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Year of Admission: 2011 (Date Called to Bar – October 2011)

Areas of Practice: Commercial & Investment Arbitration, International Trade & Investment Law, Commercial Litigation, Administrative & Constitutional Law, Construction & Engineering Disputes, Corporate Governance, Competition Law, Insolvency Law

Professional Profile

Mr. Ayitey E. Ayayee is an accomplished independent legal practitioner admitted to practice as an Advocate of the High Court of South Africa in February 2011 and called to the Johannesburg Bar in October 2011. A member of the Johannesburg Society of Advocates (JSA) and the Duma Nokwe Group of Advocates, he maintains a robust commercial law practice with expertise in domestic and international commercial arbitration, construction disputes, and public law litigation. Mr. Ayayee has previously served as an Acting Judge of the Gauteng Division of the High Court and has served in the role of arbitrator in commercial disputes.

Mr. Ayayee holds advanced qualifications in law, including a Master of Laws (LLM) in International Trade and Investment Law from the University of Pretoria (2009-2010), where his dissertation focused on competition policy in regional frameworks. His specialized legal training is complemented by a Higher Certificate in Insolvency Law from the University of Pretoria (2013-2014), a Competition Law Certificate from the Law Society of Northern Provinces (2012), and certification in Property Development and Investment from the University of Cape Town (2019).

As a Chartered Governance Practitioner, Mr. Ayayee brings sophisticated corporate governance and regulatory compliance expertise to his practice. His Fellowship with the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC and Associate membership with the Chartered Governance Institute (UK), underscore his commitment to excellence in alternative dispute resolution and corporate governance. He is a panel arbitrator with the London Court of International Arbitration African Users Panel and a member of the International Chamber of Commerce Ghana, where he is involved in policy discussions to improve international trade in Africa and efforts towards regional integration. Mr. Ayayee is further a certified mediator



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available for appointment under Mediation Protocol for the Gauteng Division of the High Court.

His practice encompasses complex commercial litigation, international arbitration proceedings, administrative and constitutional law challenges, construction and engineering dispute resolution, and insolvency matters. Mr. Ayayee has represented clients in numerous significant matters before South African courts and arbitral tribunals, including several landmark cases reported in the South African Law Reports, demonstrating consistent capability in high-stakes commercial disputes and constitutional litigation.

Beyond his legal practice, Mr. Ayayee possesses valuable commercial experience, having served in various capacities including Analyst at Standard Bank Corporate Investment Banking Division, Financial Advisor at Liberty Group, and legal consultant at the Asbestos Relief Trust. He currently serves as a Non-Executive Director and Director of several commercial entities, bringing his legal acumen and governance expertise to corporate decision-making.

Academic & Professional Qualifications

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB), University of the Witwatersrand
- Master of Laws (LLM) in International Trade and Investment Law, University of Pretoria
- Higher Certificate in Insolvency Law, University of Pretoria
- Competition Law Certificate, Law Society of Northern Provinces
- Certificate in Financial Planning, PSG Konsult
- Financial Services Board Accreditation (FAIS, FICA)
- Certificate in Property Development and Investment, University of Cape Town
- Accelerated Fellowship Course, Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC
- Certificate of Competence Mediation, Society of Mediators (UK), partner to the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC [Recognised RMO Gauteng High Court Mediation Protocol]

Professional Memberships & Designations

- Fellow of the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC
- Associate of the Chartered Governance Institute (UK)
- Member, Johannesburg Society of Advocates (JSA)
- Member, Duma Nokwe Group of Advocates
- Member, London Court of International Arbitration – Africa Users Counsel
- Member, International Chamber of Commerce - Ghana

Notable Reported Matters

- BADENHORST NO & ANOTHER v MOQHAKA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY & OTHERS (2016) 3 ALL SA 723



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- FINES4U (PTY) LTD & ANOTHER v DEPUTY REGISTRAR, ROAD TRAFFIC INFRINGEMENT AGENCY & OTHERS 2017 (2) SACR 35 (GP)
- DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE v SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION SOC LTD & OTHERS 2017 1 ALL SA 530 (WCC)
- MATJHABENG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY v ESKOM HOLDINGS LTD AND OTHERS 2018 (1) SA 1 CC
- HUIJINK-MARITZ v MUNICIPAL MANAGER, MATJHABENG MUNICIPALITY AND ANOTHER 2018 (5) SA 614 (FB)
- SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION SOC LIMITED v SOUTH AFRICAN BROADCASTING CORPORATION PENSION FUND & OTHERS (2019) 2 ALL SA 512 (GJ)
- SITHOLE AND OTHERS v AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS & OTHERS 2023 (3) ALL SA 890 (GJ)
- AFRIRENT FLEET (PTY) LTD v MOQHAKA LOCAL MUNICIPALITY & OTHERS 2024 (1) ALL SA 85 (FB)
- DEMOCRATIC ALLIANCE v AFRICAN NATIONAL CONGRESS & OTHERS (AFRIFORUM AS AMICUS CURIAE) 2024 (2) ALL SA 382 (GJ)
- COBRA TOWING CC v MANGAUNG METROPOLITAN MUNICIPALITY & OTHERS 2024 (4) ALL SA 423 (FB)

Notable Unreported Matters

- CONGRESS OF THE PEOPLE & ANOTHER v SHILOWA AND OTHERS (2012) ZAGPJHC 167
- MAJAKATHATA LONG DISTANCE TAXI ASSOCIATION v MEC FOR POLICE, ROADS AND TRANSPORT, FREE STATE PROVINCE 2017 JDR 0804 (FB)
- AJAX CAPE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB & ANOTHER v WILLIAM NO & OTHERS 2018 JOL 40105(GJ)
- BOHLOKONG COMPUTERS (PTY) LIMITED v MALUTI A PHOFUNG LOCAL MUNICIPALITY (2021) JOL 51773 (FB)
- SETSIBA & OTHERS v TRANS-ORANGE CONFERENCE OF THE SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH & OTHERS (6277/2014) [2018] ZAGPJHC 62
- MAFUBE BUSINESS FORUM & ANOTHER v MAFUBE LOCAL MUNICIPALITY & OTHERS (2022) JOL 53046 (FB)

Publications

IN PROPOSING AN ENHANCEMENT OF SACU COMPETITION POLICY, LAP LAMBERT PUBLISHERS (DECEMBER 2012)