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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, 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, arbitration, and taxation.

Currently led by Joseph Matsiko as the Managing Partner, the firm has 35 legal staff each of whom possesses 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.



Established in 2001



11 Partners



35 Legal Staff

VISION

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Welcome to our Intellectual Property Law practice where we provide expert guidance to both local and international clients on a wide range of intellectual property matters. Our dedicated team offers comprehensive services encompassing the registration and protection of trademarks, service marks, copyrights, and patents. Additionally, we specialize in representing clients in opposition proceedings before the Intellectual Property Registry and Courts of Law.

In today's dynamic digital landscape, characterized by rapid technological advancements, the importance of intellectual property protection has never been more critical. The emergence of the digital economy has ushered in new challenges, making it essential for businesses to safeguard their intellectual assets effectively.

At Kampala Associated Advocates, our experienced trademark lawyers are at the forefront of this evolving landscape, assisting clients in safeguarding their trademarks and reputations online. We provide strategic counsel to mitigate risks associated with cyber threats, domain squatters, and domain name theft, ensuring that our clients' online presence remains secure.

Our approach combines innovative digital strategies with traditional enforcement methods to deliver tangible results for our clients. By leveraging our expertise in trademark and copyright enforcement, we provide tailored solutions that address the unique needs of each client.

Whether you are a startup seeking to protect your brand identity or an established corporation navigating complex intellectual property issues, our team is here to support you every step of the way. With a deep understanding of Ugandan Intellectual Property Laws and Regulations, we are committed to helping you achieve your goals while safeguarding your valuable intellectual assets.

Contact us today to learn more about how our Intellectual Property Law practice can empower your business and protect your intellectual property rights in an ever-changing digital landscape.

MAJOR MATTERS

- 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 have represented 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 successfully represented Orion Holdings (a Korean company) in the High Court of Uganda and successfully obtained an Order of Court to cancel an infringing trademark that 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 a number of companies.
- We provide ongoing support for trademark renewals and maintenance to ensure that our clients' trademark rights remain valid and enforceable.
- 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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