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WHO WE ARE



KTA Advocates is a specialized award winning IFLR recommended and a WTR1000 top tier law firm that focuses on technology, media, telecommunications, intellectual property & construction law. We provide real time legal solutions at each step of our clients' business decisions. Alongside its special commercial expertise, the firm's team of specialized attorneys provides full legal service across various sectors like corporate governance, project finance, international trade, dispute resolution & arbitration, tax finance, civil & commercial litigation, employment and real estate & property. The firm's clients range from leading businesses in banking, e-commerce, sports, entertainment, technology, beverage & hospitality, telecommunications, broadcast entertainment, music and publishing through to platforms, content retailers and early-stage entrepreneurs. The firm champions at advocacy on a wide range of aspects that affect their clients' businesses ranging from regulatory, operational and compliance aspects that most affect their given nature of business. These include matters of

transportation, data protection, cyber security, payments, cross border trade in the region anti-competition, copyright, e-commerce, blockchain & cryptography among others. This advocacy extends to national contributions . The firm is a member of the Amani IP Network of Intellectual Property Practitioners <https://amaniip.com> in the region and has offices in Nairobi and Dar-es-salaam. We also work with other trusted law firms in several jurisdictions in Africa with similar media, technology and IP focus, covering all key worldwide jurisdictions. KTA provides an avenue through which the team of twenty two (22) highly specialised Advocates render a range of legal services to clients globally.

KTA is driven by its defined mission and values, which form the foundation for the business model built around solving clients' problems while incorporating them into the firm strategy. The firm is also conscious of the magnitude of its services and the need to protect its clients; the firm always has an updated professional indemnity policy

Our Rankings

Accolades



- IFLR 1000 Recommended Firm (2018, 2019)
- IFLR 1000 Notable Firm, Financial and Corporate, 2020
- IFLR 1000 Notable Firm, Financial and Corporate, Project Development 2021



- WTR 1000 Leading Intellectual Property
- Firm (Top Tier) WTR 1000 Leading Intellectual Property Individuals, 2020 (Edwin Tabaro, Kenneth Muhangi)
- Firm (Top Tier) WTR 1000 Leading Intellectual Property Individuals, 2021 (Edwin Tabaro, Edgar Tabaro, Kenneth Muhangi, Bonita Mulelengi)



- Africa Legal Awards IP Team of the Year, 2019
- Finalists Specialist Firm of the Year, Boutique Law Firm of the Year Africa Legal Awards, 2019



- Africa Legal Awards Winners 2020
- **Kenneth Muhangi**
Partner of the year - Male
Simon Peter Lukwiya Nyero
Highly Commended Private Practice Rising Star Award



- Finalist Litigation and Dispute Resolution Team of the year - Firm KTA Advocates
Asmahaney Saad
Finalist Partner of the Year

What We Stand for



Innovation

We are an innovative firm that offers bespoke services to our clients.



Growth

We focus on growth and employ a pragmatic approach to finding solutions for our clients.



Service

We are always seeking and discovering new ways of serving our clients, stakeholders and our community.

Values We are



Dependable

We are honest. We do things ahead of time. We are empathetic.



Pragmatic

We are constantly learning. We find practical solutions to problems. We adapt to all situations.



Bold

We do things beyond convention. We are disruptive. We communicate with candor & care



Innovative

We love to find new and better ways of doing things. We are original and think outside the box. We are life long learners.



**Asmahaney
Saad**

Managing Partner

Asmahaney Saad was called to the bar in 2008. Other than Managing Partner and Head of the Corporate, Commercial and Projects dept of the firm, she serves as an Advisor to the Petroleum fund, an ADR Expert, a Mentor to her peers, a Wife and Mother with a heart of service to her country as a Rotarian(a multipotentialite).

She holds a Masters in International Business Administration (MIBA) from ESLSCA International Business School (Paris), MBA in oil and gas Management (Management Center UK-Dubai), a Diploma in Legal Practice (LDC-MUK), a Bachelor's Degree in Law (MUK), Chartered Mediator (MTI-EA), Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb-UK) and Project Management Professional (UK).

With over 14 years' experience spanning from highly regulated corporate businesses, she has advisory expertise in local, regional and international institutions on several matters including; oil and gas, Project financing, Infrastructure development, Mining, National Content (including Joint venture structuring), Regulatory and Compliance, Governance, Environment, Health and Safety, trade, Investment and market entry.

Asmahaney's has demonstrated her key strengths to the Board of UBA Uganda in; Business administration, Strategy, Governance, Regulatory and Compliance, Evaluating and Mitigating risks, Technology Law, Cyber security and Sustainable business growth.

Asmahaney also serves on a number of Boards in both the public and private sector. She was appointed a member of the first ever inaugurated Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) that advises the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the Petroleum Revenue Investment Reserve fund, she is a Trustee to the Board of Trustees - Greater Tomorrow African Initiative (GTAI) a Not-for-profit African Organization.

Asmahaney is a member of Boardroom Africa, Project Management Institute UK, CIArb (UK), Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN), East Africa Law Society and Uganda Law Society. She has served in several professional leadership positions; she was the Secretary General to the Governing Council of the East African Law Society (2018-2020 emeritus), Heads the Uganda Law Society Natural Resources Cluster, in which she actively engaged with the Parliament of Uganda and contributed to the passing of the East Africa Crude Oil Act, the Public Finance Management (Amendment) Act and the Income Tax (Amendment) Act 2021. She is also an accredited Mediator to the High Court of Uganda (Commercial Division).

