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JUDGE FERGUS BLACKIE**INVITATION****AWARD WRITING:
TO CUT A LONG STORY SHORT**

Please join us for a morning of networking, snacks and drinks as [Adv Tjaart van der Walt](#) and [Judge Fergus Blackie](#) discuss award writing.

Background:

An award is nothing more than a structured account of relevant facts and applicable law, with a conclusion to which the parties are bound by agreement. However, arbitrators often find themselves afflicted by writer's block when they have to put pen to paper. The discussion will focus on generally accepted award writing structures and guidelines which may assist arbitrators and aspirant arbitrators.

Adv Tjaart van der Walt:

Tjaart is a senior member of the Maisels Group of Advocates in Sandton. He was commended for *Senior Consultus* status by the Silk Committee of the Johannesburg Bar, awaiting the imminent signing of his letters patent by the President. He is a Fellow of the Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC ("AoA"), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London) ("CI Arb"), and a listed arbitrator for the AoA and for AFSA. Over a 10 year period, before his admission as an Advocate in 1995, he was employed as Legal Advisor, Public Prosecutor and part-time Academic and practiced as an Attorney. His practice includes general commercial arbitration and litigation with a focus on the law of contract and delict. His industry specific exposure as Advocate over more than 20 years includes petroleum, coal and platinum mining, agriculture, food and beverage, telecommunications, construction, forestry and banking.

Judge Fergus Blackie:

For the last 17 years Fergus has practiced as an arbitrator, adjudicator, mediator and member of Dispute Adjudication Boards in South Africa, mainly in the construction industry, but also in commercial and medical matters, both in and outside the court system. He is familiar with, worked in and successfully concluded many matters involving the dispute prevention and resolution procedures in the FIDIC, NEC and JBCC contracts. He was recently involved as Chairman in a Dispute Adjudication Board in the building of the Madupi Power Station and sits currently on 2 DABs in the building of the Kusile Power Station, on one as a member and the other as Chairman of the DAB. His professional qualifications include Attorney and Advocate of the High Court of Zimbabwe; Senior Counsel for Zimbabwe; member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London; certified Mediator, Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution, London; registered arbitrator and mediator, AoA; Honorary Fellow and former Chairman, AoA; certified member with the Tokiso Commercial Mediation Centre, Johannesburg; member, the Arbitration Centre, Harare Zimbabwe; and AFSA.

Date: **Saturday, 19 August 2017** **Time:** 09:00 to 12:00

Venue: Association of Arbitrators (Southern Africa) NPC
3rd Floor, Block B, Sandown House, Norwich Close (off 5th Street), Sandown, Johannesburg

NOTE: **Seats are limited.**

Cost (incl. VAT): Members: **R450.00** Non-members: **R500.00**

RSVP: **Date:** **Friday, 18 August 2017**
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