

CURRICULUM VITAE

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(iii) Law Society of Kenya
(iv) East Africa Law Society

1. Objective

Career development in law, legal practice, corporate legal affairs and service provision in either the private or public sector.

2. Education Background

- 2005 - 2007 **University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya**
 - Master's degree in **International Trade and Investment Law**. (LLM)
- 1999 - 2003 **Moi University, Eldoret, Kenya**
 - Bachelor of laws degree. (LLB)
- 1995 - 1998 **Njiiri Boys High School, Murang'a, Kenya**
 - Kenya Certificate of Secondary Education. (KCSE)
- 1988 - 1994 **Makini Primary School, Nairobi, Kenya**
 - Kenya Certificate of Primary Education. (KCPE)

3. Professional Qualifications

August 2010 **CLE/KSL, Kituo Cha Sheria & National Training for Trial Advocacy**

- Access to justice Trial Advocacy Training

November 2006 **WIPO-Worldwide Academy, Geneva, Switzerland.**

- DL 001 - Intellectual Property Primer.
- DL 101 - Intellectual Property Law.

4. Employment Experience

August 2011 – to date; **SICHANGI PARTNERS ADVOCATES,**

Position: Team leader – **(SINTEPO) Mombasa Road Office**

- Marketing and growing the unit and ensuring that there is a constant flow of business to the unit.
- Reporting to the senior management of the progress in marketing and in the general performance of the unit.
- Receiving instructions from clients and generally addressing the client's concerns.
- Attending client meetings and ensuring that client instructions are adhered to the letter.
- Litigation, debt-collection and conveyancing and commercial law for financial institutions, insurance companies, private and public companies and individuals clients among others.
- Provision of legal services and advise in all areas of arbitration, labour law, conveyancing and commercial law, debt recovery and security realization including the drafting and preparation of leases, charges, mortgages, discharge of charges, indentures, reconveyances, debentures, power of attorneys, guarantee and indemnity agreements, trusts, societies, associations, foundations, NGO's and the incorporation of limited liability companies.
- Prosecuting and defending public procurement/tender disputes in the Public Procurement Oversight Authority (PPOA) on behalf of the procurement entity or the tender candidates.
- Defending and watching brief in criminal matters.
- Handling Succession disputes, to wit obtaining grants of probate of wills, grants of letters of administration *inter alia*.
- Preparation and drafting of complaints, defences, notice of motions, chamber summons and all other trial briefs and documents.
- Negotiating out of court settlements, appealing against judgments and rulings and/or seeking review of the same on behalf of our clientele and ensuring that their interests are protected at all times.
- Prosecuting and defending of clients in civil and criminal courts, tribunals, arbitrations, mediations and conciliations.
- Developing and analyzing source materials and documentation, managing contracts of local and global supplier relationships, handling bids and negotiations and analyzing contracts on behalf of a client.
- Reviewing trends in the law relating to issues that affect clients, taking witness statements, reviewing investigation reports and assembling exhibits prepared or available for each case.

January 2011 – July 2011; **SICHANGI PARTNERS ADVOCATES,**

Position: Senior Associate – **(Litigation, Arbitration & Commercial Law Department) Hill Plaza**

- Supervising and monitoring Associates and Junior Associates in the execution of legal work.
- Litigation, debt-collection and conveyancing and commercial law for financial institutions, insurance companies, private and public companies and individuals clients among others.
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January 2008 – December 2010; **AMOLO & GACOKA ADVOCATES,**

Position: Associate

- Litigation, debt-collection and conveyancing and commercial law for financial institutions, insurance companies, private and public companies and individuals clients among others.
- Provision of legal services and advise in all areas of arbitration, labour law, conveyancing and commercial law, debt recovery and security realization including the drafting and preparation of leases, charges, mortgages, discharge of charges, indentures, reconveyances, debentures, power of attorneys, guarantee and indemnity agreements, trusts, societies, associations, foundations, NGO's and the incorporation of limited liability companies.
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July 2007 – December 2007; **PIONEER INTERNATIONAL COLLEGE,**

Position: Lecturer of law

- Part time lecturer of Commercial law, Criminal law, Public law and Labour and Employment law based on the University of London External law programme.

January 2007 – June 2007; **LORD DIPLOCK'S LEARNING CENTRE,**

Position: Lecturer of law

- Part time lecturer of Intellectual Property law, Land law, Commercial law and Conveyancing both based on the University of London External law programme.
- Part time lecturer of Commercial law, Civil and Criminal Procedure, Legal Drafting and Advocacy and Professional Ethics and Practice based on the Kenya School of Law programme.

June 2003 – November 2004; **OBURA, OKIRO & MBECHÉ ADVOCATES,**

Position: Bar Candidate/Legal Assistant

- Recruited as a pupil under the mentorship of the Senior Partners of the firm and whose duties included, but were not limited to: -
- Assisting in the interviewing of clients and updating them on the progress of their files.
- Accompanying "*inter alia*" the Senior Partners to court and assisting them in the preparation and prosecution of court briefs.
- Was charged with of taking witness statements, conducting research, developing reports and preparing pre-trial briefs for senior counsel in all labor matters.

- Conducting research for the various courts and other related matters and drafting legal pleadings and all other court documents.
- Preparing conveyances, leases and mortgages and the registration of documents, calculation of stamp duty and conducting searches.

5. Academic Writings

- “Novelty in Patents: A Case for the Review of the Patenting Regime in Kenya.” A paper submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of a Master’s (LLM) Degree in Law (Published).
- An article on the legal regime regulating the taxation of the petroleum industry (Published).
- An article on the taxation of intellectual property (Published).
- Several articles on jurisprudence.
- Several articles on international commercial arbitration.
- Several articles on multilateral financial institutions, regional trade arrangements and on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT) and on the World Trade Organization (WTO).
- “A Demystification of the Human Rights Agenda in Kenya.” (2003). A dissertation submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the award of a Bachelor’s (LLB) Degree in Law (Published).
- An article on the legal regime of the sea.
- An article on the legal regime pertaining to the HIV/AIDS Pandemic in Kenya and its impact on the socio-economic and legal framework (Published).
- An article on the evaluation of the Children’s Act (Kenya) of 2001 (Published).
- An article on the relevance of “Collective Bargaining Agreements” in Kenya.
- An article on the demystification of the environmental legal regime in Kenya.

6. Interests and Activities

Playing chess, reading widely, watching movies, traveling and socializing.

7. Languages

	<u>Speaking</u>	<u>Reading</u>	<u>Writing</u>
English:	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent
Kiswahili:	Excellent	Excellent	Excellent

8. References

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9. Certification

I the undersigned certify that to the best of my knowledge and belief, all the information stated in this document is a true and complete reflection of my qualifications, my experience and of myself.

Claude Benard Muthee Kamau