



CR. AMANYA
ADVOCATES & SOLICITORS



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Corporate law is the skeleton that holds the body of business together, ensuring structure and compliance.

-David B. Wilkins



Firm Overview

CR. Amanyadvocates & Solicitors is a full service, leading law firm established in 2012 with a strong focus on corporate and commercial law, and dispute resolution. The Firm is based in Kampala, Uganda with a strong presence across the African Continent.

With a dynamic and dedicated team of vibrant and experienced advocates and support staff, you can be sure of getting exceptional service and attention to your matter. You can trust us to be your dependable legal partner.

As a premium, full service leading law firm in Uganda, we provide a comprehensive range of legal services and solutions for our national and international clients.

Our History

Claire Amanyu Rukundo – Kakeeto started the firm in 2011, inspired by the daring women who founded their own legal practices in the early 2000's, with a vision of having a specialized practice, primarily providing solutions in the Corporate and Commercial practice sphere.

On 7th February 2022, the firm named Advocate Harold Turigye as a Partner who to date runs the firm in partnership with its sole founder Advocate Claire.

Over the years, the firm has ascended to the forefront of Uganda's competitive corporate and commercial law landscape.





Accolades & Memberships

Courtesy of our membership in the W-Akili Africa and the PraelLegal legal networks, the firm has a presence and undertakes assignments in Africa and other continents.

The firm's worldwide network of collaborative law firms serves local interests and ensures a cost effective and co-ordinated strategy in matters involving multiple jurisdictions. This enhances our clients access to and ease of doing business in regional and international markets. It also allows members to have access to vast resources.

Accolades



CR Amanyā Advocates & Solicitors was recognized as one of the notable law firms in Uganda for the year 2023, by the IFLR1000, a leading international legal market research product specialized in ranking financial and corporate law firms and lawyers

Legal networks Memberships



CR Amanyā & Advocates & Solicitors is also a member of PraeLegal, a legal network which aims at meeting the needs of clients in any speciality of law, in any jurisdictions in the world with commanding in-depth knowledge of the local laws, customs and judicial systems.



CR Amanyā & Advocates & Solicitors is a member of W-Akili Africa, a legal network whose primary goal is to develop and grow the practice standards of its member firms with a view to ensuring the provision of innovative legal solutions to clients from within and outside of Africa.

Certifications

Authorized by Law Council to practice Law in Uganda



All our lawyers are licensed to practice law in all Courts



All our lawyers are members of the Uganda Law Society



All our lawyers are members of the East Africa Law Society





Our Practice

**We won't tell you what
we think you want to
hear.**

You will always get an honest
and realistic evaluation of your
corporate legal problems



CR. AmanyAdvocates 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 and realization of securities, review of securities and securities documentation, structuring of transactions, regulatory compliance, due diligence exercises and debt collection.

CR. AmanyAdvocates helps clients to secure finance both debt and equity and advises on structuring acquisitions.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- We support and frequently advise Centenary Rural Development Bank Limited on their documentation for their loan facilities, the changes in the relevant processes involved in perfection of securities and assist in the perfection and registration of securities specifically regarding securities in moveable property.
- We support and frequently assist Equity Bank Uganda Limited with the perfection of securities and provide legal representation and advice on debt recovery from defaulting Clients. We have successfully recovered USD 200,000 on behalf of Equity Bank from loan defaulters.
- We support and frequently advise Cairo Bank Uganda Limited on debt recovery from defaulting clients, documentation for their loan facilities, and changes in the relevant processes involved in perfection of securities. To that effect, we have successfully recovered USD 300,000 from loan defaulters.

Litigation & Dispute Resolution 02



CR. Amanyadvocates has a solid background in handling arbitration and litigation cases.

We combine our deep experience with vast industry knowledge and bring creativity to each assignment relentlessly protecting our clients' interests.

CR. Amanyadvocates 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 disputes, land and employment disputes, election and constitutional petitions, local and international arbitration.

We can ably represent at all levels of the dispute before including tribunals, regulatory authorities, courts of law and boards.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- We acted for AC Yafeng Construction Company Limited, providing representation in an Arbitration matter, which was decided in favour of our Client, who received an award of USD 800,000.
- We have acted for Somochem (U) Limited in numerous suits for the recovery of various sums of money, including a suit for the recovery of USD 450,000, and have successfully recovered a sum of USD 200,000.



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.

CR. Amany Advocates 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.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- We act for Olam (Uganda) Ltd a leading agri-business company, frequently advising on business transactions and drafting and reviewing contracts and supply agreements.
- We frequently act for Britam Insurance Company (Uganda) Ltd, advising and assisting with statutory compliance issues with Uganda Registration Services Bureau, the Insurance Regulatory Authority, the Financial Intelligence Authority and advising on ethical corporate governance policies. We further supported the Company by conducting research and issuing a legal opinion on establishing a life assurance company in Uganda Registration & Licensing of a life assurance company with share capital of USD 1,125,000.
- We act for Impala Feeds Limited, a subsidiary of Feedlance Ukraine, advising on Joint Venture Agreement, management and reporting on the utilization of funds obtained under a grant from the Netherlands Government and Corporate Financing for purposes of raising capital for company activities.

Corporate & Commercial

- We acted for SON Fish Farm Ltd, providing advisory on Board issues involving Board structuring, appointment and removal of directors and advisory on review of the company policy on appointments, roles and key performance indicators of directors.
- Acted for the Higher Education Students' Financing Board, a statutory body governing the disbursement of student loans to Ugandan citizens, on the Induction of new board; drafting and preparation of the Board Charter; and provision of legal advisory services.
- We acted for Uganda Dancesport Federation in which we drafted a trust deed and constitution to govern the Federation and processed the Federation's incorporation as a trust at the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development.
- We acted for Frontline Hospital on: Incorporation of the company (Frontline Medicare (U) Ltd); registration of a trademark for its name and logo; registration with NSSF; obtaining an operating license from Uganda Medical and Dental Practitioners Council; registration with the Petroleum Authority of Uganda (PAU) National Supplier Database; and are currently assisting with ISO certification.
- We serve the Board of Comfort Homes Uganda Limited as the Company Secretary, providing company secretarial services, advisory on the registration of Intellectual Property Rights, corporate governance, corporate structuring and advisory on numerous transactions including but not limited to land transactions.
- We act for Osho Chemical Industries Limited, assisting with the registration and renewal of Intellectual Property rights with Uganda Registration Services Bureau, to wit, we have successfully registered 73 trademarks.

Corporate law is the invisible hand that guides businesses through the complexities of legal obligations and rights."

- Richard Susskind





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.

CR. Amanyadvocates 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.

CR. Amanyadvocates services here under include advice on; procurement laws and procedures, liaising with regulatory and licensing authorities, compensation of land owners, importation of equipment and staffing issues.

We are guided by our knowledge of FIDIC Conditions of Contract for the Construction Industry worldwide.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- We act for, frequently advise and provide representation to Young Jin Construction Inc. in the preparation, negotiation and enforcement of construction contracts with potential clients in Uganda.
- We act for Lori Systems Uganda Limited, a transportation company, frequently reviewing and enforcing their transportation contracts with Clients, ensuring that their interests are secured.
- We act for HK Properties, a leading property developer in Uganda, frequently advising on Land Purchase transactions, processing requisite approvals from National Environment Management Authority and Kampala Capital City Authority.



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.

CR. Amanyadvocates assists in recovery of security bond deposits from the immigration department when the holders of the entry permits are leaving the country and helps to deal with and recover any money contributed to the National Social Security Fund.

CR. Amanyadvocates offers employment law advice to its clients and assists in; preparation and review of employment contracts, compliance with the employment regulations, provision of redundancy and restructuring services, representation of clients in the industrial court & liaises with labour officers.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- As retained Counsel to HK Properties, whom we routinely advise on employment matters, we assisted with the designing the organogram of the organisation, the preparation of employment contracts for employees and the review of internal employment policies.
- We acted for Britam Insurance (U) Ltd in drafting the Company's internal human resource policies and reviewing the company's contracts of employment.



CR. Amanyadvocates 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.

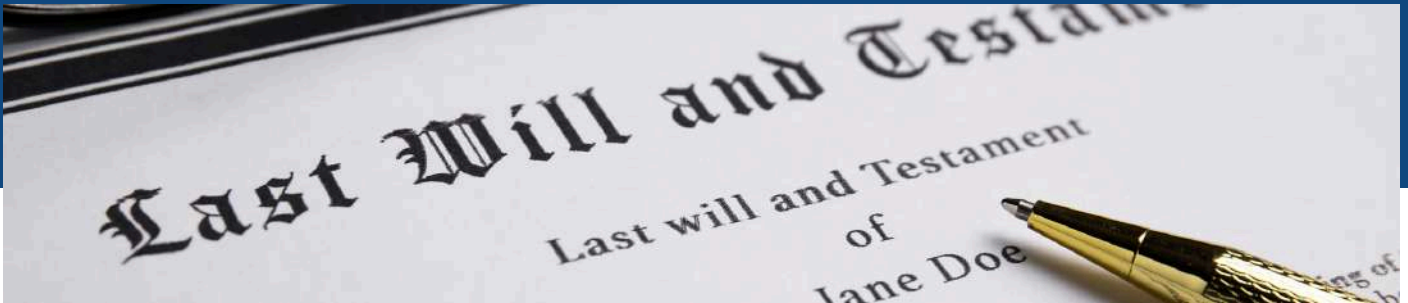
Besides the Company advisory services, specific to the sector services include:

· processing exploration and exploitation licenses, mining leases, operation of concessions, assignment of existing rights, handling environmental impact assessments and environmental claims.

We also help broker sale and purchase deals of clients with Mining licenses, so speak to us should you be interested.

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- We acted for White Nile Consults Limited, an oil and petroleum waste management company, advising on registration with the Petroleum Authority of Uganda and obtaining a certificate of Approval of Environmental and Social Impact Assessment from National Environment Management Authority. We further reviewed the service level agreements used by the company to govern its business relations with clients.



CR. Amanyra Advocates 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;
- powers of Attorney (General, Special & Medical).

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- We frequently draft and receive wills and codicils from our clients for witnessing and safe keeping, advising on the most appropriate systems to put in place to safeguard their interests and the interests of their families upon death.
- We have assisted a client with the preparation of a Trust Deed and incorporation of a trust at the Ministry of Lands, Housing and Urban Development for purposes of dealing with property left in the Will of his deceased relative.

Our Team



CR. Amanyadvocates & Solicitors' mission is to provide comprehensive, relevant, effective and high-quality solutions to Clients, regardless of the complexity or the number of nuances surrounding the problem.

At the helm of the organisation is Claire Amanyadvocates Rukundo – Kakeeto, a visionary with a rich and illustrious career in the legal sector spanning a period of 18 years of active practice. An academic and avid reader, she constantly strives for excellence, innovation and structures in legal practice, which traits are evident in the day-to-day operations of the firm.



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A professional portrait of Claire Amanyia Rukundo-Kakeeto, a Black woman with short hair, smiling and wearing a dark blue blazer and skirt. She is standing with her arms crossed. The background is a light blue gradient.

Claire Amanyia Rukundo-Kakeeto

Managing Partner

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Claire Amanyia Rukundo-Kakeeto

Claire is a Corporate and Commercial lawyer with over 18 years professional experience backed by a strong academic background. Claire has extensive experience in working with international clients and provision of legal advisory services including advisory services on company secretarial services, banking and finance, conveyancing, corporate restructuring, immigration, employment, infrastructure, and dispute resolution.

Educational Background

She emerged the best student in Uganda in the A' Level Exams of 2002 and thereafter was awarded the Inter University scholarship. She obtained her LLB, Bachelor of Laws degree from University of Dar-es-Salaam where she was amongst the best students in her class. She pursued her Diploma in Legal Practice at the Law Development Centre (LDC), Kampala where she emerged the best student of the Bar Course and was awarded the Chief Justice Prize for exceptional academic excellence and also the Denton Wilde Sapte Prize for Best Student of the Bar Course. Claire attained her Masters in Law in International Business Law from University College London (UCL) where she was also awarded the John Carr Scholarship for students from Africa and the Caribbean.

