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Thomas is currently a Senior associate at Kampala Associated Advocates working with the Taxation and Litigation Department. He specialises in Taxation Litigation and Tax Advisory.

Since joining KAA, Thomas has been involved in various Taxation litigation and Taxation advisory tax disputes pertaining to; value added tax, income tax, excise duty and customs.

Thomas has extensive experience in Taxation and has been part of a team that has successfully represented several Corporations in complex tax disputes involving large tax assessments. He offers tax advisory services to companies including UBER B.V, Total Uganda Ltd, Tullow Oil, UMEME, Bujagali Energy Limited, Standard Chartered (U) Limited, Multichoice (U) Ltd, among others.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member, Uganda Law Society
- Member, East African Law Society

EDUCATION

- Post Graduate Diploma in Law, Institute of Legal Practice and development, Rwanda
- LLB from University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa

RELEVANT EXPERIENCE

- Part of a team that successfully represented the leading Telecom Company, MTN (U) Limited in a USD 2.5million dollar dispute against Uganda Telecom Ltd.
- Part of a team that successfully defended MTN in a suit about the legality of mobile money transactions, and succeeded in having the suit dismissed.
- Part of a team that successfully represented MTN at the Tax Appeals Tribunal in a Customs dispute regarding the taxation of part shipments.
- Part of the team appearing on behalf of National Social Security Fund in a UGX 89 billion dispute on whether interest paid to members of the fund is an allowable deduction in assessment of income tax.
- Part of the team representing UMEME Ltd (Power Distribution Co.) in a USD 33.8million dollar dispute against URA before the Tax Appeals Tribunal regarding the taxability of assets that were passed over from government to the Co. under a concession agreement
- Part of the team appearing on behalf of National Social Security Fund in a UGX 89 billion dispute on whether interest paid to members of the fund is an allowable deduction in assessment of income tax.
- Appearing on behalf of Allied Beverages Company Limited in a UGX. 7 billion VAT dispute concerning the consumption of exported services.
- Successfully represented UETCL in a UGX. 14 billion VAT dispute on whether the UETCL was time barred in its claim for an input tax credit, which the Tax Appeals Tribunal ruled in UETCL that it was entitled to the input credit.
- Part of a team representing SG Bujagaali Holdings Limited in a multimillion dollar capital gains tax dispute.
- Successfully represented Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) in challenging and setting aside an Income tax assessment worth UGX. 4 billion arising from a dispute concerning internal deals in the bank.
- Successfully represented Standard Chartered Bank (SCB) in challenging and setting aside an Income tax assessment worth UGX. 13 billion arising from a dispute concerning provision of bad debts.

CERTIFICATION

I, the undersigned, certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, these data correctly describe me, my qualifications, and my experience.

Thomas Katto