



INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

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About us...

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 tellar 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 puts 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 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.



Established in 2001



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The practice advises several local and international clients on intellectual property matters including, but not limited to, registration of trademarks, service marks, copyrights and patents, as well as opposition to the registration of the same trademarks, trade secrets, service marks, copyrights and patents at the Intellectual Property Registry in Uganda, the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and Courts of law.

Our Intellectual practice team helps clients implement trademark strategies to stand out in their respective sectors and industries. To help our clients safeguard their trademarks and service marks, we: Counsel on trademark search, selection, design and use; Prepare, file and prosecute trademark registrations; Render opinions concerning trademark infringement. Protect and enforce trademarks through proceedings before state, national and foreign administrative offices and Manage trademark portfolios to maximize strategic value.

OUR EXPERIENCE

- We recovered a domain name from 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).
- We successfully defended against a claim for trademark infringement in which Kyaninga Royal Cottages (“our Client”) had been sued for using a name alleged to be similar to that of Kyaninga Lodge. It was our argument that the name/mark was a geographical indicator that could not be exclusively owned by the Claimant.
- We are currently opposing the registration of the mark KILIMO CALL CENTER due to its similarity with our Client’s mark “KILIMO TRUST”.
- We are representing Hewlett Packard at the Court of Appeal in an appeal lodged by China New Future Company against the judgment of the High Court of Uganda in Kampala, in Civil Suit No.97 of 2013 in which China New Future was found to have infringed on Hewlett Packard’s registered trademarks and an injunction had been issued against the infringing company on top of an order for the seizure and delivery up of the counterfeit goods for destruction.
- We are also currently working on an instruction to enforce the trademark of Orion Holdings (a Korean company) in Uganda which had been registered by a different Chinese Company in Uganda.
- We routinely register various local and International trademarks at the Trademark Registry in Uganda on behalf of several companies.
- We have also registered and renewed various foreign marks at the African Regional Intellectual Property Organization (ARIPO) and at the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) on behalf of a number of foreign companies.

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