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Charlotte is a Senior Associate at Kampala Associated Advocates and is part of the Tax, Commercial Transactions, Energy & Natural Resources and Litigation practice areas. She is a graduate of Makerere University, where she served as Speaker of the Law Society. She also obtained a post graduate diploma in Tax and Revenue Administration from the East African School of Taxation, where she emerged as the best student in her cohort. She is currently an advocate of the High Court of Uganda and all courts subordinate thereto.

Charlotte has extensive knowledge of tax law, corporate and commercial law, insolvency practice, oil and gas laws, collective investment schemes / unit trust funds, intellectual property, debt collection/ recoveries, private equity and corporate compliance, having worked on various instructions in the said fields. She also serves as company secretary to various boards of KAA Clients e.g. Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum Limited, MotaEngil (U) Limited, aYo Insurance Brokers Uganda – SMC Limited, etc. She has vast experience in a wide range of company issues spanning across formation, corporate governance, compliance, mergers, acquisitions, corporate rescue to insolvency and dissolution.

Charlotte's key competencies include: negotiation, communication, leadership, commercial awareness, good interpersonal skills, critical thinking, research, analysis, and ability to work well as part of a team.

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

- Member of the Uganda Law Society
- Member of the East African Law Society
- Member of the Uganda Law Society Tax & Revenue Cluster
- Member of the INSOL Future Leaders Program - Uganda

EDUCATION

- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law Development Centre
- LLB (Hons), Makerere University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Tax and Revenue Administration, East African School of Taxation. (Validation)

TOP MATTERS HANDLED

1. Advising various companies in their day-to-day tax, commercial, oil & gas, corporate and employment matters.
2. Charged with giving legal opinions to clients on tax matters and representing them in negotiations with the Uganda Revenue Authority as well as in tax disputes before the Tax Appeals Tribunal and other courts of law.
3. Sitting on various boards of companies as Company Secretary. These include: the Uganda Chamber of Mines and Petroleum, Mota-Engil Uganda Limited, aYo Insurance Brokers Uganda – SMC Limited, Afriland First Bank Uganda Limited.
4. Undertaking the drafting, reviewing and negotiation of various commercial agreements and other documents, on behalf of KAA clients.
5. Advised on and took part in various liquidations, including the first ever voluntary liquidation of a financial institution (Afriland First Bank) in Uganda and a telecom company.
6. Preparation of legal opinions and alerts for both local and foreign companies on legal regime changes in Uganda and their impact on the companies.
7. Incorporated and advised on various matters concerning unit trust schemes / collective investment schemes in Uganda e.g. the legal framework governing them, their taxation regime, licensing requirements.
8. Undertaken various trademark registrations, instituted objections to trademark registrations and defended against various trademark objections.
9. Conducting due diligence reviews on various entities for various banks and other KAA clients.
10. Undertaken debt collections and recoveries on behalf of various financial institutions.
11. Charged with the institution and defending of various suits on behalf of KAA Clients.
12. Preparing various bid documents, commercial and technical proposals on behalf of KAA.
13. Undertook a six-month secondment in the Legal & Corporate Affairs Department of the Uganda National Oil Company Limited (UNOC), where she garnered experience on the day-to-day work and legal aspects of an oil and gas business throughout the entire value chain of upstream, midstream, and downstream. While at UNOC, she took part in contract drafting as well as legal, compliance and tax advisory.
14. Co-authored an article entitled, "The FID - An Opportunity for Ugandan Businesses and Individuals to Reap Big from the Oil And Gas Sector" - <https://www.kaa.co.ug/wp-content/uploads/2022/02/KAA-The-FID-An-Opportunity-For-Ugandan-Businesses-Individuals-To-Rip-Big-From-The-Oil-And-Gas-Sector-compressed.pdf>

CERTIFICATION

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

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