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Advocates and Solicitors

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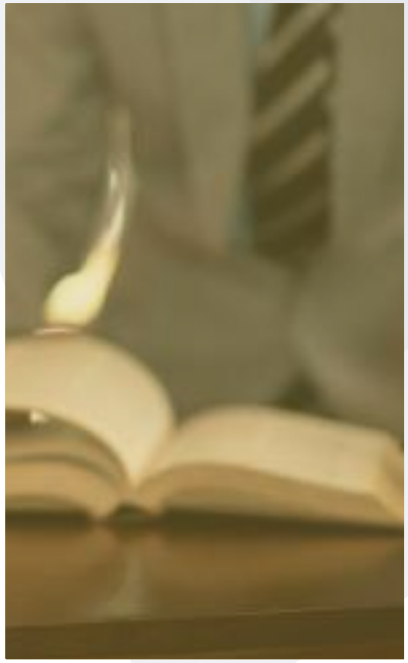


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Who we are..

We are a full-service law firm, comprised of the Founding Partner, Senior Partners, Associates and Legal Assistants.

The Firm is arguably one of the most sought after with a reputation of successfully handling very complex and ground breaking cases that has enriched the jurisprudence and practice of law in Uganda.



About Us

Our Vision

To be Uganda's Premier Law Firm inspiring the rule of law.

Our Mission

To offer creative and dependable legal solutions aimed at fostering a good client experience built on integrity, professionalism and efficiency.

Our Objectives

We are committed to excellence as the hallmark of our legal practice. We embrace complex and challenging matters and bring a strategic, thorough, and practical approach to every engagement. By taking time to understand our clients' businesses and objectives, we provide legal solutions that are relevant, efficient, and tailored to their needs.

Our services are delivered with a strong focus on commercial value, ensuring that companies, institutions, and individuals regard us as a trusted legal partner and an integral part of their solution when faced with difficult, innovative, or novel challenges.



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Scope Of Practice

...while in the race, we Go for Gold.

- Constitutional Law
- Intellectual Property Law
- Commercial Litigation & Legal Practice
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Criminal Law
- Insurance
- Corporate Law including company secretarial services, winding up, Liquidation of companies and Receivership
- Tax Law
- Gas & Oil Law
- Debt Collection, Registration and enforcement of Securities
- Communications Law
- Alternative Dispute Resolution; Negotiation
- Banking & Finance
- Land Conveyance



Firm Policy

It is our professional duty to give your affairs proper care , skill and attention. We handle each assignment on a strict confidentiality basis.

Our services are demand driven and result oriented. Our firm will throughout the process of handling of your matters rely on you to supply all information needed in a timely manner, to act on your behalf and tell us promptly of any relevant change in circumstances.

We will not be under any obligation to verify or check the factual accuracy of such information unless it is specifically agreed in writing that we should do so.



Fees

Our fees are regulated by the Advocates Remuneration and Taxation of cost Rules 1996 as amended and payable on instructions or on demand thereafter.

Any estimates of costs are given for guidance only on the basis of information available to us and are not to be regarded as quotations.

Our fees can also be paid on Retainers at periodic intervals agreed with client depending on the nature and complexity of the brief.

Sums incurred by our selves on your behalf such as stamp duty,search fees, agent fees and all other disbursements will be chargeable in addition as will expenses incurred in faxes, couriers, telephone calls and copying.

Quotation and estimates include Value Added tax as required by the Law.

MEMBER SHIPS

We are Members of:

- Uganda Law Society
- East Africa Law Society
- International Trademark Association
- Global Law Experts



Why Our Firm

We Understand Your Business and Industry

We take time to study and understand your business, the industry and environment in which you operate.

This represents our dedication to accurately diagnose your legal and business needs, and to be your trusted, reliable insider, advisor and legal counsel.

Regular Reporting

We believe that our relation with you must be one based on communication and trust. We undertake to provide accurate, regular written reports on all the assignments we will handle for you.

We also propose to meet your top management team or your Board if appropriate at least twice a year to give a full account on all matters we shall handle for you.

Performance Appraisal

We also propose to meet all our Corporate Clients' senior management at least once a year to appraise our performance.