Core expertise:

- Corporate Governance
- Commercial transactions
- Strategic leadership
- Oil and gas and minerals
- Trade and Market entry
- Projects and financing
- Public Private Partnerships (PPP)s



**Justus
Karuhanga**
Senior Partner

Justus is a graduate of law from Makerere University and an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda. He was called to the bar in 2001. He previously practiced with a top law firm in Uganda before joining State House as Private Secretary-Legal to His Excellency, the President of the Republic of Uganda from 2003-2009 which position exposed him to hands-on experience on various intricate legal matters.

He also once served as a Secretary of a Commission of Inquiry which investigated land relations in the country. He then later served as Principal State Attorney in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs. Justus specializes in Public-Private Partnerships, Corporate and Commercial law, land conveyancing and investment advisory and electoral law. He has led KTA team on various election disputes, 2011 and 2016 round of elections in which the firm has represented the Electoral Commission of Uganda. He has in the past been Deputy Chancellor of the Diocese of South Ankole of the Province of the Anglican Church of Uganda.

Justus winds down his business by tending to his cows, the world famous Ankole (Sanga) breed; in this regard, Justus runs two ranches in Omugyenyi- Ntungamo District and Sanga in Kiruhura District where he keeps a sizeable population of the beautiful creature. He is also an ardent reader of political science and economics of development.



**Edgar
Tabaro**
Senior Partner

Edgar was called to the bar in 2002. He holds a Bachelors Degree in Law, Makerere University, Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC & an LLM from the University of Witwatersrand, South Africa. Edgar has had a distinguished career in academia as a Law School Dean, Senior Lecturer in Law with over 20 academic publications in peer-reviewed journals. He has also been an external examiner at Makerere Law School and the Bar Course at LDC. Edgar has also served on a number of boards including the Uganda Communications Commission, Uganda Broadcasting Corporation wherein he was its inaugural Managing Director and presently serves as Secretary of Agribusiness Development Center, a Rabo Bank entity in Uganda.

In legal practice, he has litigated and prosecuted ground-breaking litigation in intellectual property and commercial laws.

He has advised on various legislation on Intellectual Property in Uganda as the lead on behalf of Uganda Law Society and was retained by the EU to advise the Nigerian and Ghana governments on Geographical Indications for Pepa Yam, Kola nut and cocoa as well as kente clothe respectively. Edgar specializes in Intellectual Property, Corporate Law, Construction Law, Litigation and Trade Law.

Edgar is the Regional Practice head focusing on Business market entry in Burundi, DRC, Tanzania and Kenya.



**Edwin
Tabaro**

Partner

Admitted to the bar in 2008 as an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda, Edwin has a right of audience in the superior courts of the partner states of the East African Community.

Edwin focuses on regional intellectual property in the East African Community, banking and project finance specifically on cross-border lending and transactions in the East African Community. Edwin has also built expertise in the area of East Africa Community law assisting clients to navigate the web of various laws and regulation in the community.

He has litigated ground-breaking Intellectual Property cases in the commercial court of Uganda particularly led KTA team in the first case of its kind on image rights in Uganda, enforcement of trade secrets and confidential information. He also focuses on Trademark and Patent prosecution in the region in association with lawyers in Tanzania, Kenya, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan.

Edwin has handled complex disputes arising from banking transactions for a number of financial institutions that the firm represents. He also focuses on debt structuring and raising finance for projects and has particularly advised Pearl Meat Industries, a consortium of Italian Cogemeat Ltd, UAE Fund Salah Khamas Capital together with local partners on the set up of a beef export firm. Edwin is a director in the same firm.

Edwin spends his leisure time golfing at the Entebbe golf club, tea farming in the Rwenzori region and loves wildlife. He serves as the Secretary of Entebbe Club and also council member on the governing council of East Africa Law Society and sits on various committees of the Uganda Law Society.



**Kenneth
Muhangi**

Partner

Kenneth has specialized in intellectual property law, technology law (with a bias towards digital trade and fintech, data protection and privacy law, the fourth industrial revolution-drones, internet of things, artificial intelligence, big data, genetics) and telecommunications law. Kenneth holds a master's degree, LL.M (International Commercial Law) from The University of South Wales, Bachelor's Degree in Law LLB (Hons) from Uganda Christian University and a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre.

In the area of intellectual property (IP) & technology, Kenneth is a renowned award winning Advocate, author and trainer and this has cemented his credentials as a specialist in the aforementioned practice areas. He has conducted specialized trainings in areas of ICT and IP such as, block chain technology, digital banking, digital trade & data protection among others. Kenneth represents and has advised governments & international entities such as Zipline, The World Bank, World Economic Forum, Ministry of ICT, Ministry of Science, Technology and Innovation among others. Kenneth is also the head of subject, intellectual property at Uganda Christian University and has also conducted lectures on Cyber Law at Makerere University, Law School. He has chaired the ICT Cluster of the Uganda Law Society & is a member the Intellectual Property Cluster, Uganda Law Society. Kenneth is also a member of The Africa List, an exclusive community of next generation CEOs building Africa's top 100 companies, supported by the CDC Group.

Kenneth has advised the Government of Uganda on the integration of ICT into the adjudication processes for Courts of Judicature and advises the Ministry of ICT on innovation and ICT policy development. In the field of Artificial intelligence, Kenneth convened a working group for Uganda and submitted a report to WIPO on Intellectual Property Policy and Artificial Intelligence, 23rd June, 2020 and continues to advise and represent the Government of Uganda on AI & Policy. Kenneth also sits on the Committee on Management of Intellectual Property Assets under the Presidential Initiative on Banana Industrial Development.

Kenneth has convened and advises the E-trade association of Uganda, a body comprised of e-commerce companies operating in Uganda and the Internet Service Providers Association of Uganda, a body comprised of internet companies in Uganda.

Kenneth also represents Uganda at the 4IR Portfolio Communities of the Centre for Fourth Industrial Revolution of the World Economic Forum. The 4IR Portfolio Communities include AI, Blockchain, IoT, Digital Trade, Data Policy and Drones. Kenneth represents and advises Uganda on policy related issues arising from new/emerging technologies.

Kenneth is engaged by the World Bank to support the preparation of the African Drone Forum's regulatory track under WEF guidance.

The African Drone Forum (ADF) is a first-of-its-kind initiative to accelerate the delivery of safe, sustainable, high-impact rural to urban services that harness the potential of autonomous drone technologies. The ADF is designed to demonstrate how a future influenced by UAS will look like by showcasing the broader categories of potential Unmanned Aircraft Systems (UAS) use-cases and may facilitate a united rulemaking direction and help create an African market for UAS. Current partners include UNICEF, World Economic Forum, World Food Program, John Snow Inc., Tanzania Flying Labs, and others.

In 2018 and 2021, Kenneth featured in Uganda's top 40 under 40. (Survey conducted by New vision-Uganda's largest Newspaper)

Kenneth has also been recognized as a leading Intellectual Property lawyer by the World Trademark Review Guide, WTR1000 (2019, 2020, 2021) and was a finalist, Partner of the year at the 2019, Africa legal Awards. At the same awards, KTA was awarded the coveted Africa's Intellectual Property (IP) Team of the Year in a closely contested category that featured Africa's top IP Firms. The firm was nominated in other categories such as, Specialist Law Firm of the Year and Boutique Law Firm of the Year.

In 2020, Kenneth was recognized as Africa's Male partner of the year at the 2020, Africa Legal Awards and among the top 50 leading in legal innovations in Africa at the Africa Legal Innovations Awards.

Core expertise:

Technology Law
Data Protection and Privacy
Artificial Intelligence
Genetics
Drones & Tomorrow's Airspace
Intellectual Property
Telecommunications Law
Fourth Industrial Revolution



Rtd Hon. Justice Dr.

**John Patrick
Tabaro**

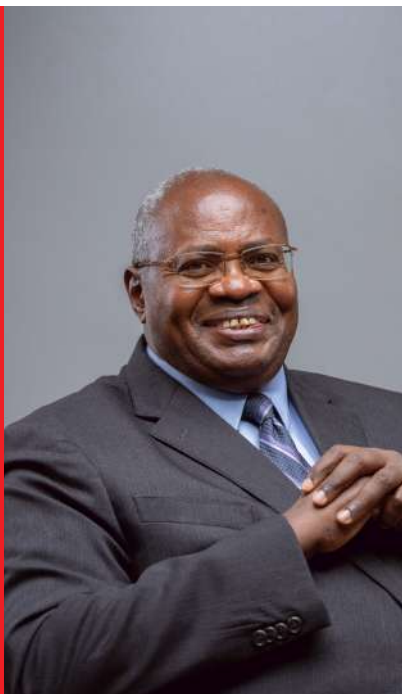
Consultant

Justice Tabaro, served over thirty six (36) years in the Judiciary, starting out as a Magistrate in 1976 rising through the ranks to become a Constitutional Court Judge, Acting Principal Judge (President of the High Court) as well as serving as chairman of various Public Commissions of Inquiry and Specialized Courts such as the Non- performing Assets Recover Trust (NPART).

Justice Tabaro specializes in arbitration and mediation. While in the judiciary, Justice Tabaro chaired High Profile Commissions of Inquiry which included among others- probe into the expansion of the Owen Falls Dam, an over 100m USD World Bank Funded Hydro Electric Project 1996- 1997, and the Disciplinary Committee to Discipline Judicial Officers (appointed by Judicial Service Commission), 1989.

Justice Tabaro heads the ARD practice of the firm providing arbitration and mediation services. Justice Tabaro is a certified neutral, on the Roll of arbitrators at the Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (CADER). Justice Tabaro is an ardent reader on Africology and is a regular contributor on the subject in the Sunday Vision Column entitled, African Heritage.

He is widely published in academic and non-academic periodicals and chairs the University Council of Marcus Garvey Pan African University. He is the immediate former patron of Makerere Law Society (his Alma Mater) which honoured him with the award Order of Merit. He is also the founding chairman and now chairman of Uganda Historical Memory, an NGO that documents the country's historical memories. He is also a decorated national hero having been bestowed the Nalubaale Medal by the H.E President Yoweri Museveni for his contribution to the struggle against dictatorship in Uganda. He farms tea, coffee, and practices horticulture in his free time.



Rtd Hon. Justice Dr.

**Yorokamu
Bamwine**

Consultant

Hon. Justice Dr. Yorokamu Bamwine was the Principal Judge of the High Court of Uganda, a third position in Uganda's Judiciary hierarchy after the Chief Justice and Deputy Chief Justice.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree of Makerere University, Uganda; a Diploma in Legal Practice of Law Development Centre, Uganda; a Master of Laws Degree of the University of Sydney, New South Wales, Australia (1984/86); and an Honorary Doctorate of Philosophy in Humanities of United Graduate College and Seminary International, USA (December 2013).

As an administrator in the Judiciary, Justice Bamwine has passion for access to justice for the poor and the other vulnerable people in society such as widows, children and orphans. He also has keen interest in judicial reforms that enhance performance and improved public image of the Judiciary.

Hon. Justice Dr. Bamwine has great passion for Alternative Dispute Resolution. He believes that courts of law exist to resolve disputes and a dispute resolved by the parties themselves with the assistance of a neutral person acting as mediator gives more contentment and lasting peace to the parties than judgment of court obtained after years of bitter conflict.

He is a firm believer in the court system being a dispenser of justice; a manager, in terms of providing effective leadership; and a provider of legal protection to the community of a neutral person acting as mediator gives more happiness and lasting peace to the parties than judgment of court obtained after years of bitter conflict.



Keneth Kipaalu

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Cathrine Akankwasa

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Timothy Kajja

Associate



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Tamale**

Associate



**Emma
Nantume**

Associate



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Kananda**

Associate



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Kaddu**

Junior Associate



**Marion
Mukiibi**

Junior Associate



**Kirabo Nina
Mary**

Junior Associate



**Innocent
Ngoboka**

Junior Associate



**Janice Celine
Nantumbwe**

Junior Associate and
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Keneth Muhangi



**Norah
Nakidde**

Executive assistant to
Managing Partner



**Mary
Batamuliza**

Legal clerk



**Richard
Munderi**

Legal clerk



**Pauline
Nassali**

Operations Manager



**Daphine
Ngonzi**

Finance Manager



**Daphine
Natukunda**

Administrator



**Sarah
Namayanja**

Registry & Custodial Officer



**Vivian
Nanyonjo**

Accounts and Audit
assistant



**Grace
Munyaneza**

Business Development
Coordinator



Core Expertise

KTA Advocates is a specialized law firm focusing on technology, media, telecommunications, Intellectual Property & Construction law. We advise clients on the financing, exploitation and protection of their creative and commercial assets in these sectors.

Dispute Resolution (DR)

DEAL TYPE	DESCRIPTION
DFCU VS SLOA CS No. 828 of 2014	KTA is in the process of recovering UGX 6,000,000,000 for the bank by way of foreclosure.
Orient Bank Ltd vs Balya Stint Hardware CS No. 26 of 2020	This is a recovery of UGX. 6,000,000,000/= by way of foreclosure, attachment and sale.
KCB Bank vs Visare Limited CS No. 898/2019	We acted on behalf of KCB Bank to recover USD 12,000,000 from the debtor by way of foreclosure, advertisement and sale. The matter eventually was concluded with a third party purchasing the mortgaged property.
DFCU vs Western Uganda Cotton Ltd	We aided DFCU Bank to recover Uganda Shillings nine billion (UGX.9000000000) from Western Uganda Cotton Ltd; the company having failed to pay back the loan amount that it had obtained from the bank, we were instructed to conduct the sale of the mortgaged property.
	A domestic arbitration involving 12 franchisees of a Telecommunication Company where we recovered USD 1M.
ICEA General Insurance Co. Ltd vs National Water and Sewerage Corporation.	This was an arbitration between the two parties over unpaid premiums of UGX 587,090,330.2/=. We represented National Water and Sewerage Corporation and were able to conclude a settlement for payment without the need for the arbitration process and consent was accordingly signed.
Orient Bank Ltd vs Pan Afric Commodities No. 334/2020	This is a receivership being handled by our insolvency practitioners to recover UGX 9,000,000,000/= from the debtor arising from default. The process is still ongoing.
Winnie Asege vs Opportunity Bank and Another CS No. 756/2013	Our client's image was used by Opportunity Bank for an advertisement without her authorization. The firm filed a suit to protect her right of privacy and seek damages for breach of the same in the first ever case of the nature in Uganda and was successful. This suit raised awareness as to unauthorized use of individual's images.

**ISPAU Limited vs
Uganda
Communications
Commission and
Attorney General
cause no. 115 of 2020**

We acted for the Internet Service Providers Association of Uganda in their case challenging the new licensing regulations passed by the Uganda Communications Commission for being arbitrary and in violation of the spirit of fair competition. The matter sought seeking judicial review of the new regulations and orders to declare the same ultra vires. The case was settled out of Court with a favorable outcome for the Internet service providers.

**Alam Group Limited
Vs DFCU Bank (U)
Ltd**

This is a receivership process being handled by our insolvency practitioners to recover USD 1,644,264.86. We represented our client DFCU Bank Limited the 2nd largest bank in Uganda to commence receivership action against Alam Group of Companies to recover the outstanding sum arising from a loan debt.

**Hon. Justice Dr. (Rtd)
Yorokamu Bamwine
Vs Attorney General
Constitutional Petition
No. 15 of 2021**

In this matter, we are representing the petitioner to challenge certain provisions of the Administration of Judiciary Act, 2020 for being discriminatory against the person of the Principal Judge, infringing on provisions of Article 254(1) of the Constitution and treating the Principal Judge at par with other Judges of the High Court.

