

tates business. There is no Statute of Frauds, except in Natal, though in the Transvaal Orange Free State agreements for the sale of fixed property must be in writing signed by the parties or their agents. There is no law of primogeniture or any remnant of the feudal system in the law of property.

The highest court is the Appellate Division of the Supreme Court of South Africa, which is the final court of appeal for the Union and Southern Rhodesia. There is, however, a right of appeal from the decisions of this court to the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council on leave being given by that Committee, a right which has not been exercised since the Union in 1910. The Appellate Division is a strong court consisting of a chief justice and two ordinary judges of appeal, who, when not occupied in this Division, pursue their ordinary duties in a Local or Provincial Division. Southern Rhodesia is not represented on the bench of this court, though there is nothing to prevent one of its judges being appointed, if so desired. On the hearing of appeals from a court consisting of two or more judges, five judges of appeal form a quorum; but in appeals from a single judge, the quorum is three. Appeals may be made from any divisional court, except from orders made on motion or as to costs, where, however, an appeal lies by consent of parties. In criminal matters there is no appeal from the finding of a jury, but only on legal points or irregularities appearing in the procedure or on the record. The Appellate Division also hears appeals from the Native High Court of Natal. The process of this court extends and is executable throughout the Union. Upon this court devolves the important work of unifying the divergent decisions of the various provinces, so far as such unification is possible by a non-legislative body. This is generally regarded as one of its most important functions and in one case a long series of Natal decisions was upset and an old Cape decision followed which was regarded as being more in conformity with the old text-writers. With the exception of a few consolidating statutes dealing mainly with administration, the legislature, since the Union, has shirked the essential duty of codification. The administration of justice in South Africa is more uniform than its law, and is largely