





# **ABOUT US**

CR. Amanya Advocates & Solicitors, Notaries Public and Commissioner for Oaths is a leading law firm in Uganda. Well grounded in Corporate and Commercial Practice, our size ensures that we are able to treat the client like a king and imprint our signature on each project. The firm prides itself on the unique personalized service it renders its clients.

# WHY US?

- Every client is special and important to us and they should feel it.
- Each client requires a unique understanding of their needs and demands and therefore a uniquely crafted approach and solution to help them meet their target.
- Each client is availed an excellent team of lawyers assembled to meet their needs and demands and available to them at any time regardless of different time zones.
- Each client desires to meet their targets within a reasonable turnaround time and above all at a reasonable fee.



# PRACTICE AREAS

#### **Banking & Finance**

CRAA provides advisory and support services to banks, micro finance institutions, private equity firms and investment & fund managers. The support services largely include legal/regulation advisory, preparation and review of facility documentation, perfection of securities, realization of securities, review of securities and securities documentation, structuring of transactions, regulatory compliance, due diligence exercises, debt collection et al. CRAA helps clients to secure finance both debt and equity and also advises on structuring acquisitions.

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#### **Litigation and Dispute Resolution**

CRAA has a solid background in handling arbitration and litigation cases. We combine our deep experience with vast industry knowledge and bring creativity to each and every assignment relentlessly protecting our clients' interests. CRAA is well versed with all forms of dispute resolution including arbitration, mediation and litigation and have handled many high profile and landmark cases. We represent our clients in commercial law centered disputes, taxation, land and employment disputes, election and constitutional petitions and in local and international arbitration. We can ably represent at all levels of the dispute before including tribunals, regulatory authorities, courts of law and boards.



#### **Corporate & Commercial**

We guide both local and foreign clients through the maze of registration and establishment of legal entities including companies, multinationals, non-governmental organizations and trusts. CRAA provides company secretarial services and acts as a representative office for several local and foreign companies. Our corporate and commercial practice largely involves advising on corporate structuring, mergers and acquisitions, tax requirements and compliance, winding up and insolvency. CRAA advises on all types of commercial contracts including preparing and reviewing contracts to cover all aspects of appropriate structuring, regulatory and licensing compliance, real estate, information, communication, technology and intellectual property law. CRAA handles intellectual property matters including trademarks, copyright and patent licensing, protection, enforcement, transfer and exploitation.



#### **Transport & Infrastructure**

This is a top priority sector in Uganda that includes upgrading of the road network, revitalizing the railway transport and expanding the air transport infrastructure. CRAA represents some of the largest foreign and local companies which have contracts with the Government through the Uganda National Roads Authority (UNRA) to construct and upgrade the road network in Uganda. CRAA services here under include advice on procurement laws and procedures, liaising with regulato ry and licensing authorities, compensation of land owners, importation of equipment, staffing issues among others. We are guided by our knowledge of FIDIC Conditions of Contract for the Construction Industry worldwide.



#### **Employment, Pensions and Immigration**

We offer our local and foreign clients exquisite employment and immigration solutions. We are always on hand to assist foreigners establish businesses, live and work in Uganda. We process entry permits. work permits, dependents' passes and certificates of residence. CRAA assists in recovery of security bond deposits from the immigration department when the holders of the entry permits are leaving the country and also helps to deal with and recover any money contributed to the National Social Security Fund, CRAA offers employment law advice to its clients and assists in preparation and review of employment contracts. compliance with the employment regulations, provides redundancy and restructuring services, represents clients in the industrial court & liases with labour officers.



#### **Energy and Mining**

CRAA advises some of the largest and most established international companies engaged in renewable and non renewable energy sectors that are participating in and/or entering the Ugandan market. Besides the Company advisory services, specific to the sector services include processing exploration and exploitation licenses, mining leases, operation of concessions, assignment of existing rights and handling environmental impact assessments and environmental claims.





#### Wills and Estate Planning

CRAA works with you as you put pen to paper your wishes for your business, family and investments in case of incapacitation and after you are gone. We help you to consider the use of Wills, Insurance and Trusts and handle a variety of estate planning matters (planning for the distribution of your property at your death). Our estate planning services include: drafting of Wills, Spousal and Children's trusts, Insurance Trusts, Revocable Living Trusts, Irrevocable Trusts, Advance Medical Directives and power of Attorney (General, Special & Medical).



#### **International Networks**



Prae Legal (www.praelegal.com) provides clients with access to global legal resources through its vast network of wellestablished 242 law offices in trade centers in 131 countries.

CRAA is Prae Legal's exclusive partner in Uganda.



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# **MEET THE TEAM**



# Claire Amanya Rukundo-Kakeeto

**Managing Partner** 

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#### **Education**

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) University of Dar-es-Salaam
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice –Law Development Centre (LDC)
- Masters of Laws, International Business (LLM) University College London (UCL)
- Graduate of the Institute of Chartered Secretaries and Administrators (UK)



#### **Managing Partner**

Claire is a Rotarian, a UK trained lawyer and an advocate of the High Court of Uganda. She is a Commissioner for Oaths and Notary Public with over twelve years' experience in legal practice. She is an enthusiastic and analytical lawyer with a solid background in legal practice backed up by an exceptional academic record; having previously emerged the best student in the Country in the UACE exams and the best student at the Bar Course.