**AC Yafeng
Construction Co.
Ltd Vs Living
Word Assembly
& United Bank for
Africa
Cause 001 of 2021**

In this matter, we acted on behalf of AC Yafeng Construction Co. Ltd to halt the payment on a performance guarantee worth United States Dollars four million (USD 4,000,000).

Electoral matters

Total of 76 electoral disputes from 2011,2016 and 2021 round of elections

**Professor Ndebesa
Mwebesa vs
H.E. Yoweri Kaguta
Museveni**

We successfully defended the registration of the President's copyright in the popular hit song "You want Another Rap" which was contested by a one Prof Ndebesa. We continue to represent him in defending his right against infringers and claims brought against.

Corporate, Commercial & Projects (CCP)

DEAL TYPE

DESCRIPTION

Asset Finance

KTA offers advisory on matters of financing for the purchase or lease of assets (equipment, machinery, vehicles) where borrowers' balance sheet assets are used as collateral.

Some of the clients include; **Pearl meat industries** owns a large-scale meat processing plant for export and wished to acquire a \$3 million loan to expand its facilities and acquire equipment.

Banking and Finance.

KTA has been retained by various Banks for perfection of securities in respect of the facilities extended and has advised on the appropriate security to secure the interests of both parties. We have also advised on the legalities on cross-border facility agreements on behalf of various banks with clients in other jurisdictions.

KTA is also well conversant and abreast with all the laws that affect the banking sector and is adept to update their clients on the new trends in the industry. We also conduct company due diligence on behalf of financial institutions for clients intending to engage the banks for facilities and KYC.

Some of our clients include **dfcu Bank, KCB Bank, DTB Bank, and Tropical Bank.**

Land Transactions

The firm has a team of experienced advocates and clerks in the field of land transactions. We are experienced in the law of mortgages and mortgage registration, preparation, and drafting of mortgage deeds, registration of charges, land transfers, variation letters, condominiums, creation of leases, tacking, and legal advisory for mortgage defaults. This coupled with the rapport we have built with different land registries has enabled us to execute these instructions in a timely manner. Our debt collection team further strengthens this team for clients that may need our services in mortgage defaults and foreclosure.

Our Clients include; **DFCU Bank, Tropical bank, DTB Bank, KCB Bank, CCECC, Silver Springs, Net Gas Energy Uganda Limited, Satguru Travel, and Tours Company Limited, Rosebud, Crane Investment Limited, Meera Investments Limited, Victoria University, Kensington Africa Limited, Raremet Uganda Limited, Toro kingdom, MMP Agro, Pearl meat industries among so many others.**

Private equity.

We have advised our Clients in the following areas; private-equity, Mergers & Acquisitions and Portfolio management. Some of our clients include **Quad A Group Limited** who sold shares to Gemini Africa for the purpose of raising funds, and **Africa Service Group Limited** who executed share transfers to raise funds to ensure smooth operations for the Company.

Employment matters.

Our team has vast experience handling matters such as contract drafting, advisory on collective terminations, summary dismissals, adequate notices of terminal benefits, and payment in lieu.

We have conducted trainings on employment for some of our Clients such as **China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), Microfinance Support Center and SafeBoda** to ensure that they are compliant with all matters related to employment.

Tax matters and disputes

Our transactions team is experienced in the field of taxation and has adequately advised on applying and obtaining tax exemptions, customs clearance for our clients and their shipments, legal advisory on double taxation agreements, capital gains, and corporation's tax, tax payable for conventional transactions such as share transfers, withholding tax advisory, tax exemptions, tax liabilities at winding up, tax advisory on importation of goods.

Some of our Clients are **Raremet (U) Limited, NBS, China Shandong limited, Satguru Travel and Tours Company Limited, China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation (CCECC), and Alphamead facility management Limited**

Corporate restructuring and Corporate rescue

We are seasoned insolvency practitioners who have ably advised on insolvency proceedings such as voluntary and involuntary winding up, liquidation, receiverships, the option of appointment of a provisional administrator, and the process of administration as well as loan restructuring, and re-negotiations.

Some of our Clients include;

1. **Africell.** This is one of the leading telecommunication companies in Uganda for whom we reviewed employment contracts, different policies, and other policies, including the workman compensation on how to exist, contracts with service providers, such as tenancy agreements (creditors), agreements with the regulators, URA, UCC, and BOU- regarding the money they were holding on mobile money.

Others are **Space for Giants, Tech Edge Limited and Shandong Dejian limited**

Oil and gas

Our managing partner and head of the Corporate, Commercial, and Projects team along with the team offer transactional advisory in the oil and gas sector.

Some of our Clients include; **Beta Projects Uganda Limited** on an EPC. The Client was subcontracted to set up the Tilenga Project upstream infrastructures and KTA was retained to offer advisory on document preparation, construction management, and installing of 4000-man Construction camp accommodation facilities, Training facilities, Construction offices, and related facilities.

KTA also offers full legal support of JV projects for energy and natural resources development and M&A projects in energy and natural resources area (oil & gas, LNG, mining), due diligence on assets,

Sahara Energy on Import and export of oil and gas products. KTA Advocates incorporated Sahara Energy in Uganda, and are retained as Company secretaries where we ensure regulatory compliance. We also acquired the Company's import and export license and offer transactional legal advisory on land transactions, assets, and business acquisitions, legal and tax compliance, and so on.

Energy, Mining, Social Infrastructure, and Projects.

We advise on the full spectrum of specific sector-related matters for our energy, infrastructure, and projects clients, including; mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, financing, licensing and regulatory, tax, commercial, local content, environment, health and safety, construction, operation, and maintenance contracts as well as general commercial and corporate advice.

KTA also advises on various commercial matters related to energy and mining activities, including contracts on the sale of goods (oil, oil products, metals, and other raw commodities) drilling agreements, other service agreements, transportation, and contractor agreements;

We offered one of our clients transactional advisory on a concession agreement with Uganda Wildlife Authority, on behalf of the government of Uganda as they envisaged setting up an 80-bed luxury tented lodge with modern facilities in one of the national parks in Uganda.

Space for Giants and the Pian Upe Game Reserve Management Partnership Contracts. KTA offered transactional legal support and legal advisory to the Uganda Wildlife Authority, Space for Giants, and nine local district governments who signed a Co-Management Partnership contract for the Pian Upe and Amudat Community Wildlife Area of about 2,500 km² to restore and employ more conservation rewards to the locals. The initiative is aimed at improving the local communities and wildlife reserves economically and ecologically under a new conservation investment agreement.

Net Gas. We represented our client during the Project negotiation and the acquisition of property within Namanve Industrial Park. We also extended transactional legal support including a due diligence report, land sale agreement and handled the transfer of the property.

China Civil Engineering Construction Corporation. KTA is retained by CCECC in joint venture with China Railway 19th Bureau Group to provide legal advice on the laws and regulations governing companies, employment, and labor relations. We also do due diligence on matters relating to land and companies, liaise with different regulatory agencies to develop synergies that will assist in the proactive monitoring of compliance and handle negotiations on contracts and settlements.

Securities Trustee services

KTA, as a firm holds securities on behalf of our clients for their benefit. The security may be comprised of a charge over the property, a debenture over assets and undertaking of a company, a bank account charge, or a combination of other types of security for the performance of obligations as regulated by the Trustees Act.

Other Legal Services

- I. Full legal support of JV projects for energy and natural resources development and M&A projects in energy and natural resources area (oil & gas, LNG, mining);
- II. Advisory on Petroleum Sector local content matters;
- III. Due Diligence of oil & gas and mining companies and their assets;
- IV. Advising on issues of Environment, Health, and safety and the whole range of other regulatory issues arising in connection with the exploration and production of minerals.
- V. Advising on projects in the construction of infrastructure facilities, including power generation facilities, hydro-carbon transportation infrastructure, and refineries (LNG terminals, pipelines, etc.)
- VI. Advising on construction agreements using all EPC/EPCM firms for clients from these fields, including all FIDIC forms;
- VII. Legal support of financing of energy and natural resources projects, including project financing;
- IX. Advising on various commercial matters related to energy and mining activities, including contracts on the sale of goods (oil, oil products, metals, and other raw commodities) drilling agreements, other service agreements, transportation, and contractor agreements;
- X. Judicial protection of rights and resolution of disputes related to projects in natural resources and energy field, protecting the rights of participants/ shareholders of energy and mining companies;
- XI. Legal support of day-to-day operations of companies engaged in energy and natural resources area about corporate, tax, labour, and other matters.

Technology, Media, Telecommunications and Intellectual Property

PRACTICE AREA	CLIENTS	DESCRIPTION
Data protection & privacy	SafeBoda, Liquid Telecom, Laboremus Uganda Limited, Advanced Gaming Limited (1XBet), Multinational logistics company (confidential) Uganda, Grofin, Aldgate, Multinational technology conglomerate (confidential), KCB Bank, Jumia, Wave, Africell	<p>Provided legal defence to Uganda's largest hailing company against allegations of sale of personal data and supported it on the implementation of the recommendations from the Personal Data Protection Office (PDPO). To date, the company's data protection and privacy policies and compliance is highly commendable First "Privacy Scorecard" Finds Uganda's Top Data Collectors Struggle with Data Protection and Privacy Compliance : Unwanted Witness,</p> <p>The firm provided support to Africell on the aspect of disposal of personal data following its exit of the market.</p> <p>Services in this area include preparing appropriate legal policies to ensure compliance with the relevant laws, continuous trainings on the law of data protection, providing legal insights and contributing to the national laws on various platforms such as Parliament, localization of policies (usually of international clients such as those under the GDPR) to fit in Uganda's laws, registration with the PDPO, and legal advisory on general matters around the practice such as cross border data transfers.</p>
Payments & Fintech	Velox Solutions Corp Limited, SafeBoda, Wave Money Transfer, Chap Chap Africa Limited, Multigate Payments Limited, Pesakit Uganda Limited, Pesakit Insurance Limited, Pesakit Microfinance Limited, Namir Group,	<p>Our expertise extends to pre-licence, post licence compliance, application for payment systems operator licence, payment service provider licence and issuer of payment instruments in the different legal categories. Key to application is the preparation of relevant policies that include risk management framework, anti-money laundering/ combating the financing of terrorism policies, consumer protection, information security policies, privacy policies (and advise on primary data centres), KYCs, creating synergies with financial institutions & Microfinance Deposit</p>

Akello Banker, TBP Global (Uganda Limited), Dimo Chain, MUDA Ventures Limited, Murcom Uganda Limited, Moovebeta, Laboremus Uganda Limited, Africell

Taking Institutions, compliance and application for certification with the National Information Technology Authority Uganda.

