaans
- English

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