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Over 48 Years of Enrollment



Peter is a Senior Partner at Kampala Associated Advocates and is the co-head of the Litigation and Disputes Resolution Department. He is a respected senior lawyer with over 45 years' experience and has had a long and distinguished career; acting in various legal positions in Uganda and various other jurisdictions.

He served as Uganda's Solicitor General between 1990 and 2002 and holds the record as having served the longest in that office. In this position, he was the principal legal advisor and representative of government in all matters at a national and international level representing government and all of its bodies and organizations.

His responsibilities included negotiating and reviewing agreements, vetting and approving all draft bills prepared by the First Parliamentary Counsel. Examples of the laws enacted under his supervision included the Constitution of the Republic of Uganda, the Companies Act, the Contract Act, the Copy-right Act, the Copyright Act, the Electronic Media Act and the Financial Institutions Act.

In the period between 1986 and 1990, Peter was the Director of Public Prosecutions charged with, among others, institution and prosecution of criminal proceedings. During his tenure, he spearheaded the removal of tedious, costly and lengthy committal proceedings which resulted in more expeditious criminal trials before the High Court.

In addition to his impressive practice under Ugandan law, Peter has practiced law internationally. He was the President of the United Nations International Law Commission (ILC), a body of experts that is mandated with codifying and developing international law. Prior to that, he had served as the Commission's Vice President, General Rapporteur and member.

During his presidency, the ILC completed and delivered numerous draft Conventions to the world, through the United Nations General Assembly

In addition to this, Peter has served as a legal expert on a number of committees. He was part of a four member Organization of African Unity Commission of legal experts tasked with reviewing the proceedings and the conduct of the Lockerbie case and the circumstances concerning the case.

In 1988, he was a member of the Preparatory Committee of Experts for the establishment of the United Nations African Institute for Crime Prevention and Treatment of Offenders (UNAFRI) now established in Kampala. Between 1989 and 1990, he was appointed by the Organization of African Unity as a member of a group of experts that drafted the Bamako Convention on Trans Boundary Movement of Toxic Wastes and Hazardous Substances. In 1991, he was a member of the Committee of Experts that reviewed the Montreal Protocol on the ozone layer, Rio de Janeiro Brazil.

Peter is on the list of counsel eligible to practice before the Hague International Criminal Court. This list was created to ensure that persons implicated in proceedings before the Court benefit from effective legal representation. Additionally, he is an attorney and notary in the Kingdom of Lesotho where he also served as Principal Crown Counsel. He is also qualified to practice in the courts of Rwanda.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Uganda Law Society
- Member, East African Law Society

EDUCATION

- Certificate in Human Rights (CHR) Strasbourg, France
- Law Development Centre; Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice
- LLB from Makerere University

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- He is an ad hoc Judge of the Permanent Court of Arbitration which is an intergovernmental organization providing a variety of dispute resolution services to the international community. The court provides administrative support in international arbitrations involving various combinations of states, state entities, international organizations and private parties.
- He has on previous occasions been appointed by the President of Uganda to serve on a number of tribunals and investigative committees in Uganda. These include Commissions of Inquiry into the Tea and Banking Industries and Public Service.
- He has also served on a committee that investigated the operations of a relief fund established for people affected by the liberation war.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience.