



Company Profile

Full-service law firm · Kampala, Uganda
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Our motto

Excellence in Advocacy. Integrity in Service.
Leadership in Law.





— WELCOME

A welcome from our Managing Partner

Thank you for your interest in Magna Advocates.

Magna Advocates was founded on a simple conviction: clients deserve legal advice that is technically excellent, commercially grounded and delivered by people who take personal responsibility for the outcome. Since 2016, that conviction has guided our work for banks, investors, multinational companies, public bodies and families across Uganda and East Africa.

Our eight practice areas are led by experienced heads of department and supported by a team that works as one. Whether you are structuring a financing, entering the Ugandan market, protecting family wealth or resolving a dispute, you will find advocates who listen first, explain your options plainly and stay accountable from the first meeting to the final resolution.

Our motto — Excellence in Advocacy, Integrity in Service, Leadership in Law — is the standard we hold ourselves to every day. We would welcome the opportunity to put it to work for you.

Jackline Natukunda

Managing Partner

Head of Banking, Finance & Insurance and Aviation Law

About us



Vision

To be the leading full-service law firm in Uganda and a preferred legal partner in East Africa, renowned for excellence, integrity, innovation and impactful legal solutions.



Mission

To provide exceptional legal services that safeguard clients' interests, advance justice, create value and contribute to sustainable economic development through professionalism, innovation and ethical practice.



Motto

Excellence in Advocacy. Integrity in Service. Leadership in Law.

Two established practices. One standard of work.

Magna Advocates was founded in 2016 through the merger of A.N. Sserunjogi Advocates and Kyazze & Co. Advocates. Founding partners Nasser Sserunjogi and Joseph Kyazze brought together complementary practices in corporate and commercial law, banking and finance, and litigation.

Today we advise companies, investors, financial institutions, public bodies and families across eight practice areas, from Magna Chambers on Kanjokya Street, Kampala, with an affiliate network supporting matters across East Africa and beyond.

Our approach is simple: understand the business behind the legal question, give clear advice, and stay accountable for the result.

Before 2016

A.N. Sserunjogi Advocates and Kyazze & Co. Advocates build established practices in Kampala.

2016

The two firms merge to form Magna Advocates.

Today

Eight practice areas, a team of partners and associates, and clients across Uganda and East Africa.

Next

Our ambition: to be the leading full-service law firm in Uganda and a preferred legal partner in East Africa.

2016

Founded

8

Practice areas

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Lawyers and staff

EA

East African reach

Company values

At Magna Advocates, our values define who we are, guide how we serve our clients, shape our culture, and inspire our contribution to society. We are committed to upholding the highest standards of legal practice and professional conduct in all that we do.



Integrity

We act honestly, ethically, and transparently in every engagement. We safeguard client confidentiality, honour our commitments, and uphold the rule of law without compromise.

■ We commit to doing what is right, even when no one is watching.



Excellence

We pursue the highest standards of legal service and continually strive to exceed expectations through quality, diligence, innovation, and attention to detail.

■ We commit to delivering outstanding legal solutions and exceptional results.



Professionalism

We conduct ourselves with competence, respect, courtesy, and accountability in our interactions with clients, colleagues, courts, regulators, and the wider community.

■ We commit to maintaining the dignity and honour of the legal profession.



Innovation

We embrace creativity, technology, and continuous improvement to provide modern, efficient, and forward-looking legal services.

■ We commit to finding better ways to serve our clients and strengthen our practice.

Company values



Client-Centred Service

Client satisfaction is our number one priority. It lies at the very heart of who we are, shaping how we serve, how we work, and the standards to which we hold ourselves. Our clients are at the heart of everything we do. We strive to understand their needs, anticipate challenges, and provide practical, timely, and value-driven solutions.

We commit to building lasting relationships based on trust, responsiveness, and results.



Accountability

We take responsibility for our actions, decisions, and performance. We honour our obligations, measure our results, and learn from our experiences.

We commit to being answerable for the quality and impact of our work.



Teamwork

We believe that our collective strength is greater than individual effort. We foster collaboration, mutual respect, knowledge sharing, and support across the firm.

We commit to succeeding together and helping each other grow.



Social Responsibility

We recognise our duty to contribute positively to society through pro bono service, access to justice initiatives, mentorship, community engagement, and responsible business practices.

We commit to using the law as a force for positive change.

Our pledge

As members of Magna Advocates, we pledge to embody these values in our daily work, our relationships, our decisions, and our service to clients and society. Through Integrity Excellence, Professionalism, Innovation, Client-Centred Service, Accountability, Teamwork, and Social Responsibility, we will advance our vision of being a leading law firm and a trusted partner in the pursuit of justice and sustainable development.