The firm advised and supported Africell to ensure the distribution of the E-wallet balances as held by the different customers of Africell during their exit of the market.

Trustee role under NPS Act

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A creature of the National Payment Systems Act, 2020, the role of a trustee provides for calibrated cadence in the management and development of the electronic money issuance eco system of the payments sector. Appointment to the role is validated only the central bank of Uganda which must find the applicant fit and proper thereby clothing them corporate for the tasks under the law. As trustee, KTA is charged with oversight and management of trust accounts, establishment of safeguard measures for the protection of the funds on the trust account, investment of the funds to raise interest payable to the electronic money holders within the statutory limits, transfer of funds on dormant account to the central bank, submission of reports to the central bank among others.

As part of this role, KTA designs relevant starter packs for the trust secretariats to support the execution of the role and also ensure compliance by both the electronic money issuer and trustee.

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We provided alternate legal support to a myriad of our clients in the e-commerce space most of whose business had been greatly affected by the Covid 19 lockdowns that sought to curb any movement of persons and thereby services. KTA successfully obtained approvals or waivers for its clients' operations within the limitation or restrictions imposed to curb the spread of the disease. Through concessions with government and vigilance of our clients through mutual collaborative agreements to comply with the government issued SOPs and support for the vaccination campaign such as Tugobe corona, KTA was able to ensure the lift of the government-imposed curfew against boda boda riders who comprise not only one of the largest essential workforces in Uganda but persons central to our clients' businesses.

KTA continues to lobby the government to lift the ban on Facebook; a social media platform; that was greatly used by the clients in the e-commerce sector.

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We are always at the forefront of providing legal opinion on draft legislations that may affect our clients and that way, seek to curb any avoidable and unconscionable legislations. Our ntoe works in this area include the following legislations;

Data Protection and Privacy Act, 2019 & its Regulations, the National Payment Systems Act, 2020 & its Regulations, the Computer Misuse (Amendment) Bill, the Traffic and Road Safety (Digital Networks) Regulation, the National Intellectual Property Policy, 2019 and The Third National Development Plan (NDPIII) 2020/21 – 2024/25, National Sports Bill.

The team lead by our Kenneth Muhangi have advised on the groundbreaking National ICT Initiatives Support Program (NIISP), a program aimed at facilitating the Government's Agenda "Digital Uganda Vision", through creating a sustainable ecosystem for ICT innovators and Application Developers. Through this support 60 Ugandan startups received funding from the Ministry of ICT. Furthermore, as a member of the 4IR Taskforce at the World Economic Forum, Kenneth advises the government of Uganda on the nuances and applicability of technology in the 4IR such as AI, blockchain, IOT, cryptocurrency etc.

The team also works with the different platforms on which change can be effected such as court. The team managed to get UCC to reverse its decision on increased licensing fees for ISPs that had a Public Service License increase from USD 10,000 to USD 150,000 and Public Infrastructure Providers License from USD 30,000 to USD 300,000.

One of the ways that KTA has innovated to keep up to date and also create a platform for dialogue amongst the government, policy makers, thought leaders, academicians and industry players on matters surrounding technology and intellectual property is through the "**Annual Symposium on Technology and Intellectual Property**", <https://www.symposium-iptech.com>.

The firm advises and represents Mr. Ronald Rugumayo, the top professional golf player in Uganda. The firm renders legal assistance to Mr. Rugumayo who is currently Uganda's top seed. The golf star also played in Magical Kenya Open 2022

**Other notable
TMT**

Zipline International Inc, Tidal Uganda SMC Limited, SafeBoda, Jumia, E-trade Start Up Association of Uganda, Easy Matatu, Tugende, Glovo, Entebbe Municipal Council, MUDA Ventures Limited, Murcom Uganda Limited, Ministry of ICT, Ministry of Science, Technology & Innovation, Laboremus Uganda Limited

The firm offered advice to Zipline on the structure and execution of a first of its kind multimillion-dollar drone project and lobbied Ministry of Health to secure funding for the project. The advice involved structuring a PPP with various stakeholders like Ministry of Health, National Medical stores, Uganda Blood Transfusion Services and Civil Aviation Authority.

We advised Tidal on aspects of corporate governance, obtaining NITA- U certification as an IT Service Provider and compliance with Ugandan law especially under the Companies Act, Data Protection and Privacy plus obtaining the relevant licenses ahead of a majority acquisition of up to \$297M by Square Inc.

KTA Advocates advised and assisted a regulatory technology company on attaining access to the National Identification Database through Application Programming Interface integration (API). This transaction required the firm to facilitate various engagements with the National Identification and Registration Authority (NIRA) in order to explain the client's novel business model and the legalities of the integration. Due to data protection and privacy concerns, it also required the firm to attain confirmation from the Personal Data Protection Office that the client's business model abided with the laws on data protection and privacy.

The firm through our Kenneth Muhangi has had the opportunity to advise on the legal aspects of the digital infrastructure required for Uganda's transition to E-mobility under the E-Mobility Consortium spearheaded by the Ministry of Science, Technology, and Innovation (MoSTI). Various discussions are currently ongoing with the MoSTI and relevant stakeholders on how Uganda can create an integrated, clean, reliable, and sustainable Mobility Eco-System with full transition in public transport and motorcycles by 2030 and new passenger vehicle sales by 2040. The formulation of the strategy is still underway

The team also advises e-commerce giants individually and through their association – the E-Trade Association on corporate structure, risk & compliance with the different laws that govern them among other legal services that have seen them receive much needed funding and investment to help them scale their business.

