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Areas of Practice

- Construction & Engineering
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Offshore Construction & Marine Engineering
- General Commercial

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Practice Overview

Dawid Welgemoed is an Advocate in South Africa (Cape Town and Johannesburg Bar), at 56 Keerom Street Chambers and Maisels Group, Sandton, a Barrister in the United Kingdom (Middle Temple) and an International Member of Keating Chambers, London. He specialises in all aspects of engineering, construction and related issues. He has extensive domestic and international experience in high value and complex disputes in High Courts, arbitrations and adjudications.

He has been Counsel on matters, among others, relating to power stations, diamond mines, a desalination plant, pipelines, nuclear material, roads construction, a sports stadium, locomotive repairs, racing cars, shipbuilding, genetics, a floating harbour, high value residential houses, housing developments, credit models, banking electronics, bridge construction, electricity software, professional indemnity claims, multi discipline engineering disputes, international fishing quotas and fishing rights, and several mining matters in the value of \$ many millions. He has been counsel of choice for the family of a Nobel Peace prize winner and several international high value clients. Dawid has been a guest lecturer on aspects of construction law and arbitration in several countries and has acted for British, Chinese, Singaporean, German, Japanese and Swiss international clients.

He was Counsel in numerous professional indemnity claims for architects, engineers and contractors. General commercial cases include, among others, a cross border Swiss Trust litigation, and advising on a credit model.

Recent Cases

Construction & Engineering

- Acted for a German Engineering Firm in a Defects claim.
- Advised and represented clients in High Value Residential Construction disputes.
- He has been briefed as junior counsel to advise on aspects of the Cape Town stadium.
- He is currently on brief in two large time delay construction claims.

Energy & Natural Resources

- Advised a Chinese mining Company in a large International Trade transaction.
- He was involved in the first gas pipeline to transport shale gas from fields in South Africa.
- He was briefed to advise the City of Cape Town on the salvage of a large oil tanker – the vessel was under foreign flag.

Offshore & Marine Engineering

- Advised in several Shipbuilding matters.
- He has been briefed by a firm of solicitors in Singapore to advise on several aspects of a floating harbour in the South Sea, a matter of substantial commercial value.

General Commercial

- Represented a Swiss Trust in Cross Border litigation.
- Advised in a large merger of a Locomotive Manufacturer.
- He was briefed in the liquidation of one of the most valuable coastal properties in South Africa.
- He was involved in a claim for rectification of a national contract in the poultry industry, the value of this claim was in excess of R300 million.
- He was briefed to formulate a business model in the credit industry to comply with the Credit Act – the value of the brief was in excess of R100 million.
- He has also done several matters in the maritime, hunting (genetics) and fishing industries of substantial monetary value and complexity.

Scholarship and Bursaries

Bursary from Keating Chambers, London

Lord Diplock Scholarship from The Middle Temple, London

C B Davidson Bequest Scholarship for study at the University of Aberdeen, Scotland

ATKB Merit Scholarship

University of Stellenbosch Merit Bursary

Professional Qualifications

- Advocate of the High Court of South Africa – Member of the Cape Bar (Admitted in 2000)
- Barrister of The High Court of England and Wales – Of the Middle Temple (Call of 2003)
- Arbitrator of the South African Arbitration Forum – Commercial Panel
- Chairperson of the Tax Dispute Board for the South African Revenue Service

Academic Qualifications

- BA (Hons) (First Class)
- LLB (Stellenbosch)
- LLM (Aberdeen, Scotland)
- PgDL, PgDLP (Inns of Court School of Law, London)
- Bar Vocational Course (Very competent, Outstanding in Advocacy)

Publications and Lectures

- Former editor of "Construction Law and Related Issues"
- Guest lecturer at the University of Cape Town on "The Abuse of Dominance in South African Competition Law"

Memberships

International Member of Keating Chambers.

Member of the Cape Bar

Member of the International Society of Construction Law

Member of the African Society of Construction Law

Member of the False Bay Yacht Club

Member of the Executive Committee of the South African Tuna Association

Languages

Multilingual. Working knowledge of English, Afrikaans, Dutch, Flemish, Xhosa, Zulu, Latin, Spanish, Swahili, German. Currently studying Japanese.