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Greetings from the team at Kakuru & Co. Advocates.

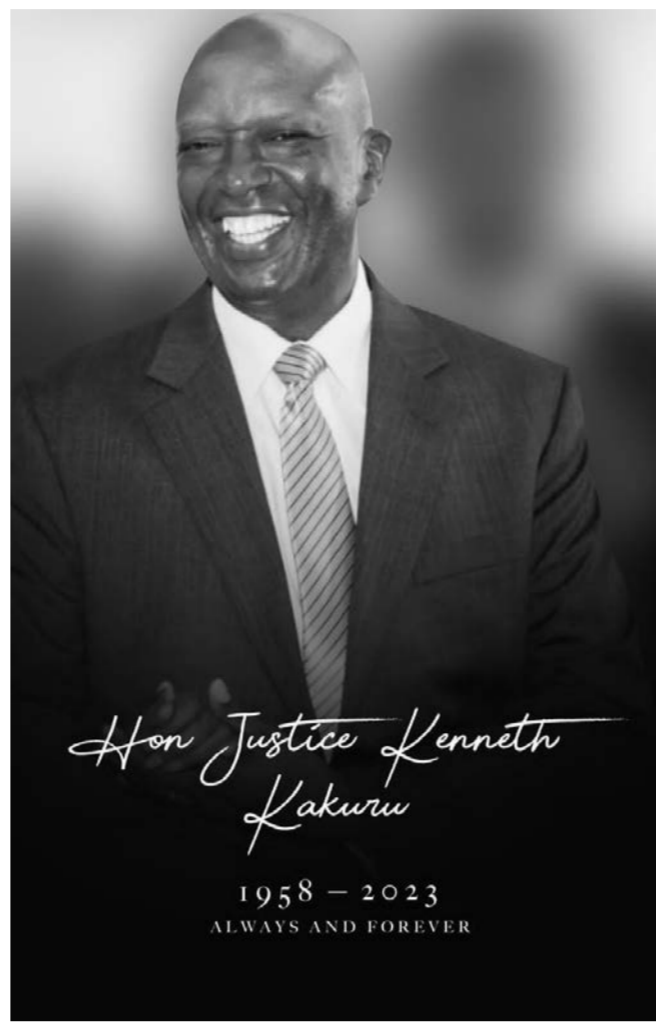
Welcome to the December edition of our newsletter!

## Tribute

Hon. Justice Kenneth Kakuru the founding partner of Kakuru & Co. Advocates passed away early this year on 7th March 2023. The late Hon. Justice Kakuru founded the firm on the 27th day of February 1987. He was the Managing Partner since then, until his appointment as a Justice of the Court of Appeal/ Constitutional Court on 4th of July 2013.

He diligently served at the Bench and has been referred to as *“a resilient and towering icon of justice to be dearly missed on the Bench!”* In the Judiciary Insider Issue 19, September 2023.

<https://judiciary.go.ug/data/insider>



## Litigation

Kakuru & Co. Advocates (Kadvoc) has obtained victory in all litigation matters whose judgment was delivered this year. Most notably, a landmark decision in the Supreme Court regarding an extremely contentious land matter in the case of *Steven Kalanzi Katabazi, Henry Senoga, Isaac Matovu Versus Ignatius Kadoma and Hati Kobusingye Civil Appeal No. 3 of 2018*. Facts being that the respondents (our clients) sued the appellants for trespass on 0.18 acres in their property comprised in Kyadondo Block 269 Plot 25, land at Lubowa, where upon the appellants counter claimed against the respondent for a declaration that they had a right of use of the 0.18 acres as an access road to their Plot and that the respondent was guilty of a private nuisance against the appellants for erecting a wall on the access road.

The High Court allowed the suit of the respondents, dismissed the counterclaim of the appellants and issued orders as to damages and made declarations against the appellants. Being dissatisfied, the appellants appealed to the Court of Appeal which dismissed the appeal but reduced on amount of damages ordered by the High Court, the appellants filed a second appeal to Supreme Court which was equally dismissed the suit with costs to the respondents (our client).

Additionally, we have advised a number of our clients and settled most of their matters outside court hence avoided unnecessarily litigation.

In similar regard, we have commenced litigation in instances where our team has assessed and found it to be the most suitable means to achieve our clients' remedies/protect their interests.

## Corporate practice

There have been numerous compliance changes in the corporate field of law, especially regarding fees payable, procedures and digitalization of most services. Our lawyers have kept abreast with the changes and have flexibly adapted and extended the same services to our clients in a timely and purposeful manner. We have not failed or delayed to meet the legal needs of our clients despite the above-mentioned changes.

## Mentorship

Baryamujura Mahad and Mutabazi Anicia Keza joined the Kadvoc team for a thrilling clerkship experience. ( clerkship is “internship” done in the final term of the bar course and is an introduction and examination of student’s understanding of the practical legal knowledge and skills)

Our team extended all round practical legal skills and natured the mentees as they got initiated into the practical legal field.

In the same regard, Kadvoc retained the two former clerkship students as volunteers at the firm as they kick off their legal career.



## Extension of Practice Areas

Our practice areas have expanded to include Revenue law and taxation. Our team is composed of advocates who have immense knowledge of the practice and laws that govern domestic and international taxation. This to include services of Tax planning and restructuring, Tax strategy and risk management, Tax Due diligence, Corporate Tax, Tax compliance advice, Tax exemption advice, Tax policy Advisory, Tax audits, filing of tax returns, Tax registration, Tax consultancy, Transfer pricing, transactional taxes, Tax Trainings, tax-related litigation, Accounting outsourcing among others. Upon this, the firm is committed to extend the same services to our existing clients going forward.

## Events

Our Managing Partner [Samantha Atukunda Kakuru Mwesigwa](#) was in Nairobi and caught up with Kevin Karuga of Africa's Talking. Africa's Talking (<https://africastalking.com>). Kadvoc has been providing legal service to Africa's Talking since 2014.



Our team lead by [Mr. Amos Musheija](#) facilitated a training at Blue Crane Communications (<https://bcc.co.ug/>) in matters relating to employment/labour laws and practice.

## Prospects

Projecting into the new year 2024, Kadvoc plans to add value to our clients by providing quarterly trainings on various legal topics that are necessary for the effective running of their businesses and well-being of their team members.



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