Representative experience

- Legal advisor and provider of various legal services to many leading multinational and local companies including banks (Centenary Rural Development Bank, Equity Bank, Bank of Africa & Cairo Bank) and insurance, construction and property development companies Britam Insurance Company, Youngjin Construction Inc, Comfort Homes Limited, African Marine And General Engineering Limited, Kigezi Steel Company, Ac Yafeng Construction Company, Johnnass International College.
- She has also represented many prominent and leading individuals in Uganda including the former Executive Director of KCCA Jennifer Musisi who gave her first case when she opened her law firm.

Memberships

- Uganda Law Society
- East Africa Law Society
- American Bar Association
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- Uganda Women Lawyers Federation (FIDA)
- Institute of Corporate Governance of Uganda (ICGU)



Harold Turigye

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Harold Turigye

Harold is an Advocate of the High Court and all courts subordinate to. He holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws degree from Makerere University.

Harold boasts of eight (8) years of experience in legal practice, with a fruitful and commendable art and execution of instructions pertaining to Insurance, Banking, Arbitration, Intellectual property, Construction Contract Management, Employment, Human Rights, Enforcement and Labour related services, Corporate Governance and Debt management and recovery. Harold has represented a vast number of high-profile local and international firms, companies and NGOs in different dispute fora and fostered the establishment of sound legal systems.

Representative experience

- Represented two international firms for recovery against the government.
- Represented an International firm on contract negotiation, execution and recovery on a major national project funded by the African Development Bank.
- Winding up a company with over 200 creditors, and total debt of over UGX.7,000,000,000/=
- Part of the legal team preparing pleadings and submissions relating to the review of the claim of the Republic Public of Congo against Uganda at the International Court of Justice.
- Successfully represented an international mining foreign investor to recover over \$10,000,000 Dollars arising out of a Tin Operation Mining Agreement.
- Successfully represented one of the major Insurance Companies in Uganda in several subrogation matters to recover over a UGX. 5,000,000,000/=, all in complex insurance and regulatory disputes at the High Court and arbitration tribunals.
- Represented an international broadcaster for license renewal for Television broadcasting by UCC.

Memberships

- Uganda Law Society
- East Africa Law Society
- Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity.

ASSOCIATES



Abigail Amahoro

Abigail holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Makerere University.

Abigail takes the lead in handling all the corporate advisory matters, perfection of securities, contract negotiation and advisory governing various transactions, advisory on banking and finance and research.



Patience Ampaire

Patience holds a Diploma in Tax and Revenue Administration, a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Uganda Christian University. She is a member of the East African Law Society and the Uganda Law Society.

She heads the research department of the firm.



Hillary Ahimbisibwe

Hillary holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Uganda Christian University. He is a member of the East African Law Society and the Uganda Law Society.

He has experience in Conveyancing/Land Law and Real Estate, Corporate and Commercial Law, Intellectual Property, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Family Law/Succession Law, Labour/Employment Law and Trade law.



Eric Mamanzi, Associate

Eric holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Kampala International University. He is a member of the East African Law Society and the Uganda Law Society.

He has experience in Conveyancing/Land Law and Real Estate, Corporate and Commercial Law, Intellectual Property, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Litigation.

LEGAL ASSISTANTS



Israel Kisakye Matovu

Israel holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Uganda Christian University.

He supports the Litigation department of the firm, and has experience in Corporate Secretarial work, Banking and Finance, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Litigation, and Business Development



Gertrude Nabuduwa

Gertrude holds a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from Law Development Centre and a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Makerere University.

She supports the Corporate & Commercial department of the firm, and has experience in Legal Research, Corporate Secretarial work, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Litigation, Employment Law, and Human Rights Law.



Baryomunsi Rugwisagye

Baryomunsi holds Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from Kampala International University. He provides crucial support to the firm's Litigation department where he conducts legal research, drafts documents, organizes case files, and assists in trial preparation.

He also conducts debt collections, recoveries and liaises with clients to contribute to the smooth functioning of the litigation process.

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Aisha Babirye Sendagire

Aisha holds a Diploma in Law from the Law Development Centre.

She provides crucial support to the firm's commercial department where she conducts legal research, drafts documents, organizes case files, and liaises with regulatory authorities.

She is responsible for practice management, document management. In addition to scheduling meetings, organizing travel arrangements and maintaining the firm's data bases, she also plays a supervisory role over the support staff.



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