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Over 15 Years of Enrollment



Jet John is a partner at Kampala Associated Advocates (“KAA”) and he works with the litigation department. He is also a partner in the employment, property and land conveyancing practices.

Jet is a graduate of Makerere University and has been a practicing advocate for over 10 years. As a law student at Makerere University, Jet famously sought redress from the High court of Uganda seeking a judicial review to quash the decision of the university tribunal regarding the results of an election. This case is now locus classicus on judicial reviews under the laws of Uganda.

Jet joined KAA as a law student and has since established himself as a formidable litigator and skilled negotiator. For many years he led the debt collection team at the firm that was responsible for Umeme’s enormous debt. The team reduced the said debt by 75% and Jet then followed up on the uncollected debt, representing Umeme in over 900 cases to recover the debt. He also negotiated scheduled payment agreements with over 500 of the defaulters on the client’s behalf. The team eventually recovered over UGX 50 billion.

Further to this, Jet represented Tullow in the acquisition of land in the Albertine Graben and participated in the 3D seismic oil exploration exercise. He led the negotiations with the project affected persons during the resettlement exercise and thereafter represented Tullow in the claims that led to lawsuits.

Jet is well versed with property and land conveyance laws in Uganda and has advised numerous clients on the acquisition of land in PPPs. He represented the Uganda National Roads Authority in land disputes relating to land acquired in the construction the Kampala-Masaka, Masaka-Mbarara and Mbarara-Kabale roads.

He has extensive experience in the banking and finance sector, particularly with regard to mortgage perfection and bank recoveries, He has represented such leading banks as Standard Chartered Bank Uganda Limited and Centenary Bank in a multitude of matters. He is part of the team representing a client in Uganda’s largest banking and finance matter to ever be litigated under the Financial Institutions Act. The case pertains to among others, a cross section of banking laws and regulations, insolvency of financial institutions, credit and loan agreements and is worth over USD 120 million dollars.

Jet is a dedicated farmer and carries out various farming activities in his spare time. He has a particular interest in the preservation of traditional herds commonly known as the Ankole long-horned cows.

EDUCATION

- LLB from Makerere University

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.
- Successfully represented the Honorable Margaret Zziwa in a landmark case in the East African Court of Justice challenging her removal as speaker of the East African Legislative Assembly. The client was awarded close to USD 1 million in costs and damages.
- Advised one of the largest mining companies in Uganda in the negotiations for the acquisition of land to establish mining activities and a factory. He interacted with the project affected persons and represented the clients both with the local communities and local government and the regulator.
- Represented National Water and Sewerage Corporation in various litigation matters relating to wayleaves and land acquisition in different parts of the country.
- Represented Kakira Sugar Limited in a land dispute pertaining to over acres of land worth over UGX 10 billion. The land in question was vital to the client's farming activities and overall business. The court found in the client's favour.
- Represented centenary Bank and Standard Chartered Bank in countless litigation and debt recovery matters. He also supervised the teams providing security perfection services to these banks. These teams drafted and reviewed loan documentation, carried out due diligence of borrowers, ensured payment of requisite stamp duties and saw to the perfection of all documentation and securities provided to the banks by borrowers.
- Represented UNRA in numerous disputes relating to land along road construction routes. He was required to negotiate with many of the project affected persons and ascertain the nature of tenure and interests they held in the land. He successfully disposed of all the matters under his charge
- Represented Nile Breweries in disputes pertaining to default of distribution agreements and recovered over UGX 10 billion on behalf of the client.
- Led the Umeme debt collection team and participated in the disposal of over 900 cases relating to power bill defaulters. The team recovered over UGX 50 billion on behalf of the client.
- Advised Tullow Oil Uganda Limited in the acquisition of land during the 3D seismic exercise in the Albertine Graben and represented the company in the disputes that arose from the resettlement of numerous project affected persons.
- Represented the Rift Valley Railways company in various employment and labour disputes arising from the company's concession agreement with the Government of Uganda.
- Advised and represented the Uganda Communications Commission in numerous employment and labour litigation matters and a matter relating to the breach of license obligations by various media companies
- Successfully represented the Acholi war claimants in a lawsuit against the government of Uganda for compensation relating to the loss of properties during the Lord's Resistance war in northern Uganda. The claimants were awarded over UGX 10 billion in compensation.