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Elison is a partner at Kampala Associated Advocates (KAA). He is the co-head of the Oil, Gas, Energy and Mining practice and is a partner in the litigation and disputes resolution department. He also practices with the banking and Finance Department.

Elison is British trained lawyer with an LLB from the University of Kent. He was awarded the prestigious Chevening Scholarship by the British Council to pursue an LLM in Oil and Gas Law at the University of Aberdeen and a leading legal experts in the petroleum sector in Uganda. He was a member of the Association of International Petroleum Negotiators (AIPN) and is a member of GOXI which is part of the World Bank Institutes' Governance for Extractive Industries Program which brings together practitioners from government, private sector, NGO's and think-tanks with the aim of strengthening governance in the extractive industries sector. He is also a member of the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum.

Upon request by the by the Oxford Energy Institute and together with the Director of the Institute Dr Eduardo Guedes Pereira, Elison contributed a paper comparing the legal regime in Uganda governing oil and gas law with the one in Brazil.

Elison has experience in the banking sector having served as an in-house lawyer at a DFCU Bank for over three years. He was responsible for the preparation and perfection of legal documentation, the recovery of non-performing assets and provision of legal advice. Elison along with other bank representatives appeared before the Parliamentary Legal Committee on behalf of the Uganda Bankers Association to address issues to do with mortgage regulation. Elison has extensive experience in insolvency, securitization and document registration including trademarks, patents and copyrights.



Elison worked in the Attorney General's Chambers at the Ministry of Justice for over five years serving as a state attorney and has an excellent appreciation of constitutional, public and regulatory law having rendered legal advice on a diverse number of subjects while representing the government of Uganda. He has distinctive litigation experience and has appeared before all the courts of record in Uganda as well as the East African Court of Justice. He is a gifted litigator and is effective, efficient and expeditious in court.

Elison has provided resourceful representation to a wide range of clients. Following his resignation from the Ministry of Justice he was retained to represent and successfully represented the government in a major lawsuit worth over USD 400 million. During his tenure under the Ministry of Justice he handled matters on behalf of the State House of Uganda, Ministry of Defense, The Uganda Peoples' Defense Forces, the Uganda Police Force, The Ministry of Local Government, The Ministry of Lands, The Registrar of Titles of Uganda, the Ministry of Finance, Parliament of Uganda and the Ministry of Water and Environment to mention but a few.

Elison is an exceptional orator and is a highly sought after analyst on legal matters and regularly appears on talk shows and programs both locally and internationally. He has participated in numerous thinktanks and has mentored a multitude of young lawyers. Elison enjoys reading and writing in his spare time and has been published frequently

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

Part of the legal team defending Dr. Sudhir Ruparelia in Uganda's largest banking and finance matter to ever be litigated regarding banking regulations, credit and loan agreements worth USD 120 million.

Advised an upstream oil company on the establishment of its operations in Uganda, on the content of its Production Share Agreement and helped the company obtain an exploration licence in Uganda's first ever competitive licensing round.

Successfully represented a client in Uganda's largest mining dispute regarding USD 700 million.

Successfully argued the biggest case in Uganda-the Presidential Election Petition before the Supreme Court of Uganda.

As a State Attorney he appeared in land mark cases and set far reaching precedents. He also successfully litigated a number of civil and commercial disputes saving the Government billions of Uganda Shillings. He was involved in litigation to recover USD 70 Million (Seventy Million United States Dollars) from a local business man on behalf of government.

Represented the Government in the Supreme Court in a matter involving USD 150 Million. He was also involved in the Constitutional case regarding the Terrorism bombings in Uganda where he represented the government in Ugandan courts and in the East African Court of Justice. He has also represented the government in a number of commercial arbitrations and various suits before the Commercial Court of Uganda.

While at DFCU Bank Limited (a bank owned in large part by Actis) he appeared on behalf of all Banks in Uganda before the Parliamentary Committee on Physical Infrastructure and the Legal & Drafting Affairs Committee of Parliament to explain the Financial Institutions views on the then proposed Land Law.

Elison sat on the Bank's job evaluation committee and determined the structure and salary scale of every employee in DFCU Bank Limited the fifth largest Bank in Uganda. The Banks biggest shareholder is Actis and the Bank is listed on the Uganda Securities Exchange.

CERTIFICATION

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

