

AFRICA DISPUTE RESOLUTION

ADVISING CLIENTS ON ALL ASPECTS OF INVESTMENT AND RISK ACROSS THE CONTINENT FOR OVER 40 YEARS

Our premium Africa dispute resolution practice is serviced by lawyers across our global network, and in particular by our disputes teams in Johannesburg, Paris and London.

We have the capability and platform to assist clients on all types of dispute or contentious matter in Africa (including international commercial and investor-state arbitration, commercial litigation, tax investigations and disputes, class actions, public international law, corporate crime & investigations and ADR), as well as to provide specialist risk management expertise.

Our dispute resolution experience in Africa includes advising and representing parties to large, complex and high-value arbitrations across a range of industry sectors, including energy, natural resources, infrastructure and telecommunications. We also spend a significant amount of time behind the scenes advising clients on how to minimise their exposure to contentious risk. We have been consistently ranked in the top band for Africa-wide Dispute Resolution since this category was first introduced by Chambers Global in 2014.

Our experience has shown that a large number of disputes between foreign investors and governments in Africa can be resolved through negotiation. These discussions can be complex, requiring cultural sensitivity and local knowledge to determine which arguments carry weight, when it is time to be firm or flexible, and if and where support can be found within government.

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We will put our many years' experience to work in your negotiations, developing persuasive lines of argument while preserving existing rights, and talking to officials on the ground. Should negotiation prove unsuccessful, we can then help you craft the best dispute resolution strategy, including arbitration, litigation and ADR procedures.

The experience of our French-qualified lawyers includes appearing before the local courts in a number of Francophone jurisdictions.

The combination of our full-service multi-industry expertise, deep Africa experience and know-how ensures we can provide a real value added service to our clients in Africa whatever the challenge or opportunity.

RECENT EXPERIENCE

A TRADING COMPANY

as EPC contractor on delay and disruption claims in relation to three turbine power plants forming part of the US\$4.1billion 10,000 MW integrated Power Project in Nigeria.

AN INTERNATIONAL CONCESSION AND CONSTRUCTION GROUP

on an ICC arbitration related to a stadium construction contract against the National Government in Algeria.

SAUDI ARABIAN POWER AND WATER COMPANY

on a series of disputes arising out of its projects in South Africa.

NORILSK NICKEL

on the disposal of its US\$279 million interest in the Nkomati nickel joint venture in South Africa to BCL and the resultant disputes which have emanated from the transaction.

REPUBLIC OF TUNISIA

Representing the Republic of Tunisia in ICSID proceedings brought by a foreign investor concerning allegations of expropriation of its interest in a Tunisian bank - the value of claims exceeds US\$1 billion.

BP

on contentious issues in contract and in tort, and in multiple jurisdictions and fora including the UK inquest proceedings, arising from the terrorist incident at the In Amenas gas facility in Algeria between 16-19 January 2013.

AWARDS AND ACCOLADES





ONE SOURCE HIGHLIGHTED THE TEAM FOR BEING "EXTREMELY PROFESSIONAL AND PROACTIVE. I FEEL THAT THEY HAVE THIS CAPACITY TO UNDERSTAND CLIENT NEEDS AND THEY CAN ADJUST."

The practice maintains a high degree of professionalism, has legal acumen in diverse fields and its services are efficient," said one market commentator. Another source praised the firm's "deep knowledge of the natural resource sector and of African jurisdictions.

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One client described the team as "great litigators," adding: "They have a good marriage of international and local knowledge combined with business acumen to execute our needs." Another client agreed, stating: "They are responsive, pragmatic and reasonable," and going on to comment: "They understand the needs of the client."

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One source described the firm as "excellent, exceptionally

innovative, forward-thinking, extremely analytical and proactive," adding that "they have been super all round." Further interviewees value its ability to "deliver a very personal service" that is equal parts "professional, commercial and extremely supportive of its clients."

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