



TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY

A full service law firm...

Based in Uganda that advises clients on a range of legal matters, from litigation and arbitration, Banking and finance, oil and gas, Intellectual Property, Telecommunications, Media and Technology Law to Corporate and transactional advisory legal services.

Highly regarded and recommended



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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 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.



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Established in 2001



11 Partners



35 Legal Staff

VISION...

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TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY.

To effectively and constructively navigate the regulatory and legal issues that affect players within the TMT industry, you need a firm that understands the entire spectrum of the industry and is a respected market leader. You need a firm and a team that understands the opportunities and risks facing your business or industry in an environment that is ever evolving. A firm that is agile and responsive to client needs and can speak your language.

KAA is privileged to have a team of top lawyers with proven expertise and knowledge of the Ugandan legal and regulatory framework within the TMT space. The team's rich and varied experience and background within the TMT sector enables it to offer relevant and insightful legal and business advice tailor made to suit the unique circumstances of

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each client operating within a complex and technical field. The team is experienced in representing providers, clients and regulators of communications services, Information Technology services and infrastructure, along with Fintechs on a local and international level. From commercial/ transactional advisory, regulatory compliance, intellectual property, telecommunications, licensing within the sector, data protection and privacy, FinTech, E-Payments, electronic commerce, software licensing, domain name registrations and disputes, dispute resolution to other related fields, our team is best placed to render the most relevant, informed and practical advice to help you navigate the high stakes environment.

With a proven and unrivalled track record in representing clients across all three sub-sectors of TMT from University graduate innovators, individual innovators, start-up companies, global corporations, public institutions, regulators, telecommunications companies, our experienced team of lawyers have been involved in some of the industry's landmark cases and deals and continue to advise regularly on sector defining projects.

OUR EXPERIENCE

- Collaborated with the Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO) in a consultancy commissioned by the National Information Technology Authority to conduct a Gap Analysis of the Policy, Legal and Regulatory Framework for Uganda's Information and Communication Technology sector. The Consultancy was part of the Regional Communication Infrastructure Program under the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and National Guidance. (MoICT&NG).
- Consulted on the review and harmonisation of the Telecommunications Licensing framework with the Broadband Policy of Uganda.
- Represented MTN Uganda Limited in the negotiations, public hearings and drafting and review of documentation for the renewal of its SNO license.
- Successfully represented MTN Uganda Limited in a telecommunications case that sought to challenge the provision of mobile money by players in the telecommunications sector.
- Represented a telecommunications client in the negotiation of the asset purchase regarding a telecommunications company inclusive of its radio spectrum allocation. It also reviewed and drafted the relevant documentation. This transaction was worth over USD.15 million dollars.
- Represented MTN Uganda Limited in an extraterritorial interconnection dispute against Uganda Telecom Limited worth USD.4 million dollars.
- Liaised with the office of the Directorate of Public Prosecutions on behalf of MTN Uganda Limited in the investigation and prosecution proceedings of former MTN Uganda Limited employees in relation to various incidents of mobile money fraud that resulted in successful convictions.
- Successfully represented the Uganda Communications Commission (UCC) in a law suit challenging the Digital Migration exercise undertaken under the Digital Migration Policy of 2011.
- Successfully represented the UCC in a law suit emanating from the termination of a contract for the collection of Television Licence Fees by the Government of Uganda. The value of the claim was USD \$ 513,295,409.54
- Advised a financial company on Software Licensing Agreement, leading the inter-party contractual negotiations in relation to the software licensing agreement and the Service Level Agreement terms. Drafted the agreement for the supply, installation and maintenance of the core banking software called Orbit-R.
- Successfully defended the UCC together with a local telecommunication company, in a landmark litigation matter instituted against the two parties in relation to the provision of mobile money services, as a value added service.
- Successfully represented a local telecommunications company in the investigation and prosecution of former employees in the incidents of mobile money fraud.
- Successfully represented the UCC in the first of its kind law suit instituted in Uganda regarding the temporary suspension of some over the top service platforms and other social media websites.
- Successfully represented the UCC in a law suit lodged by a licensee challenging the levying of license fees in respect of short codes issued under the Uganda National Numbering Plan Guidelines by the UCC.

PRACTICE TEAM



Joseph Matsiko
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Partner



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