We will however, regularly seek your opinion on how we are handling your instructions and views on how we can do better.

Skilled and Experienced Staff

Our staff is comprised of experienced Advocates in diverse areas of corporate and commercial law.

Their training and professional experience in practical and complex transactions has informed their capacity to handle and resolve complex legal issues in contentious litigation proceedings at all tier so four Court system.

Some of Our Clientele





Our Legal Team

We are **Experienced**, **Driven** and **Effective** in all that we do.



Fred Muwema

Fred is graduate of Makerere Law School (1993), the founder of Muwema & Co. Advocates & Solicitors, one of Uganda's premium law firms serving numerous clients in the manufacturing, trade & retail, services sector, banking, construction etc. The firm has a penchant for delivering creative legal solutions to complex legal cases.

An ardent litigator with an eye for detail, Fred has experience now spanning 30 years and he has handled many important and Landmark cases over the years dealing among others with:

- Denied boarding vs Air India (1996)
- Defamation of foreign leader - Muamar Gaddafi (2009)
- Largest Excise Duty Refund on Petroleum Products (2010)
- Qualifications/ Appointment of Drug Inspectors (2011)
- Regulation of Power Tariffs in Uganda (2012)
- Regulation of Sports Associations in Uganda (2012)
- Composition of the High Court Anti-Corruption Division (2016)
- Anonymous Online Defamation Case against Facebook – Dublin Ireland (2016)
- Constitutionality of Land Probe Inquiry (2020)
- Regulation of Mobile Money - leading to Enactment of National Payment Systems Act 2020 (2020)
- Regulation of Cross-border Commercial Bank Lending (2020-2023)
- The Incidence of Stamp Duty on Bank loan Instruments (2025 - on-going)
- Claims by Banks on Professional Indemnity Insurance Policies (2025 - on-going)

Currently, he is working for several global brands on a landmark case to enforce the GATT Valuation System to deter parallel/ illicit trading in Uganda

Under ACN, he has developed Bleep® an innovative digital platform that empowers consumers to report counterfeits, brands to verify product authenticity, and regulators to take remedial action. This platform is embedded with Bleep Security Tag (BleST), a scannable security seal that is tamper-proof, non-clonnable with geo-mapping to instantly verify product authenticity. (https://bleep.ug)

Fred is also a technical resource person behind the Anti-Counterfeit Goods and Services Bill (2023) which is now before the Parliament of Uganda.

In the area of Copyright, Fred has consulted for a major East African Satellite Television service provider on a case involving competition and Television Broadcast Copyright an assignment done in collaboration with among others Edwards Wildman Pal LLP, UK.



Friday Roberts Kagoro

Friday's practice encompasses commercial and Criminal litigation, insolvency, debt recovery, International Trade, Human Rights, land transactions and conveyance, Intellectual property, private investigation, Family law among others.

He holds an LLM in International trade and Commercial Law and a Bachelors Degree in law.

Roberts is a hands-on advocate in all his areas of practice and accords professional advice to clients as and when required. He advises financial institutions such as banks on aspects of credit management and recovery as well as corporate debtors and directors.

As far as Intellectual Property Protection is concerned, he heads the legal support team in enforcement and raid actions which is very instrumental in coordinating the Police, apprehending culprits, seizing counterfeits, obtaining and securing evidence to be used in prosecutions.

He has attained great experience through participating in various International Intellectual Property conferences like INTA.

He is an advocate of the High Court of Uganda and all subordinate courts thereto, is a member of the Uganda Law Society (ULS) and the East African Law Society.



He is a member of:

* Uganda Law Society (ULS)
* East African Law Society (EALS)

Kevin Charles Nsubuga

Kevin Charles Nsubuga has been part of Muwema & Co. Advocates since 2010 (formerly Muwema & Mugerwa Advocates & Solicitors) first as a legal assistant, raising through the ranks until 2020 when he became a Partner in the firm.

During that time, he has been part of a team that has contributed significantly in the legal industry especially in the development of jurisprudence in our legal system.

Constant innovation and change as well as embedding a growth mindset are the hallmarks of his approach.

