

ASK EXPERIENCED PRACTITIONERS

Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC

Hybrid Workshop
17 October 2026



MOOT ARBITRATION

Join us for this presentation by our Chairperson, [Adv Tjaart van der Walt SC](#), [Mrs Aimée Girdwood](#), [Adv Andrew Russell](#), and [Adv Sharné Losper](#) as part of the Association's ongoing mission to provide regular upskilling opportunities for everyone interested in Alternative Dispute Resolution. The event will be simultaneously hosted in-person at the Association's head office in Sandton, and remotely on the Zoom platform. Attendees are encouraged to attend in-person and enjoy refreshments and networking opportunities after the event. Seats for in-person attendance are limited.

ABOUT THE WORKSHOP:

This practical, entertaining and informative workshop is a must for arbitrators, party representatives, claims consultants, corporate legal advisors, students, and the like. The workshop is intended to provide delegates with a bird's-eye view of a complete arbitration process. It will commence with the arbitration agreement and the formalities relating to an application for the appointment of an arbitrator by the Association. It will cover the essentials of the agenda for a preliminary arbitration meeting. A preliminary arbitration meeting will be enacted. The arbitrator's impartiality and independence will be challenged. The jurisdiction of the arbitrator will be challenged. Pleadings will be exchanged. An evidence hearing will be conducted. The arbitrator's award will be discussed.

ABOUT OUR PRESENTERS:

[Adv Tjaart van der Walt SC](#), B Jur LLB FAArb (SA) FCIArb (UK) MSoM (UK):



Tjaart is a senior advocate of the Maisels Group of Advocates in Sandton. He is the Chairman, a Director, a Module 4 and Module 5 Tutor and Fellow of the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa). He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) and a listed International Arbitrator for the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) and the CIArb (UK). He is an International Mediator accredited by the Civil Mediation Council (UK), the Society of Mediators (UK), the CIArb (UK) and the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) to mediate *inter alia* construction, commercial and contractual disputes and he is a President's Panel Member of the South African Institution of Civil Engineering (SAICE). Prior to his admission as Advocate in 1995 he was employed as Legal Advisor, Public Prosecutor and Part-time Academic and he practised as an Attorney. His practice includes commercial arbitration, adjudication, mediation and litigation with a focus on construction law and the law of contract. His industry specific professional exposure over more than 35 years includes *inter alia* construction, petroleum, coal and platinum mining, agriculture, food and beverage, telecommunications, forestry, pension funds and banking.

[Mrs Aimée Girdwood](#), BComm LLB MSt AAArb (SA):



Aimée is a commercial mediator, lawyer and strategic advisor with more than 20 years' international experience across law, sustainability, governance and complex commercial matters.

She began her career in corporate and commercial law at Bowmans in Johannesburg and A&O Shearman in London, working on major infrastructure, energy and construction projects. She has since advised businesses, government and other organisations on sustainability, governance, strategic risk and complex stakeholder issues.

Aimée is a CEDR and Conflict Dynamics accredited commercial mediator certified to conduct court-mandated mediations, and an [Associate](#) (AAArb) member of the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa). Her mediation practice focuses on commercial and contractual disputes, including

matters involving infrastructure, business relationships, governance and organisational conflict.

She holds an LLB (cum laude) and BComm from the University of the Witwatersrand and a Master's in Sustainability Leadership from the University of Cambridge. She is also a Senior Associate of the Cambridge Institute for Sustainability Leadership.

Adv Andrew Russell, LLMr LLB BSc Electrical Engineering (Merit Award, Dean's List) AAARB (SA):



Andrew is a dual-qualified legal and engineering professional, holding an LLB, LLM, and admission to the New York Bar, alongside a BSc in Electrical Engineering, and brings a unique interdisciplinary perspective to construction law. Andrew has experience in both front-end project and energy agreements, and back-end dispute resolution, including adjudications, arbitrations, and litigation.

Andrew is an **Associate** (AAARB) member and a Tutor for the **Specialisation in Construction Law Course** (Module 5) at the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC.

Ms Sharné Losper, LLB Cum Laude AAARB (SA) MSoM (UK):



Sharné is an admitted Attorney of the High Court of South Africa and a Pupil Advocate at the Johannesburg Society of Advocates. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree *cum laude* from North-West University, where she consistently ranked among the top students in her class and received numerous academic awards, including recognition as the Best Academic Achiever in her final year. During her studies, Sharné received top achiever awards in several subjects, including Principles of Contract, International Law, Specific Contracts, Insurance Law and Cyber Law, and was inducted into the Golden Key International Honour Society. Sharné completed her articles and subsequently practised as an attorney at Phatshoane Henney Attorneys, where she gained experience in a range of legal fields, including general litigation, construction law, veldfire and third-party claims, insolvency law, family law, contract law and debt collection. She has also completed specialised training in trial

advocacy, conveyancing and standard-form engineering and construction contracts. In addition to her legal qualifications, Sharné has completed management and leadership training through the Foundation for Professional Development, demonstrating a commitment to both professional excellence and continuous learning. With a strong academic foundation and practical experience across diverse areas of law, she brings valuable insight to discussions on legal and contractual matters, particularly within the construction and dispute resolution environment. Sharné is an **Associate** (AAARB) member at the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC.

DATE: Saturday, 17 October 2026

TIME: 10:00 to 12:30

LINK: The Zoom link will be emailed to you upon receipt of payment.

VENUE: 3rd Floor, Block B, Sandown House, 2 Norwich Close (off 5th Street), Sandown, South Africa

COST (incl. VAT):	AoA, ACPM, BIArb, CESA, ICE-SA, MBA, RICS, SAICE and WISA Members:	R 300.00
	AoA Students:	R 0.00
	Non-members:	R 400.00
	University Students, Professional Trainees, Pupil Advocates and Candidate Attorneys:	R 0.00

RSVP BY: Friday, 16 October 2026

Irrespective of whether you are a paying or non-paying attendee, please send your completed **Registration Form** to our Financial Manager **Michelle Venter** at **michelle@arbitrators.co.za**