



## **Des Williams**

### **Lawyer Arbitrator**

#### **Overview**

Des Williams is the South African member of the court of arbitration of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and a former co-chair of the litigation committee of the International Bar Association (IBA). He is also a director of the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA).

Des was a Member of the Working Group which prepared the IBA Guidelines on Conflicts of Interest in International Arbitration approved by the Council of the IBA in 2004.

Des is named as leading lawyer in arbitration and mediation, construction and litigation by Best Lawyers International; in dispute resolution by Chambers Global: The World's Leading Lawyers for Business; in commercial litigation and in arbitration by the International Who's Who Legal; in dispute resolution by the Legal 500 and in dispute resolution by PLC Which Lawyer.

#### **Languages**

English & Afrikaans

#### **Professional Background**

Des is Chairman of Werksmans, a leading South African law firm. He is experienced in all aspects of commercial litigation and alternative dispute resolution, including international litigation, arbitration and mediation. Des has been involved in many of the largest and most complex litigation and arbitration cases in South Africa.

His specialties include mining, telecommunications, media and technology law. Clients include AngloGold Ashanti, Telkom South Africa, South African Breweries, Aberdeen International, Aquarius Platinum, Katanga Mining and Nkwe Platinum.

**Commendations :**

Des is named as a leading expert in Legal Media Group's Guide to the World's Leading Litigation Lawyers

Des Williams is a 'giant in commercial litigation'

**Chambers Global 2012**

Des Williams is listed as 'highly recommended'

**Legal 500**

Des Williams is listed as a leading lawyer in commercial litigation and arbitration

**Who's Who Legal**

**Publications**

Des has published widely and is a regular contributor to books and journals. Des has contributed recently to the following works:

- 'Arbitration World' 4<sup>th</sup> Edition, published by Sweet & Maxwell (2012)
- 'Privilege and Confidentiality: An International Handbook' 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, published by Bloomsbury Professional and the International Bar Association (2012)
- 'The International Comparative Legal Guide to International Arbitration 2012' 9<sup>th</sup> Edition published by Global Legal Group
- 'International Commercial Dispute Resolution' published by Tottel Publishing (2009)

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