Why choose Magna Advocates?

1

Two firms, one standard

Formed by the 2016 merger of A.N. Sserunjogi Advocates and Kyazze & Co. Advocates.

2

Commercially minded

Advice framed around your business objectives, not just the legal question.

3

Uganda and East Africa

Deep local practice with the reach to support cross-border matters.

4

Integrity first

Zero tolerance for fraud, bribery and corruption, and strict client confidentiality.



Practice areas

Eight practice areas, one coordinated team. Each practice is led by an experienced head of department and draws on the whole firm.

01	Banking, Finance and Insurance	Jackline Natukunda
02	Tax, Regulatory and Investigation	Daniel Mwijukye
03	Energy, Infrastructure and Natural Resources	Joseph Kyazze
04	Technology, Data and Fin-Tech	Nasser Sserunjogi
05	M&A, Private Equity and Venture Capital	Nasser Sserunjogi
06	Aviation Law	Jackline Natukunda
07	Estates Planning and Trusts	Berna Nakyeyune
08	Dispute Resolution and Arbitration	Joseph Kyazze



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— PRACTICE AREA

Banking, Finance and Insurance

Head of department: Jackline Natukunda

Advising banks, microfinance institutions, insurers, borrowers and investors across the full spectrum of financial transactions.

We advise banks, microfinance institutions, insurers, borrowers and investors across the full spectrum of financial transactions. Our work covers syndicated and bilateral lending, project and trade finance, security structuring and enforcement, debt restructuring, and capital markets instruments. On the insurance side, we guide insurers, brokers and policyholders on licensing, product approval, policy drafting, reinsurance arrangements and claims disputes, ensuring compliance with the requirements of the Bank of Uganda, the Insurance Regulatory Authority and the Capital Markets Authority.

How we help

- Syndicated and bilateral lending, project and trade finance
- Capital markets instruments
- Security structuring, enforcement and debt restructuring
- Insurance licensing, product approval, policy drafting, reinsurance and claims disputes