Charles continues to play a pivot role in the litigation department of the firm, offering clients a comprehensive approach to their legal issues. He advises corporate institutions and organizations on a wide range of legal, regulatory and transactional matters, working closely with their in-house counsel and will always provide the legal advice required since he appreciates all transactions from both the legal and financial perspectives.

As a trusted adviser to organizations and companies, clients are at the heart of his thinking. Charles has developed a strong connection with clients trying to make sense of real legal issues. Through the breadth and depth of his expertise and experience, he offers outstanding services to clients who turn to the firm to navigate them through their greatest legal challenges.



Andrew Oluka

Andrew Oluka is a versatile and dynamic legal practitioner whose client-centric approach has shaped his reputation for attentive listening, practical counsel, and effective legal strategy. His commitment to understanding clients' needs and desired outcomes enables him to deliver advice that is both competent and realistic.

Andrew has a strong passion for commercial law, with core interests in commercial arbitration, litigation, advisory services, and Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) protection. He has represented a diverse portfolio of clients, including Total, Bukoola (on IPR protection), Stirling Group of Companies, Wananchi Group (U) Ltd (ZUKU TV), and Simba Group on matters relating to commercial arbitration and adjudication.

His commercial litigation and advisory experience spans work for White Nile Consults Ltd, Lake Heights Hotel Ltd, Steel Rolling Mills (U) Ltd, Solcon E.A, Electro-max (U) Ltd, Simba Telecom, Safaricom, KCB Bank, Habib Oil, Dream Africa Schools, Lachen Investments Ltd, Savanna Fibre Ltd, Access Financial Services, Honey Comb Technologies Ltd, among many others, including several prominent business figures.

Andrew's broad legal capabilities extend to land transactions and conveyancing, domestic relations, and constitutional law. He has played an instrumental role in several landmark constitutional cases, including

- Davis Wesley Tusingwire v. Attorney General – Challenging the constitutionality of regulations establishing the Anti-Corruption Court.
- National Bank of Commerce v. Attorney General – On the constitutionality of the closure of NBC.
- Benjamin Alipanga v. Attorney General – Concerning constitutional amendments on the presidential age limit.
- Fred Muwema v. Attorney General – On the constitutionality of sections of the Advocates Act that prohibit champertous agreements.
- Uganda Super League v. Attorney General – A case that contributed to the development of regulations governing Uganda's sports industry.

Andrew currently serves as the Legal Manager at the Anti-Counterfeit Network Africa (ACN), a leading non-profit organization championing the fight against counterfeits in Uganda. He is also a member of the Board of Access Financial Services and Savanna Fibre Ltd. Previously, he was the Board Secretary to the National Bank of Commerce (NBC) until its closure by the Central Bank.

A member of both the Uganda Law Society and the East African Law Society since 2014, Andrew holds an LLB from Uganda Christian University (UCU), a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre (LDC), and an MBA in Oil & Gas from UCU.

True to the adage "work without play makes Jack a dull boy," Andrew maintains an active lifestyle. He enjoys golf, soccer, swimming, boxing, and nature walks. When not participating, he can be found watching golf, soccer, rugby, basketball, athletics, and tennis. He also appreciates good music and fine food.



Matthew Kiwunda

Matthew is an Associate Partner with the firm, an astute lawyer and business advisor known for his witty, thorough and detailed approach to complex legal matters. His areas of specialty include commercial law, banking & finance law, company law, litigation of complex matters, dispute resolution, intellectual property, and land transactions. Matthew is also growing his expertise and interest in new practice areas such as energy, construction law and Environment, Social and Governance (ESG)..

With over 10 years of extensive hands-on experience, Matthew has worked with the team that has spearheaded several high-profile cases that have helped streamline our domestic laws regarding mobile money banking and cross-border financing, among others. Matthew has very strong analytical, communication, problem-solving, legal writing and research skills.

He is a member of the Uganda Law Society and the East African Law Society.

Outside work, Matthew is very passionate about reading, physical exercise and plays tennis.



Ramla Nalugya

Ramla is a Senior Associate at Muwema & Co. Advocates specializing in Banking, land dispute resolution and transactions, civil and criminal litigation.

She also specializes in public procurement and Disposal, Employment and Domestic relations with keen interest in custody and maintenance.

Ramla is a member of the Uganda Law Society and East African Law Society.

