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Over 12 Years of Enrollment



Augustine is a graduate of Makerere University with a degree in law and is an advocate of the High Court of Uganda and all courts subordinate. Augustine holds a Masters of Law in Information Technology & Communications law from the University of Oslo in Norway and has close to 15 years of experience as a lawyer and has worked with some of the biggest firms in the country. He is a partner at Kampala Associated Advocates and heads the Intellectual Property; Employment Law and Telecommunications, Media, and Technology practice teams.

He has extensive knowledge of telecommunications and technology law and has represented the leading communications sector players in numerous industry groundbreaking litigation and advisory mandates. He led the team that consulted on a gap analysis study of the ICT laws of Uganda in 2019, advised on the formation of the current telecommunications licensing framework among others, and has frequently participated in various symposiums and conference panels on issues relating to Technology and the Fourth Industry revolution.

Augustine was a lecturer at the Law Development Centre and he remains keen on the mentorship of young lawyers. In his private time, he loves reading about various subjects. He particularly appreciates biographies of personalities who have engineered the transformation of businesses, economies, and societies.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Uganda Law Society
- East African Law Society
- International Bar Association
- Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

EDUCATION

- Masters of Law in Information Technology & Communications Law, University of Oslo
- Post Graduate Diploma in Law, Law Development Centre LLB (Hons), Makerere University

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

Apr 2017 - to date:

Kampala Associated Advocates – Partner

March 2016 – April 2017:

Associate Partner, Kampala Associated Advocates, Uganda

March 2015 – March 2016:

Senior Associate, Kampala Associated Advocates, Uganda

September 2012 – July 2015:

Law Development Centre, Professional Advisor/Lecturer

August 2008 – March 2015:

Tumusiime, Kabega & Co. Advocates, Associate

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Represented the King of Bunyoro- Kitara Kingdom in relation to the restitution of property and Land by the Government of Uganda to the Omukama/ King of Bunyoro-Kitara Kingdom in Hoima District, Masindi District, Kiryandongo District and Buliisa District pursuant to the Traditional Rulers (Restitution of Assets and Properties) Act, Cap. 247.
- Represented key Oil & gas sector players in relation to various suits and compensation claims from various claimants in Bunyoro region.
- Successfully represented the Uganda Communications Commission in a suit instituted by a broadcaster regarding the suspension of its broadcasting license arising from the infringement of the minimum broadcasting standards.
- Advised as sub-contracted consultant (Local Legal consultant) on a Gap Analysis of the Policy, Legal and Regulatory Framework for Uganda's ICT Sector undertaken on behalf of the Ministry of ICT and National Guidance through the National Information Technology Authority- Uganda (NITA-U).
- Advised as a consultant on the Review of the Licensing Framework in the Telecommunications Sector in Uganda pursuant to the Uganda Broadband Policy, 2018.
- Advised a number of local companies in relation to the regulatory and statutory compliance requirements under the Data Protection and Privacy Act. Represented key Oil & gas sector players in relation to various suits and compensation claims from various claimants in Bunyoro region.
- Advised a number of local FINTECH start-ups on the legal and regulatory compliance requirements in relation to the provision of electronic money in Uganda before and after the passing of the National Payment Systems Act, 2020.
- Successfully defended the Uganda Communications Commission together with MTN Uganda Limited, the leading Telecommunications provider in Uganda, in a landmark litigation instituted against them relating to the provision of mobile money service, as a value added service.
- Negotiated and drafted the agreement for the supply, installation and maintenance of the core banking software called Orbit-R.
- We recovered a domain name from cyber squatters/ cyber fraudsters, on behalf of Speke Hotel (1996) Ltd, who had registered a misleading domain name and we pursued the Complaint with the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) Arbitration and Mediation Center (the Center) pursuant to the Uniform Domain Name Dispute Resolution Policy (the Policy) approved by the Internet Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).
- Successfully represented various clients in relation to the registration, renewals and enforcement of their Intellectual Property interests including Trade- marks and Copyrights.
- Successfully represented Uganda Communications Commission in an arbitration dispute worth UGX.13,000,000,000/= (Thirteen billion shillings) instituted by its former employees arising from a restructuring exercise (undertaken) by the Commission.

- Has advised a numerous clients in the negotiation and implementation of Collective Bargaining Agreements and Mutual recognition with the some Labour Unions.
- Represented MTN Uganda Limited in the investigations and successful prosecution of former employees who had been suspected and ultimately proved to have committed numerous incidents of mobile money fraud through the ICT platform for the provision of mobile money.
- Successfully represented the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) 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 Uganda Communications Commission in the first suits instituted in Uganda regarding the temporary suspension of some over the top platforms (social media websites).
- Successfully represented MTN Uganda Limited up to the Supreme Court in the only industry case 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.
- Representing MTN Uganda Limited in a number of novel litigation matters in the field of Intellectual Property (Trademarks) litigation relating to its advertising (Image rights) and the Mobile Money software (Copyright claims) and the Trademarks related thereto.

CERTIFICATION

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