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2009

Who We Are

KTA Advocates, (Formerly Karuhanga, Tabaro & Associates) is an IFLR recommended premier IP & Technology, East African based law firm with an established regional footprint in Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi and South Sudan.

As a member of the Amani IP Network, that brings together firms in the East African Community, the firm has consolidated its niche in Technology, Intellectual Property, Construction Law, Corporate & Commercial Law and Dispute Resolution. 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.

Alongside its specialist commercial expertise, the firm provides a full legal service across corporate, tax, finance, litigation, employment and property. The firm's clients range from leading businesses in banking, e-commerce, entertainment, technology, beverage & hospitality, telecommunications, broadcast entertainment, music, and publishing through to platforms, content retailers and early stage entrepreneurs.

The firm also provides legal support and lobbies decision makers on behalf of clients on a wide range of matters, including data protection and privacy, cyber security, anti-competition, copyright, trade and e-commerce. The firm is also a member of the Amani IP Network, a network of intellectual property practitioners in the region. The firm also works with other trusted overseas law firms, with similar media, technology and IP focus, covering all key worldwide jurisdictions.



- IFLR 1000 Recommended Firm (2018, 2020)
- IFLR 1000 Notable Firm, Financial and Corporate, 2020



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



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



Our Ethos

We exist to offer



Innovative
service



that Nurtures
Relationships &



Impacts Lives

2018



Celebrating 10 years

of Offering Innovative Service that
Nurtures Relationships & Impacts Lives

A photograph of two men in business suits standing outdoors and talking. The man on the left is smiling and looking towards the man on the right. The man on the right is wearing glasses and looking back at the first man. The entire image is overlaid with a semi-transparent green filter.

OUR VALUES

BE DEPENDABLE.

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

BE PRAGMATIC.

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

BE BOLD.

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

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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 Omugenyi-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.

Core Expertise:

- Public Private Partnerships
- Real Estate & Conveyancing
- Investment Advisory
- Electoral Law
- Civil & Criminal Litigation

Education:

- LLB, Makerere University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC - Kampala

Professional Affiliations:

- Uganda Law Society
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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 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 cloth respectively.

Edgar specializes in Intellectual Property, Corporate Law, Construction Law and Insolvency, Energy, Oil, and Gas.

Core Expertise:

- Trademark Law
- Copyright Law
- Patent Law
- Construction Law
- Insolvency Law
- Energy Law
- Oil & Gas Law
- Civil & Criminal Litigation

Education:

- LLB, Makerere University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC - Kampala
- LLM, University of Witwatersrand, South Africa

Professional Affiliations:

- International Trademarks Association (INTA)
- Member, Intellectual Property Cluster- Uganda Law Society
- Uganda Law Society
- East African Law Society
- World IP Forum
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Edwin Tabaro - Managing Partner

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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 deal 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.

Core Expertise:

- Trademark Law
- Copyright
- Patent Law
- Banking
- Project Finance
- EAC Community Law
- Civil & Criminal Litigation

Education:

- LLB, Uganda Christian University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC - Kampala

Professional Affiliations:

- Member, Governing Council, East Africa Law Society
- Member, Intellectual Property Cluster-Uganda Law Society
- Uganda Law Society
- East African Law Society
- International Intellectual Property Lawyers.
- World IP Forum.
- International Trademark Association (INTA).



Kenneth Muhangi - Partner

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Kenneth specializes in intellectual property, technology, media, telecommunications and dispute resolution. Kenneth holds a master's degree, LLM (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. He is licensed to practice law in Uganda & the greater commonwealth.

In the area of intellectual property & technology, Kenneth is a renown award winning 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 such as, block chain technology, digital banking & data protection among others. Kenneth represents and has conducted trainings for government entities and some of the largest national/multi-national entities in the region such as DFCU Bank, Stanbic Bank, Housing Finance bank, Jade E Services t/a Jumia, Jumia Food, Jumia Travel, Civil Aviation Authority, Min of ICT. Kenneth is also a visiting lecturer of intellectual property & Cyber Law at Uganda Christian University and has also conducted lectures on Cyber Law at Makerere University, Law School. He heads 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 also 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.

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 also 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, 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 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.

Core Expertise:

- Technology Innovation
- Copyright
- Entertainment Law
- Trademark Law
- Telecommunications
- Media Law
- Civil & Criminal Litigation

Education:

- LLB, Uganda Christian University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC - Kampala
- LLM, University of South Wales

Professional Affiliations:

- Member, Young Lawyers Committee - Uganda Law Society
- Member, Intellectual Property Cluster- Uganda Law Society
- Uganda Law Society
- East African Law Society
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Hon. Justice Patrick Tabaro

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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.

Core Expertise:

- Arbitration
- Mediation

Education:

- LLB, Makerere University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC - Kampala
- Post Graduate Certificate, Comparative Judicial Reform, IDLI

Professional Affiliations:

- Makerere Law Society



Hon. Justice Dr. Yorokamu Bamwine is 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 though courts of law exist to resolve disputes, a dispute resolved by the parties themselves with the assistance 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.

He is a firm believer in a Judge as a dispenser of justice; a manager, in terms of providing effective leadership; and a provider of legal protection to the community.

Core Expertise:

- Dispute Resolution.
- Mediation

Education:

- LLB, Makerere University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, LDC - Kampala
- Master of Laws Degree of the University of Sydney
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Professional Affiliations:

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Music



Technology



Fintech & Payments



Commercial Litigation



Data Protection



Employment



Finance



Intellectual Property



Trade Marks



Copyright



Domain Names



Patents



Geographical Indications/
Certified Trademarks



International Business &
Investment Law



Banking & Finance



Insurance, Debt Recovery,
Receiverships, Bankruptcy
& Liquidation



Arbitration &
Mediation/Rent a Judge

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