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BIOGRAPHY

Anél De Meyer is an associate in the Business and Commercial Disputes team in BCLP's London office. Prior to joining BCLP, Anél built a distinguished career in South Africa with Webber Wentzel (in alliance with Linklaters), where she was a partner in the dispute resolution practice. She also completed a six-month secondment to the Litigation, Investigations and Arbitration Team at Linklaters' London office in 2024.

Anél brings extensive experience in complex, high-value disputes, having represented multinational clients across diverse sectors in court litigation, domestic arbitrations, and international arbitrations. Her practice encompasses contractual disputes, company law matters, civil fraud, and jurisdictional challenges. Anél is particularly noted for her expertise in contentious financial regulation, advising leading financial institutions on high-stakes Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)

enforcement investigations and internal investigations into regulatory compliance and governance issues.

A thought leader in financial services law, Anél has authored several publications on topics such as ESG litigation risks, financial regulatory frameworks, and cross-border dispute resolution. Her insights have been featured in prominent legal journals and industry platforms, reflecting her deep engagement with emerging legal trends.

Anél is passionate about navigating the complexities of multi-jurisdictional disputes and delivering innovative legal solutions to global clients.

Currently, Anél is completing her Solicitor Qualifying Examination (SQE) and is on track to be admitted as a solicitor of the Senior Courts of England and Wales in early 2026.

SPOKEN LANGUAGES

- English
- Afrikaans

ADMISSIONS

- South Africa

EDUCATION

North-West University, B.Comm in Economics and International Trade (Cum Laude), 2013

North-West University, LLB (Cum Laude), 2015

RELATED CAPABILITIES

- Litigation & Dispute Resolution
- Business & Commercial Disputes
- Securities Litigation and Enforcement
- Banking & Finance Disputes

EXPERIENCE

- **Collective opt-out proceedings before the Competition Appeal Tribunal:** Successfully representing a Proposed Defendant (PD) in collective opt-out proceedings in terms of section 47B of the Competition Act, 1998 (the Act) before the Competition Appeal Tribunal. The Proposed Class Representative (PCR) contends that the PDs have committed, and continue to commit, abuses of a dominant position in breach of section 18 of the Act, in providing misleading information to the relevant regulatory bodies including the Environment Agency and the Water Services Regulation Authority (Ofwat). The PCR alleges that the effect of this conduct has been that Ofwat has allowed the PDs to charge its customers higher prices for sewerage services than it would otherwise have been permitted to charge.
- **High Court Review (GMO Regulation):** successfully representing a global pharmaceutical and life sciences company in High Court review proceedings in South Africa, defending the GMO Board's approval of a drought-resistant GMO maize variety. Successfully argued that the Board's decision was rational and procedurally sound, securing a dismissal of the applicants' claims with the Court emphasising deference to the Board's expertise.
- **International Arbitration (Corporate Acquisition):** Successfully representing a global investment firm as claimant in an AFSA-administered arbitration in Johannesburg, under South African law, concerning breaches of a Sale of Shares Agreement. Successfully argued that the respondents' pre-closing loan assignment and related-party contract distorted the target company's earnings, securing a favorable ruling on purchase price adjustments and Earn Out calculations.
- **International arbitration (energy sector):** Successfully representing the respondent, an energy solutions company, in a claim by a Tanzanian Gold Mine concerning the respondent's alleged breaches of an energy contract. The parties concluded a written agreement for the supply and delivery of automotive gas and heavy fuel oil and other lubricants (the energy contract) in respect of which the respondent was also, in terms of the Scope of Work annex to the energy contract, meant to deliver an "energy plus offer" (EPO). The EPO concerned the respondent offering a value-added service guaranteed to
- **Financial Services Tribunal Reconsideration (South Africa):** Successfully representing a financial services provider in a reconsideration application before the Financial Services Tribunal, challenging a ZAR 100 million FCA penalty for alleged mismanagement of a collective investment scheme. Successfully argued the penalty was disproportionate, resulting in the FST setting aside the recklessness finding and reducing the penalty to ZAR 20 million.
- **FCA Investigation (Insider Trading):** Represented a diversified feeds and poultry business in an FCA investigation under section 78 of the Financial Markets Act, 2012, concerning potential insider trading in the company's securities. Provided strategic legal advice, managed

responses to FCA information and document requests, and supported company employees during FCA interviews.