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Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC

Online Workshop
10 December 2026

ARBITRATING IN THE FLOODLIGHTS: LESSONS FROM THE *NOTTINGHAM FOREST FC V THE FOOTBALL ASSOCIATION* CASE

Presented by: CROWN OFFICE CHAMBERS

Join the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC for an exclusive online workshop led by renowned London-based Chartered Arbitrator, **Kim Franklin KC**. Drawing on her experience as Tribunal Chair in the high-profile 2025 Football Association Rule K Arbitration between *Nottingham Forest Football Club* and *The Football Association*, Kim will unpack the real-world procedural and reputational pressures facing modern arbitrators.

ABOUT THIS WEBINAR:

When high-stakes disputes play out in the public eye, arbitrators face intense scrutiny that extends well beyond the hearing room. Using the widely publicised *Nottingham Forest FC v The Football Association* dispute as a central case study, Kim will explore critical challenges in contemporary alternative dispute resolution (ADR). Key topics will include:

- ✓ **Perceived Bias:** Navigating and addressing allegations of arbitrator bias;
- ✓ **Social Media Impact:** Managing the influence of online commentary on active proceedings;
- ✓ **Public Awards:** The unique dynamics and pressures of arbitration awards that are made public;
- ✓ **Precision in Drafting:** How specific wording in an award can carry unintended consequences;
- ✓ **Post-Award Scrutiny:** Handling external statements and public criticism following the publication of an award.

ABOUT OUR PRESENTER:

Kim Franklin KC LLB, **Barrister, Chartered Arbitrator and Adjudicator, Crown Office Chambers:**



Kim is a full-time Chartered Arbitrator, dispute board member and adjudicator based at Crown Office Chambers in London. Called to the Bar in 1984 and appointed King's Counsel in 2016, she is widely recognised as a leading specialist in complex international arbitration and dispute resolution across the construction, engineering, infrastructure and energy sectors.

Ranked as a Band 1 International Arbitrator by Chambers & Partners (2026), Kim is regularly appointed as Tribunal Chair, sole arbitrator, party-appointed arbitrator and emergency arbitrator. She conducts domestic and international arbitrations under major institutional rules—including ICC, LCIA, DIAC, HKIAC, and UNCITRAL—across the UK, Europe, Asia and the Gulf. She is particularly noted for her strong case management, clarity of expression and ability to handle technically complex, document-heavy disputes.

In the sports law arena, Kim recently served as Tribunal Chair alongside Lord Neuberger and Edwin Glasgow CBE KC in the widely publicised 2025 Football Association Rule K Arbitration between *Nottingham Forest Football Club* and *The Football Association*, which examined allegations of tribunal bias. An accredited adjudicator with TeCSA, TECBAR, RIBA IChemE, and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb), Kim holds an LLB from the University of Warwick and was elected a Bencher of Middle Temple in 2025. She is also a Joint Editor of the *Construction Law Journal* and an active member of the ICC UK Arbitration and ADR Committee.

DATE: **Thursday, 10 December 2026** **TIME:** **18:00 to 19:30 (SAST), 16:00 to 17:30 (GMT)**

LINK: The Zoom link will be emailed to you upon receipt of your completed **Registration Form**.

COST (incl. VAT):

AoA, ACPM, BIArb, CESA, ICE-SA, MBA, RICS, SAICE and WISA Members:	**R**	**200.00**
AoA Students:	**R**	**0.00**
Non-members:	**R**	**250.00**
University Students, Professional Trainees, Pupil Advocates and Candidate Attorneys:	**R**	**0.00**

RSVP BY: **Wednesday, 9 December 2026**

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