She holds an LLB (Hons) degree from Makerere University and a Postgraduate diploma in Legal practice from Law Development Center plus a Certificate in Understanding International Arbitration.



Pearl Bekunda

Pearl is an Associate Partner of the firm. She has established herself as a fervent legal practitioner specialising in labour settlement and arbitration matters. She also has particular expertise in family law. She has made several representations of her clients in labour matters both nationally and internationally. Specifically, she has represented clients before the United Nations Disputes Tribunal and the United Nations Appeals Tribunal.

Pearl is passionate about labour issues and aspires to be part of the contributors to a progressive legal labour environment in Uganda. She is driven by Client satisfaction as an essential part of her practice and that of the firm in general.

She obtained her Bachelor of Laws from Makerere University, Uganda and a Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre, Uganda. She has also received training in trial advocacy from Justice Advocacy Uganda in partnership with Uganda Law Society and the Judiciary of the Republic of Uganda.

She is a member of the East Africa Law Society and the Uganda Law Society.

She has been with the firm since 2017



Jane Nabirye

Jane is an Associate of the firm. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Uganda and all Subordinate Courts.

She holds a Bachelor of Laws from Makerere University and a Post Graduate Diploma from the Law Development Centre.

Her areas of practice include Corporate & Commercial law, Banking & Finance, Family & Domestic relations, Labour & Employment, Land, and Civil Litigation.

Jane has earned a reputation of a firm fighter who protects her client's interests as though they were her own. She has represented and advised clients in various matters ranging from Land transactions, Family, Labour & Employment, Marriage and Divorce, Maintenance and Custody, Estate Planning and Administration, among others.

She leaves no stone unturned. She is very compassionate, responsible and keeps her clients fully informed. You can rest assured that she will fervently handle every aspect of your case from the genesis to the final resolution.



Anthony Tomusange

Anthony is an Advocate in the firm. His practice focuses on Criminal & Labour Law, Corporate and Commercial Law with particular expertise in Land transactions and litigation.

He holds an LL.B (Hons) degree from Uganda Christian University (UCU) and a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre (LDC) .



Mukisa Brian Christopher

Brian is an Advocate in the firm. His practice focuses on Corporate Law, Immigration Law, Land Transactions and Conveyance, Criminal Law, Banking with particular expertise in company matters and Alternative Dispute Resolution.

He holds an LL.B (Hons) degree from Makerere University in and a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre (LDC).



Nakyeyune Flavia

Flavia is a legal assistant at the firm. She obtained a Bachelor of Laws (LLB Hons) from Makerere University and a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal practice from the Law Development Centre, Kampala.

Flavia practices in the corporate and commercial area. She has also participated and handled legal advice in civil, corporate and banking litigation.

In her time at the firm, Flavia has obtained commendable experience in litigation and commercial advisory. Flavia is on her way to building a vibrant and stellar career in the corporate world.



Ndagire Julie Drolence

Drolence is a legal assistant within the firm's litigation department. Her focus areas of practice include labour and employment relations, intellectual property and criminal law. She has assisted the firm in a number of ground breaking cases in the fields of medical law and employment law.

Drolence is on the advising team of the firm that deals with domestic and international clients on a variety of transactions across a range of sectors including but not limited to intellectual property and has a niche in reviewing and advising on transactional documents including agreements, guarantees and other commercial documents and legislative drafting.

She holds an LLB(Hons.) degree from Uganda Christian University.



Gumisiriza Brinton

Brinton is a legal assistant at the firm. His practice focuses on Commercial law, Banking, Intellectual property Law, Labour and Employment Law

He has expertise in commercial advisory with specific emphasis on drafting and advising on contracts and contract management, review of commercial agreements and legal research.

Brinton holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree (Hons) from Bishop Stuart University, Mbarara and a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre.



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Constitutional Cases

Decoding the **Constitution**

DAVID MUHWEZI VS AG & ANOR

Filed constitutional Petition challenging the decision of the Judge to issue injunction orders against the petitioner with out a hearing.

EUTAW VS UNRA & AG

Filed constitutional Petition challenging the Constitutionality of the unilateral cancellation of EUTAW's contract by UNRA.