TAX LAW

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— PRACTICE AREA

Tax, Regulatory and Investigation

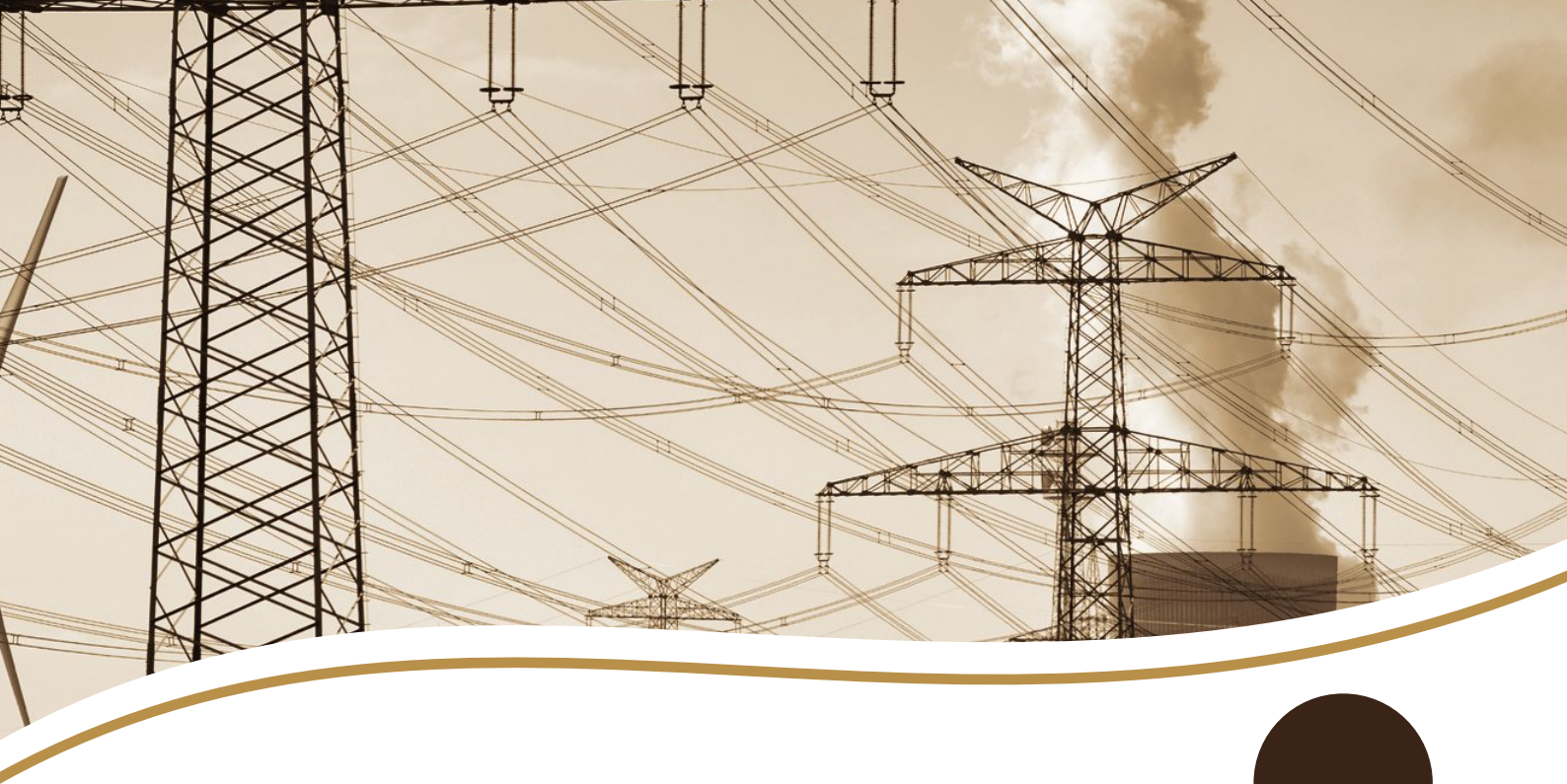
Head of department: Daniel Mwijukye

Helping businesses navigate an increasingly complex tax and regulatory landscape.

We help businesses navigate an increasingly complex tax and regulatory landscape. Our services include tax planning and structuring, transfer pricing, tax audits and objections, and representation before the Uganda Revenue Authority and the Tax Appeals Tribunal. We also advise on sector licensing and compliance obligations, and conduct internal investigations into fraud, corruption, anti-money laundering and other regulatory breaches, supporting clients through engagements with regulators and enforcement agencies.

How we help

- Tax planning, structuring and transfer pricing
- Tax audits, objections and representation before the Uganda Revenue Authority and the Tax Appeals Tribunal
- Sector licensing and compliance obligations
- Internal investigations into fraud, corruption, anti-money laundering and other regulatory breaches



03

— PRACTICE AREA

Energy, Infrastructure and Natural Resources

Head of department: Joseph Kyazze

Acting for developers, investors, lenders and government agencies on oil and gas, mining, power and infrastructure projects.

We act for developers, investors, lenders and government agencies on projects in oil and gas, mining, renewable and conventional power, and public infrastructure. Our expertise spans licensing and production-sharing arrangements, power purchase and EPC contracts, public-private partnerships, land acquisition, local content requirements, and environmental and social compliance. We support clients from project conception and financing through construction and operation.

How we help

- Licensing and production-sharing arrangements
- Land acquisition and local content requirements
- Power purchase and EPC contracts, and public-private partnerships
- Environmental and social compliance



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PRACTICE AREA

Technology, Data and Fin-Tech

Head of department: Nasser Sserunjogi

Advising innovators, technology companies, payment service providers and financial institutions at the intersection of law and technology.

We advise innovators, technology companies, payment service providers and financial institutions at the intersection of law and technology. Our work includes data protection and privacy compliance, cybersecurity, technology contracts and licensing, e-commerce and digital platforms, intellectual property, and the regulation of mobile money, digital lending, payment systems and emerging technologies such as blockchain and digital assets. We help clients launch and scale new products while managing regulatory risk.

How we help

- Data protection, privacy and cybersecurity compliance
- Technology contracts, licensing, e-commerce and intellectual property
- Regulation of mobile money, digital lending and payment systems
- Blockchain, digital assets and other emerging technologies



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PRACTICE AREA

M&A, Private Equity and Venture Capital

Head of department: Nasser Sserunjogi

Guiding buyers, sellers, investors, founders and fund managers through mergers, acquisitions and investment transactions.

We guide buyers, sellers, investors, founders and fund managers through mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures and investment transactions. Our services cover legal due diligence, deal structuring, negotiation and drafting of transaction documents, shareholder arrangements, competition and regulatory approvals, and post-completion integration. We also support private equity and venture capital investors and the companies they back at every stage, from seed funding to exit.

