

ADR COMMITTEE



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Constitution

This committee is chaired by Vanessa Lawrance and committee member include quite broad representation by member firms.

Purpose Statement

Recognising the many advantages which alternative dispute resolution ("ADR") presents, to promote ADR in the field of intellectual property law in Southern Africa and to take steps to implement and encourage the use of ADR procedures in this field. The committee is also specifically tasked with overseeing and managing the SAIPL's Alternate Dispute Resolution Service, which is currently limited to .co.za domain name disputes in terms of the ADR regulations to the Electronic Communications and Transactions Act.

Goals

Continuing to offer training for senior and trainee adjudicators by conducting a high level training seminar with international speakers and exploring the possible rolling-out of the SAIPL Alternate Dispute Resolution Service to other domain namespaces within Africa, as well as other namespaces in .za and to trade mark oppositions. Establish a verification panel for Sunrise periods, subject to Uniforum being successful in bids for Africa and city name domains.