ESO CORNER VS AG

Filed a constitutional Petition challenging the blacklisting of service providers by PPDA on grounds that they had been blacklisted by the world Bank or IMF.

JOSHUA TUMWINE VS AG

Filed constitutional Petition challenging the constitutionality of levy 10% tax on mobile money transactions when mobile money business is not founded in Law.

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UGANDA FRIEGHT FORWARDERS ASSOCIATION & A NOR VS AG & ANOR

We were defence counsel in the above matter where the Petitioner sought to challenge the constitutionality of the acts of the respondent by which a monopoly contract was entered between Government and Greak lakes ltd for the management of Tororo inland port.

HUMPHREY NZEYI VS BANK OF UGANDA & ANOR

Filed constitutional Petition challenging the arbitory closure of National Bank of Commerce by Bank of Uganda.

ALLAN MULINDWA

Challenging the Traffic and Road Act.



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Constitutional Cases

Decoding the **Constitution**

ESO
Challenging the PPDA Act.

DAVIS WESLEY TUSINGWIRE VS AG
Challenged the constitutionality of theAnti Corruption Court.

HUMPHREY NZEI
Challenging the F.I.A Act.

FRED MUWEMA VS AG
Challenging the Advocates Act.

BASABOSA
Challenging Anti-corruption Act.

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Commercial Cases



We reach the **Market Place**

EZERA TRANSPORTERS VS KCB

Successfully defended the bank against a claim on a countermanded cheque.

HCCS NO. 43/2020 HAM ENTERPRISES & 2ORS VS DTB (U) LTD & ANOR.

Plaintiffs (Ham) instituted this suit challenging, among others, the legality of the credit facilities advanced to them by the defendants. They also filed an Application seeking to have the Defendants joint Written Statement Defence struck out on account of the illegalities committed jointly which was subsequently granted. The Defendants have since filed an Appeal against the ruling and Judgment of the lower court which is pending determination in the Court of Appeal.

MATHEW KIWUNDA VS AG-MOBILE MONEY

Applicant petitioned Court by way of Judicial review seeking a declaration that the failure / omission of Government to pass a Law for the operation, licensing and regulation of mobile money services is unlawful and unreasonable. He wants court to order the minister to originate and present a bill to Parliament for regulation the mobile money service. He wants a further order prohibiting the respondents from continuing to levy, impose and / or collect any taxes on mobile money services until proper legislation has been put in place.



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Criminal Cases

We leave no
Stone Unturned

UGANDA VS SHEIKH SIRAJE KAWOOYA

cc no. HCT-00-ICD-SC-NO. 004 OF **2015**

We represented 11 out of 14 accused persons in this case which was famously know as the ''Nostem Cleric case'' or ''kamoga case''. They were initially jointly charged with crime against humanity, a charge we objected to causing the amendment of the indictment to drop the same. Five of our clients were acquitted and set free and we have lodged an appeal on behalf of the ones who were convicted.

FRED MUWEMA VS FACEBOOK IRELAND LIMITED

Record No. (**2016**) 4637 P

We succefuly worked with Lavelle Solicitors in Dublin Ireland to obtain a '' Norwich Pharmacal Order '' against Facebook for the disclosure of the identity and details of TVO (Tom Voltaire Okwalinga) an anonymous uses of Facebook. The casel application being the first of it's kind contributed greatly to the cyber law Jurisprudence. Key legal points discussed in the case included:

* Defamation by an anonymous user on social media
* Innocent Publication as a Statutory Defence to ISP
* Discretion of statutory remedies
* Jurisdiction for claims against Facebook.



Some Litigation/Legal Consultancies

Over the last 10 years, we have handled several trademark infringement litigation involving the following:

* Wax matches
* Hair dye
* Rubber tires
* Beverages
* Ball point pens (Societe Bic)

We handled a landmark case between the Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda and the National Drug Authority which intended to check dispensation of counterfeit medicines through appointment and deployment of inspectors of drugs (2011).

We have done consultancy for the Uganda Communications Commission in streamlining the video and cinematography industry in Uganda. (2013)

We have also done a consultancy for the Pharmaceutical Society of Uganda on the by-laws and statutory fees to foster protection of pharmacy practice and IP.



thank you



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