

LTC Harms
Curriculum vitae

The Honorable Mr. Justice Louis Harms SC, a judge in the Supreme Court of Appeal of South Africa since 1991, is a cum laude law graduate of the University of Pretoria. After a short spell in academia, he spent 20 years at the Bar as a trial lawyer specializing in intellectual property law.

Active in South African legislative developments in the field of IP protection, he served on the committee responsible for the current Patents Act. He also chaired the Advisory Committee to the Minister of Trade and Industry, which was responsible for the Trade Marks Act, the Designs Act and the updating of the Copyright Act.

In the international field, Mr. Justice Harms served as vice-chairman of the Assembly of the Paris Convention (1995-1997) and acted as chairman and as member of several committees for the adoption of the Trademark Law Treaty. He also represented the South African Government at different meetings of experts in the field of patent and copyright law and at the annual Assemblies of the Member States of WIPO.

Mr. Justice Harms is the author of a recent WIPO publication named *The Enforcement of IP Rights: A Casebook*. He has in addition has two textbooks on civil procedure in print and is the co-author and editor of a third. He is also the senior editor of and a contributor to *The Law of South Africa* (the South African equivalent of Halsbury's Law of England). In addition, he has written and delivered papers at international conferences on intellectual property and various other topics such as criminal procedure, judicial ethics and extradition.