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Who we are

KTA Advocates (Formerly Karuhanga Tabaro & Associates) is a specialized IFLR recommended 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 distinct commercial expertise, the firm's team of specialized attorney's provides wholesome legal service across various sectors such as corporate governance, project finance, international trade, alternative dispute resolution (mediation & arbitration), tax, civil & commercial litigation, employment, real estate & property law, oil & gas projects and infrastructure development.

KTA'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 its clients on a wide range of matters, including data protection and privacy, cyber security, anti-competition, copyright, trade and e-commerce. KTA is a member of the Amani IP 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



• Africa Legal Awards Winners 2020

Kenneth Muhangi
Partner of the year - Male

Simon Peter Lukwiya Nyero
Highly Commended Private Practice Rising Star Award

What we stand for

- 01** We are an innovative firm that offers bespoke services to our clients.
- 02** We focus on growth and employ a pragmatic approach to finding solutions for our clients.
- 03** We are always seeking and discovering new ways of serving our clients, stakeholders and our community.

Values



Values

01 **Be Dependable**

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

02 **Be Pragmatic**

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

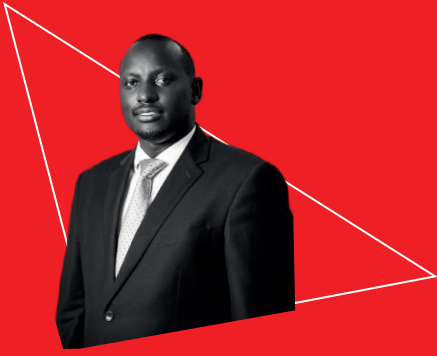
03 **Be Bold**

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

Our Team

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Justus Karuhanga

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

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 Company 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, Insolvency, Energy, Oil and Gas.



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

Managing Partner

Kenneth Muhangi 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 renowned 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 advises government & international entities such as World Bank, World Economic Forum, Ministry of ICT among others. 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 of 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.

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.

In 2020, Kenneth was recognized as Africa's Male partner of the year at the 2020, Africa's Legal Awards.

Asmahaney was called to the bar in 2008. She previously practiced as in-house counsel for international companies operating in Uganda's telecom and oil and gas sectors. In 2018, after 10 years of distinguished service as in-house counsel, Asmahaney moved to private practice as a Specialist Advisor in Corporate, Governance, Commercial Transactions, Projects (including oil and gas) and ADR.

Asmahaney joined KTA in December 2020 and heads the corporate, commercial, projects and ADR.

Asmahaney serves as; a Committee member on the first ever appointed Investment Advisory Committee (IAC) that advises the Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development on the Petroleum Revenue Investment Reserve Fund (under the Public Finance Management Act). a Non-Executive Director to the Board of United Bank for Africa (UBA) Uganda Ltd, a Board Director to the Board of Trustees for Greater Tomorrow African Initiative (GTAI) a Not for Profit Organization, Secretary General Emeritus to the Governing Council of the East African Law Society, an accredited Chartered Mediator to the High Court of Uganda (Commercial division), a member of the Chartered institute of Arbitrators(CI Arb) UK and Board Room Africa.

She has over 13 years' extensive experience from advising 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 and Investments

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



Asmahaney Saad

Partner



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.



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Banking & Finance



Commercial Litigation



Copyright



Data Protection



Domain Names



Employment



Film



Finance



Fintech & Payments



Geographical Indications/
Certified Trademarks



Infrastructure
Development



Insurance, Debt Recovery,
Receiverships, Bankruptcy
& Liquidation



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International Business &
Investment Law



Music



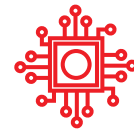
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