The team advises Entebbe Municipality on the development of a smart city and the plethora of legal requirements for its establishment. It advises on matters of data protection in establishment of the smart city, facilitating IoT connectivity, modular infrastructure, security & cyber security, privacy embedded in the infrastructure, sensors, data capture, decentralization of data processing and transition.

The firm is often retained to represent its clients before several Regulators such Uganda Communication Commission and defend them on several matters.

We advised and prepared the collaboration agreement between SafeBoda and Posta to facilitate the integration of e-postal delivery services. The SafeBoda App seats on more than 2,000 users' phones with the potential to digitalize a myriad of services such as payments, transportation and postal services.

The firm also supports start up to prepare for alternative financing with various investors in terms of corporate restructure, legal and tax advisory on set up, corporate governance, review of term sheets, conducting due diligences etc.

Intellectual property

Infectious Diseases Institute, NACOTHA, SafeBoda, Jumia, Pesakit Uganda Limited, CTI Africa, Selcom Pay, Unga Millers, NAGRIC, Café Javas, dfcu, KCB Bank, ADC, Dimo Chain Uganda Limited, Ze-Pre PTA (Reinsurance) Company, Ministry of Science & Technology (as it was), Ministry of ICT

Geographical indications

We have advise(d) National Agricultural Genetic Research Institute (NAGRIC), the Government of Uganda, the Ankole Cow Board and the Government of Nigeria and Ghana on geographical indication protection of various products; <https://observer.ug/news/headlines/59041-long-horned-ankole-cow-to-be-patented>.

we advised the Ministry of Science and Technology on the protection of animal genetic resources and are lead on IP and genetic resources in Uganda.

Trademarks

Trademark registration is a service we cross sell to all our clients in different business because of the power they offer. Our Trademark practice includes protection, trademark watch, enforcement (online and otherwise), assignment, renewals at the Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Africa Regional Intellectual Property Organization, Organization of African Intellectual Property and many other international jurisdictions.

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Utility Model

Janzi <https://www.businessdailyafrica.com/lifestyle/music/Ssewa-Ssewa-janzi-music-instrument/3815720-5183280-m26vkiz/index.html>

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The team advised Dimo Chain on the Registration and thereafter grant of a utility model in respect of an invention entitled digital currency (e-money) payment and mobile money operating system based on the blockchain platform, which is the first ever payment platform based on the blockchain to be granted a utility model in Uganda.

Copyright

The firm advised Zepre on the acquisition of Copyright & Intellectual Property of the core system in a web-based technology system. The firm also reviewed and drafted contracts and documents arising out of this transaction.

We have registered software for DIMO an electronic money platform with Uganda Registration Services Bureau.

Patents

We have handled a patent amendment to review particulars in a claim and propose amendments of claims concerning a pharmaceutical PCT application filed in Uganda through ARIPO.

Trademark enforcement/litigation

Our Trademark experience also includes dispute resolution and litigation. We have an in-depth understanding of the Ugandan and East African court and appellate court procedures. Notwithstanding our expertise in litigation, we recognize our client's commercial concerns and understand the importance of pursuing mediation and alternative dispute resolution procedures where appropriate. We have advised a number of e-commerce businesses in relation to trademark disputes; many of which are resolved before reaching trial. We also have extensive expertise in defending trademark oppositions for marks that are identical or similar to existing marks and trademark watching for cases of any similarity of deceptive registrations.

1. Kyaninga Estates Limited. The case concerns a trademark infringement by Kyaninga Royal Cottages, in the business of hospitality and hotel services. We filed a suit for a declaration that the actions of the defendant using the name Kyaninga Royal Cottages infringes on our client's registered mark, constitute passing off and amounts to cyber-squatting. Our firm has been able to file and represent our client in all relevant proceedings. The case will be a landmark on trademark infringement, cyber-squatting, passing off, misleading domain name and deceptive similarity.

2. Isa Kainamura v Vipers S.C. We represent Isa Kainamura our client who filed a suit against Uganda's current football league champions Vipers sports club Ltd for using his logo which he had presented to them in form of a proposal as their official team logo without his consent or financial compensation. One of the prayers that Isa Kainamura seeks from the Court of law is for cancellation of the registered trademark. <https://nilepost.co.ug/2019/08/15/vipers-sports-club-sued-over-logo-copyrights/>

3. Winnie Asege v Opportunity Bank and Another. Our client's image was used by Opportunity Bank for an advertisement without her authorization. The firm filed a suit to protect her right of privacy and seek damages for breach of the same in the first ever case of the nature in Uganda and was successful. This suit raised awareness as to unauthorized use of individual's images.

4. Sylvia Nabiteeko Katende v. Bank of Uganda. Famously referred to as the 20,000 Shillings case. The firm represented and defended Sylvia in a claim for breach of her moral and economic rights emanating from the sculpture that she made which was then used by the bank on the 20,000 shillings note.

5. Ignatius Apuda Loyola v. Fountain Publishers & ors. This was a claim for copyright infringement where the defendant was accused of replicating the plaintiff's Atesot dictionary without his consent.

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Guinness Transporters Ltd

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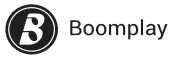
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