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Karin joined ESI in 2011 as an attorney in the litigation department where she has since litigated in a wide scope of civil and commercial matters in both the lower courts and the High Court, including construction industry disputes, admiralty claims, defamation matters, medical negligence claims, family law disputes, liquidation matters and high-profile criminal matters.

She has also been involved in advising a myriad of international clients on the employment framework in Namibia and has successfully served as a dispute resolution attorney for international and local companies in commercial and labour-related matters. Karin is also a court-accredited mediator of the High Court of Namibia.

### Related services

Employment

Litigation, Arbitration and Regulatory

Corporate

### Related sectors

Energy and Natural Resources

Infrastructure, Construction and Transport

Media, Sport and Entertainment

### Languages spoken

English, Afrikaans, German

## Experience

Her experience has included advising:

- Presided as chairperson in a disciplinary hearing against 300 striking employees of a local mining company.
- A local private equity fund in a first of its kind arbitration matter against the largest pension fund in Namibia.
- The National Fishing Corporation of Namibia in urgent high court proceedings regarding the allocation of fishing quotas.
- Local fishing companies in urgent proceedings in the high court to declare unlawful a nationwide strike by employees of the respective companies.
- International and local clients on their constitutional rights in a large-scale tax appeal against the Namibian Commissioner of the Inland Revenue.
- A Namibian national electricity supplier on an administrative law matter relating to a controversial tender project for the supply of electricity in Namibia.
- The Office of the Attorney General on the award of a national fuel storage tender.
- The Namibian National Student Financial Assistance Fund during the disciplinary proceedings, urgent high court proceedings, and review proceedings against its suspended chief executive officer.
- The Bank of Namibia in urgent high court litigation dealing with contravention of local exchange control regulations.

# Credentials

## Professional Qualifications

- University of Cape Town (South Africa): BA Arts with Law (2005); LLB (2008)
- Admitted as legal practitioner in the High Court of Namibia (2009)

## Memberships

- Law Society of Namibia
- Court-accredited mediator (2015)
- Member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Namibia Motorsport Federation (since May 2022)

## Publicationa

Karin is published in the second edition of *Arbitration in Africa: A Practitioner's Guide* and in various volumes of the Namibia Law Journal.