



Steering you in the right direction

Focused on dispute resolution in Africa

How can we help?

Eversheds Sutherland has a proven track record in Africa. Recognised by award makers and leading independent legal guides alike for our work in the region, we continue to innovate via the Eversheds Sutherland Africa Alliance (ESAA), which provides our clients access to the combined knowledge of over 35 firms in 36 countries throughout the continent.

Our Dispute Resolution team is a key component of our African success story. Since winning the Dispute Resolution Team of the Year at the Africa Legal Awards 2014, we've gone from strength to strength, cementing our standing via the successful completion of further high-value, complex and cross-border disputes.

With more than 30 years' on-the-ground experience, we understand the legal, political and economic environments of each African country and can provide you with appropriate and innovative strategies in relation to contentious matters arising from your activities there. In particular, our team is significantly implicated in disputes involving countries forming part of the OHADA (Organization for the Harmonization of Business Law in Africa) zone.

Our commitment to supporting the growth of the African continent is underlined by our comprehensive network spanning across all African countries, including key hub offices in South Africa,

Tunisia and Mauritius and key relationships across the continent through the ESAA. We can also draw on the support of our 650-lawyer strong worldwide dispute resolution practice when necessary.

What can we do for you?

Our dispute resolution services include:

- international law disputes
- oil, gas and other natural resources, mining and exploration
- infrastructure and project disputes
- investment treaty and international investment disputes
- commodities disputes
- insurance and reinsurance
- construction and engineering disputes
- insolvency related disputes
- defense industry supply and purchase contracts
- mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures and shareholder disputes
- banking disputes, debt and capital markets, securities and structured finance
- international trade
- information technology and IP
- telecoms and media

Why work with us?

- 1 Full service** – our comprehensive service includes local law knowledge, professional advice (including international arbitration and public international law), service and enforcement of awards and judgments and advocacy before international tribunals and national courts. Our experience of acting for stakeholders at all levels, from governments to financiers, African clients to foreign investors into the continent gives us the advantage of multiple perspectives into disputes.
- 2 Single point of contact** – drawing on the strength of our hub offices and ESAA partners we can manage your disputes in the African continent in a centralised and coordinated manner, giving you certainty and consistency of service and enabling cost efficiencies.
- 3 Proven track record** – we were named International Law Firm of the Year and Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the Year at the Africa Legal Awards 2014. We are regularly recommended by Chambers, Legal 500 and IFLR.

What happens next?

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Who do we work with?

Examples of our recent experience includes:

- acting for an African State in its defence of claims in an ad hoc bilateral investment treaty arbitration, administered by the Permanent Court of Arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules (seat in The Hague), brought by a Korean investor and relating to a number of housing and other infrastructure projects in that state
- representing an oilfield services provider in disputes arising out of the termination of its distribution agreement in Libya
- advising a US industrial company on the bribery and corruption risks associated with its acquisition of a business with numerous public sector clients in Nigeria, and providing business-friendly proposals around how that risk could be mitigated

“Good, accessible, prompt and with reasonable fee rates. We are a happy client of [Eversheds Sutherland in] Mauritius for a number of years now.”

Dhanraj Boodhoo, CEO, Brait Mauritius

“...a widely respected Africa practice... Mandates include project financing, PPPs and energy sector disputes. Prestigious regional finance institutions seek the group’s advice on development projects across the continent.”

Ioana Condacci, Group General Counsel, Addax & Oryx Group