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# A full service law firm...

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## **ABOUT KAA**

Kampala Associated Advocates (KAA) is a full service law firm based in Uganda that advises clients on a range of legal matters, from litigation and arbitration, Banking and finance, oil and gas, Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Media and Technology Law to Corporate and transactional advisory legal services. We have a total of eleven partners with varied areas of specialization, assisted by over sixteen lawyers and legal Consultants. This makes KAA one of the largest and leading independent legal law firms in Uganda.

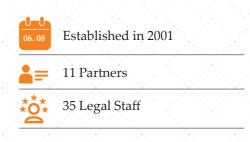
From its inception, the firm has provided excellent legal services, and has handled some of the largest and complex matters in commercial transactions, litigation and arbitration, and taxation.

Currently led by Joseph Matsiko as the Managing partner, the firm has 35 legal staff each of whom possess unique skill sets including stellar academic accomplishments, commitment to a client-focused work culture, and a track record of successful outcomes for our clients across the various sectors and practice areas we specialize and consistently excel in.

Driven by the firm's vision to be the Market Leader providing World Class Legal and Advisory Services, our Team strives to give our clients better outcomes than they otherwise would have had, through the use of business oriented and cost-effective innovative legal solutions that put the interests of our clients as a priority and guiding principle.

Throughout its twenty years of legal service excellence in Uganda, the firm has been involved in various legal mandates and projects which have had a positive and lasting impact on Uganda's social, economic and political prosperity. The firm is continuously evolving and changing in order to meet the changing business needs of our esteemed clients and we remain committed to the professional and excellent service of our clients through a dedicated team in a timely and sustainable manner.

The current partner headcount of eleven partners makes Kampala Associated Advocates, arguably the largest law firm by partner head count in Uganda. This gives Kampala Associated Advocates an unmatched breadth and depth in both its expertise and experience.



# VISION

To be the Market Leader providing World Class Legal and Advisory Services.

### LITIGATION & ARBITRATION PRACTICE

Kampala Associated Advocates stands at the forefront of litigation excellence, redefining the legal landscape with a culture deeply rooted in excellence, professionalism, and innovation. Our litigators are not just practitioners; they are pioneers, consistently surpassing traditional legal boundaries to deliver unparalleled results for our clients.

At the heart of our Litigation practice lies a commitment to understanding our clients' business objectives and culture, enabling us to craft tailored solutions that address both immediate challenges and long-term strategic goals. We pride ourselves on our ability to navigate the complexities of the legal terrain with agility and foresight, offering innovative legal strategies and arguments that go beyond the conventional playbook.

Recognized nationally and regionally, our Litigation practice boasts a track record of success in handling the most intricate and high-stakes cases. From complex class actions to multi-jurisdictional disputes, civil litigation, and government investigations, we possess the essential trial skills, experience, and creativity to achieve favorable outcomes for our clients.

Our expertise extends seamlessly into the realm of arbitration, where we have earned acclaim for our adept representation of corporations and national government entities in both domestic and international proceedings. Our litigation prowess serves as the foundation for our arbitration practice, ensuring that clients receive comprehensive and strategic advocacy across diverse industries and legal domains.

Under the distinguished leadership of Peter Kabatsi and Joseph Matsiko, both esteemed legal luminaries in their own right, our Litigation Department comprises a formidable team of partners and associates. With a wealth of experience garnered from prestigious roles in government institutions and private practice, our team stands ready to tackle the most challenging litigation matters with precision and tenacity.

When the stakes are high and complexity abounds, clients turn to Kampala Associated Advocates for unparalleled representation. We thrive on the opportunity to exceed expectations, armed with innovative strategic thinking, meticulous preparation, and unwavering dedication to our clients' success.

In a legal landscape defined by uncertainty and flux, Kampala Associated Advocates remains the beacon of reliability, integrity, and excellence. Join us as we continue to set the standard for dispute resolution and shape the future of litigation practice in the country and beyond

## **MAJOR MATTERS**

#### Litigation experience

- Successfully acted against Bank of Uganda in arguably the largest Banking and Finance regulatory dispute for the recovery of approximately USD 93,820,172 and UGX 65,160,953,995 on behalf of the Shareholders of a Banking institution that was placed under receivership by the Bank of Uganda.
- Successfully represented a Ugandan regulator in respect of a suit lodged by a private citizen challenging the Digital Migration exercise undertaken by the [Uganda Communications Commission] UCC under the Digital Migration Policy of 2011.
- Successfully defended a Ugandan regulator which took over the case from the Broadcasting Council, in a suit lodged by Traces (SA) CC. The suit emanated from the termination of a contract for the collection of Television Licence Fees by the Government of Uganda. The value of the claim was USD \$ 513,295,409.54.
- Successfully represented a local telecommunication company in the only case worth USD.2.5 million dollars that has ever been litigated in Uganda relating to payments under an Interconnection Agreement between Uganda Telecom Limited and MTN Uganda Limited for international traffic that was being terminated in the network of a third party telecommunications company in a foreign country in as much as the code used was a Ugandan code. The Supreme Court of Uganda confirmed the findings of all the lower courts and upheld the termination rates claimed by MTN Uganda Limited.
- Successfully defended a Ugandan regulator in multiple suits and applications arising from the temporary suspension of social media platforms.
- Successfully represented a Ugandan regulator in litigation worth 67 million Euros against REYNOLDS.

- Successfully defended a local telecommunication company in a suit about the legality of mobile money transactions, and had the suit dismissed.
- Successfully defended the President of the Republic of Uganda in three presidential election petitions in 2003, 2006 and 2016 respectively.
- Successfully defended the former Speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly, Hon. Margaret Zziwa, at the East African Court of Justice in the matter regarding her unlawful impeachment.
- Successfully represented a local bank in a USD 2.5 million dispute.
- Successfully represented a Ugandan property company, a hitherto joint venture, in a USD.4.5 million dollar dispute against a Ugandan company that was a shareholder.
- Kampala Associated Advocates successfully defended a client in a USD. 100 million case against the banking regulator and a local bank in receivership for allegedly defrauding Crane Bank Limited and causing the financial loss that led to the collapse of Crane Bank Limited. This was a first of its kind dispute against BOU arising from the exercise of its regulatory mandate.
- Kampala Associated Advocates successfully represented a group of companies in challenging the decision of the Director of Public Prosecutions to freeze their business bank accounts in Uganda in a dispute worth over USD.30 million.

#### Arbitration experience

- The firm successfully represented a Ugandan regulator in an arbitration dispute worth USD. 20 Million (United States Dollars Twenty Million Only), which was concluded in January, 2013.
- The firm represented an international oil exploration company in an arbitration dispute with the Government of Uganda over the capital gains tax assessed by URA worth USD 500,000,000 (United States Dollars Five Hundred Million Only).
- Successfully represented a Ugandan regulator in an arbitration dispute worth 67 million Euros instituted by Salini Construtori.
- Successfully represented an international oil exploration company in an arbitration dispute with the Government of Uganda over the capital gains tax assessed by URA worth USD. 500 Million.
- Representing an energy company in an on-going arbitration claim worth USD 1.5 million against the Rural Electrification Agency represented by the Attorney General arising from the implementation of a subsidy agreement for the extension of rural electrification using solar systems.
- Successfully represented a Ugandan regulator in arbitration proceedings lodged by its former employees arising from a restructuring exercise carried out in 2016, with an aggregate claim of USD.3.5 million dollars.



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