

## A full service law firm...

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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 in 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

To be the Market Leader providing World Class  
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## TELECOMMUNICATIONS, MEDIA & TECHNOLOGY PRACTICE

In order to effectively navigate the regulatory and legal landscape of Uganda's Telecommunications, Media, and Technology (TMT) sector, you need a firm that not only understands the intricacies of the industry but also serves as a respected market leader. At Kampala Associated Advocates, we pride ourselves on being that firm.

Our team of top lawyers boasts proven expertise and in-depth knowledge of the Ugandan legal and regulatory spectrum, particularly within the TMT sector. With rich and varied experience in representing providers, clients, and regulators of communications services, IT services, and infrastructure, we offer tailored legal and business advice to suit the unique needs of each client. From Licensing, Data Protection, Privacy, FinTech, Electronic Commerce, Software Licensing, Domain Name registrations among other matters, our team is equipped to handle the complex and technical challenges of the TMT industry.

We understand that the TMT sector is ever-evolving, which is why we prioritize agility and responsiveness to client needs. Our track record speaks for itself, with involvement in some of the industry's landmark cases and deals. Whether you're a University graduate innovator, a startup company, a global corporation, a public institution, a regulator, or a telecommunications company, we have the experience and expertise to meet your legal needs.

At Kampala Associated Advocates, we understand the paramount importance of safeguarding sensitive data and ensuring compliance with evolving legal frameworks governing data protection and privacy. Our dedicated team of legal experts is well-versed in Ugandan laws and international standards concerning data protection and privacy. We offer comprehensive Data Protection and Privacy legal services tailored to meet the diverse needs of our clients including: Drafting and advisory support in data protection policies & procedures; Advisory services in cross-Border data transfers; Legal support in relation to data breach response and management and compliance advisory.

When it comes to TMT legal services in Uganda, Kampala Associated Advocates stands out as a trusted partner. Contact us today to learn how we can help you navigate the high-stakes environment of the TMT sector with confidence.

## MAJOR MATTERS

- Collaborated with the Commonwealth Telecommunication Organisation (CTO) in a consultancy commissioned by the National Information Technology Authority (NITA-U) to conduct a Gap Analysis of the Policy, Legal and Regulatory Framework for Uganda's Information and Communication Technology (ICT) sector. The Consultancy was carried out as part of the Regional Communication Infrastructure Program (RCIP) under the Ministry of Information and Communications Technology and National Guidance (MoICT&NG).
- Acted as a consultant on the review of the telecommunications licensing framework.
- Advised a telecommunications company in Uganda in relation to its license renewal application and process.
- 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 a Ugandan regulator together with a local telecommunication company, in a landmark litigation instituted against them relating to the provision of mobile money service, as a value added service.
- Successfully represented local telecommunication company in the investigation and prosecution of former employees in the incidents of mobile money fraud through the ICT platform for the provision of mobile money.
- Successfully represented a Ugandan regulator in respect of a suit lodged by a private citizen challenging the Digital Migration exercise undertaken by the Ugandan regulator under the Digital Migration Policy of 2011.
- Successfully defended a Ugandan regulator in the first suits instituted in Uganda regarding the temporary suspension of some over the top platforms (social media websites).

- Successfully defended a Ugandan regulator which took over the case from the Broadcasting Council, in a suit lodged by Traces (SA) CC. The suit emanated 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.
- Successfully represented a local telecommunication company in the only case that has ever been litigated in Uganda relating to payments under an Interconnection Agreement between two local telecommunication companies 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. The Supreme Court of Uganda confirmed the findings of all the lower courts and upheld the termination rates claimed by the Operator
- Successfully represented a local telecommunication company in a 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 Uganda Communications Commission.
- Advising a satellite company, on the Ugandan laws and regulations which will impact the deployment of a constellation of Low Earth-Orbiting ("LEO") satellites which are designed to operate in the Ku-Band and Ka-Band frequencies in Uganda.
- Advising an international conglomerate on the data protection and data transfer laws in Uganda.
- Advising a money lending company on the Ugandan law governing provision of mobile loans via e-money.
- Advised several entities in the field of block chain/ cyptocurrency on regulatory compliance regarding their products and services.
- Advising international oil companies on the legal risks associated with moving the existing workplace environment into Microsoft Office 365 public cloud environment in Uganda.

## THE TEAM



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