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MESSAGE FROM THE EDITOR

Welcome to the sixth edition of the Association's newsletter, *Arbitrarily Speaking*.

Questions or comments? Let us know right [here](#).

TOOLS OF THE TRADE

AAA AND THE AUTOMATION OF ADR

The Association's AI Committee recently organised a meeting with the American Association of Arbitrators' (the AAA) AI development team who have already implemented their artificial intelligence (AI) programme, "The AI Arbitrator". Arising from that interaction, Chris Binnington, AI Committee member and Director of the Association, offers another insight into the fast-developing world of AI-assisted dispute resolution.



The adjudicator or arbitrator must remain personally responsible for the reasoning process, legal analysis, procedural rulings, and ultimate decision.

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MRS JOLANDA PRETORIUS
ADR Specialist, Qualified Mediator, AAARB
will deliver an essential address on
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TIEMAP: 2026 OPTIMISING ROI IN HUMAN CAPITAL SUMMIT

The Association is proud to be represented at this important event by Qualified Mediator, **Mrs Jolanda Pretorius**, as a keynote speaker who will provide important insights and strategies on 'Workplace Mediation'.

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TOOLS OF THE TRADE

UNALLOCATED, UNRECORDED AND UNRECOVERED

The Construction Mafia has become one of the most disruptive forces in South African project delivery. Standard contract frameworks were not built for it. Adine Abro, Director and Construction Law Expert, examines the gap and what the industry must do to close it.



The result is a risk that is effectively unallocated, sitting in the space between the contract's categories, absorbed in practice by whoever is least able to resist absorbing it.

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WHO TO BILL?

Uncle Oswald assists Adv Ano Nymous regarding the payment of his fee accounts, as a referral advocate and an acting arbitrator, in compliance with the Legal Practice Council's Code of Conduct..

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