She previously working with Kampala Associated Advocates, an associate of reknowed Dentons (Formerly Denton Wilde Sapte), and the world's largest law firm being a leading international law firm based in UK and USA.

Claire has previously acted as counsel and relationship manager to a number of leading multi-national companies operating and/or engaged in transactions in Africa such as Standard Chartered Bank, Barclays Bank, Lloyds TSB, African-Import Export Bank (Afrexim Bank). Not to mention regional companies like SABMiller, Tullow Oil Operations Pty, Total E& P Uganda B.V, Toyota Uganda, Helios Towers, AECOM Government Services et al.

Claire is a consultant of the World Bank and regularly participates in their Survey Projects including Enabling the Business of Agriculture Producer Organizations, Procuring Infrastructure PPPs, World Bank's Migration and the Law project, Benchmarking Public-Private Partnerships Procurement and the Benchmarking the Business of Agriculture Land Survey. She is a contributing member of the World Bank Doing Business Project for Uganda, regularly writes articles in her specialist fields and presents at seminars and training events. She has published articles on topical legal matters.

She has undertaken professional training courses on the FIDIC construction contracts and international commercial arbitration. She is also an external examiner of the Post Graduate Bar Course at the Law Development Center.

#### **Memberships**

- Uganda Law Society.
- East Africa Law Society
- Uganda Women Lawyers Federation, (FIDA-Uganda)
- Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda (ICGU)
- Forum for African Women Educationalists- Uganda Chapter (FAWEU)
- Founder and President of Uganda Alumni of Tanzania Association (UATA).

#### **Board Memberships**

- Board Member of the award winning, legal and social enterprise, Barefoot Law
- Committee Member of the Welfare and Membership Committee of the Uganda Law Society.
- Board Member Sambo Trust



#### **Hobbies /Interests outside Office:**

- Community Service especially with The Rotary Club of Acacia Sunset
- Supports Arsenal Football Club



# **Rogers Balamaga**

#### Partner

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#### **Education**

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Uganda Christian University
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice –Law Development Centre

Prior to joining CR. Amanya Advocates and Solicitors team, Rogers worked with JN Kirkland Associated Advocates.

Rogers has earned a reputation for his personal touch and the dedication he brings to each assignment. He is the co-head of the Corporate and Commercial department. He specializes in advisory, structuring, compliance and support services in commercial matters.

In banking and finance, he provides legal services to our clientele of insurance companies, banks, micro finance institutions, private equity firms and investment & fund managers. The support services largely include legal, advisory, documentation review and preparation, perfection of securities, realization of securities, review of securities and securities documentation, structuring of transactions, regulatory compliance, due diligence exercises and debt collection.

Rogers is a regular contributor of the World Bank Doing Business Project for Uganda.

#### **Memberships**

- Uganda Law Society
- East Africa Law Society

#### **Hobbies /Interests outside Office:**

- Cooking
- Writing
- Playing Chess





# Lorna Kobusingye

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#### **Education**

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) University of Dar-es-Salaam
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice –Law Development Centre (LDC).
- LLM Energy & Natural Resources Law, University of Melbourne Australia
- · Certificate in Project Management

Lorna is an international expert in Environment, Energy & Natural Resources Law with multiple years of experience in water & Sanitation, Oil & Gas sector. She previously worked in National Water and Sewage Corporation and her training at the University of Melbourne Australia in Energy and Natural Resources Law gave her an edge and expounded on her experience in this area.

Lorna's focus areas are environment, energy and natural resources development projects and she heads the Energy & Natural Resources Department and directly supervises the Land Department of the firm. She provides legal advisory services on high value water and energy projects, performance improvement programmes for water sector and policy and advocacy work in international and local environment frameworks, environmental and natural resources policy development, project management, negotiations and dispute resolution. She regularly consults and provides advisory services to multi organisations including the Government of Uganda and Ghana, private consultancies and donor agencies.

Lorna is passionate about Environmental conservation and regularly writes articles in her specialist fields and presents at seminars and training events.

#### **Memberships**

- Uganda Law Society
- East Africa Law Society

#### **Hobbies /Interests outside Office:**

- Travelling
- Listening to Music





#### **Horace Nuwasasira**

#### **Principal Associate**

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#### **Education**

- Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Makerere University, Kampala
- Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice Law Development Centre

Horace's ability to find and place all the missing pieces in a puzzle makes him stand out in the litigation and dispute resolution department. An avid chess player, Horace's main areas of focus are litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He is responsible for managing all phases of the case from interviews, investigations, taking briefs, preparing pleadings to pretrial.

He constantly participates in both local and international marathons and this persistence and ability to go long haul is reflected in his practice.

He is also involved in the commercial department particularly drafting and reviewing documents and advising clients on regulatory compliance.

#### **Hobbies /Interests outside Office:**

- Playing and watching Football
- Competing in Marathons
- Reading Motivational Writings.
- Playing indoor games like Scrabble and Chess
- Enjoys Fantasy Football.







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