How we help

- Legal due diligence and deal structuring
- Negotiation and drafting of transaction documents and shareholder arrangements
- Competition and regulatory approvals, and post-completion integration
- Private equity and venture capital, from seed funding to exit



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— PRACTICE AREA

Aviation Law

Head of department: Jackline Natukunda

Advising airlines, lessors, financiers, airport operators and ground handlers on the commercial and regulatory aspects of aviation.

We advise airlines, aircraft lessors and financiers, airport operators, ground handlers and other industry participants on the commercial and regulatory aspects of aviation. Our expertise includes aircraft acquisition, leasing and financing, registration and Cape Town Convention filings, air operator licensing and Civil Aviation Authority compliance, air services agreements, and passenger and cargo liability matters.

How we help

- Aircraft acquisition, leasing and financing
- Air operator licensing and Civil Aviation Authority compliance
- Registration and Cape Town Convention filings
- Air services agreements, and passenger and cargo liability



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— PRACTICE AREA

Estates Planning and Trusts

Head of department: Berna Nakyeyune

Helping individuals, families and business owners protect and pass on their wealth with certainty.

We help individuals, families and business owners protect and pass on their wealth with certainty. Our services include drafting wills, establishing family and charitable trusts, succession planning for family businesses, estate administration, and applications for probate and letters of administration. We also resolve estate and succession disputes sensitively and efficiently, with a focus on preserving family relationships and legacies.

How we help

- Wills, and family and charitable trusts
- Succession planning for family businesses
- Estate administration, probate and letters of administration
- Resolving estate and succession disputes



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— PRACTICE AREA

Dispute Resolution and Arbitration

Head of department: Joseph Kyazze

Representing clients in complex commercial disputes before courts, tribunals and arbitral bodies, at home and internationally.

We represent clients in complex commercial disputes before the courts, tribunals and arbitral bodies at both domestic and international levels. Our team handles litigation, domestic and international arbitration, mediation and other forms of alternative dispute resolution, as well as the enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards. We take a strategic, commercially minded approach aimed at resolving disputes efficiently and protecting our clients' interests.

How we help

- Commercial litigation
- Domestic and international arbitration
- Mediation and other alternative dispute resolution
- Enforcement of judgments and arbitral awards

Matters that reflect the scale of our work



UGX 28 billion

Infrastructure compensation

A compensation matter arising from land acquisition for the Namanve–Luzira transmission line.

48 properties

Banking and property dispute

A dispute concerning 48 former Crane Bank properties.

UGX 24.05 billion

Banking dispute award

An award of approximately UGX 24.05 billion arising from account mismanagement and unlawful transactions.

UGX 7 billion

Commercial litigation

A commercial litigation matter involving a UGX 7 billion claim against Tropical Bank Limited.

Prior results do not guarantee a similar outcome.



HOW WE WORK

How we work with you

A clear path from first call to completed matter, so you always know what happens next.

1

Request

Book online or call us. Tell us briefly what you need.

2

Check & engage

We run a conflict check, verify identity as the law requires, and confirm scope and fees in an engagement letter.

3

Strategy

Your lead advocate sets out the options, risks, timeline and the recommended route.

4

Execution

We act — drafting, negotiating, filing or litigating — with regular, plain-language updates.

5

Completion

We close the matter, hand over documents and stay available for what comes next.



For international clients

INTERNATIONAL CLIENTS

We regularly support investors and companies entering or operating in Uganda and the wider East African region, including on structuring, licensing, transactions and disputes.



Regional reach

From Kampala, we advise on matters across Uganda and East Africa, supported by an affiliate network for cross-border work.



Clear communication

Our website is available in English, French, Swahili and Hindi. Formal legal advice and documents are provided in English, the language of Uganda's courts and statutes.



Meet the way that suits you

Consultations in person at Magna Chambers, by video call or by phone.



A clear engagement

Every matter starts with a conflict check, identity verification as the law requires, and an engagement letter confirming scope and fees.

Meet our team

Partners, heads of department and senior associates



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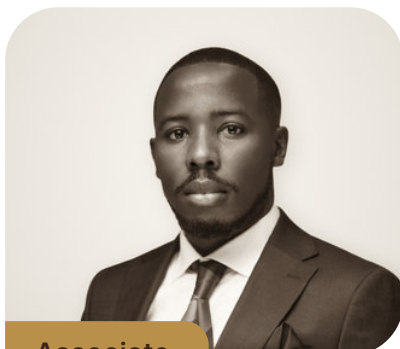


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Meet our team

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Eight practices, one team

Each practice area is led by an experienced head of department. See page 09 for every practice and its head.



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