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TRUSTED LEGAL ADVICE AND SOLUTIONS.

**Not If, But How.**

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Law firm profile

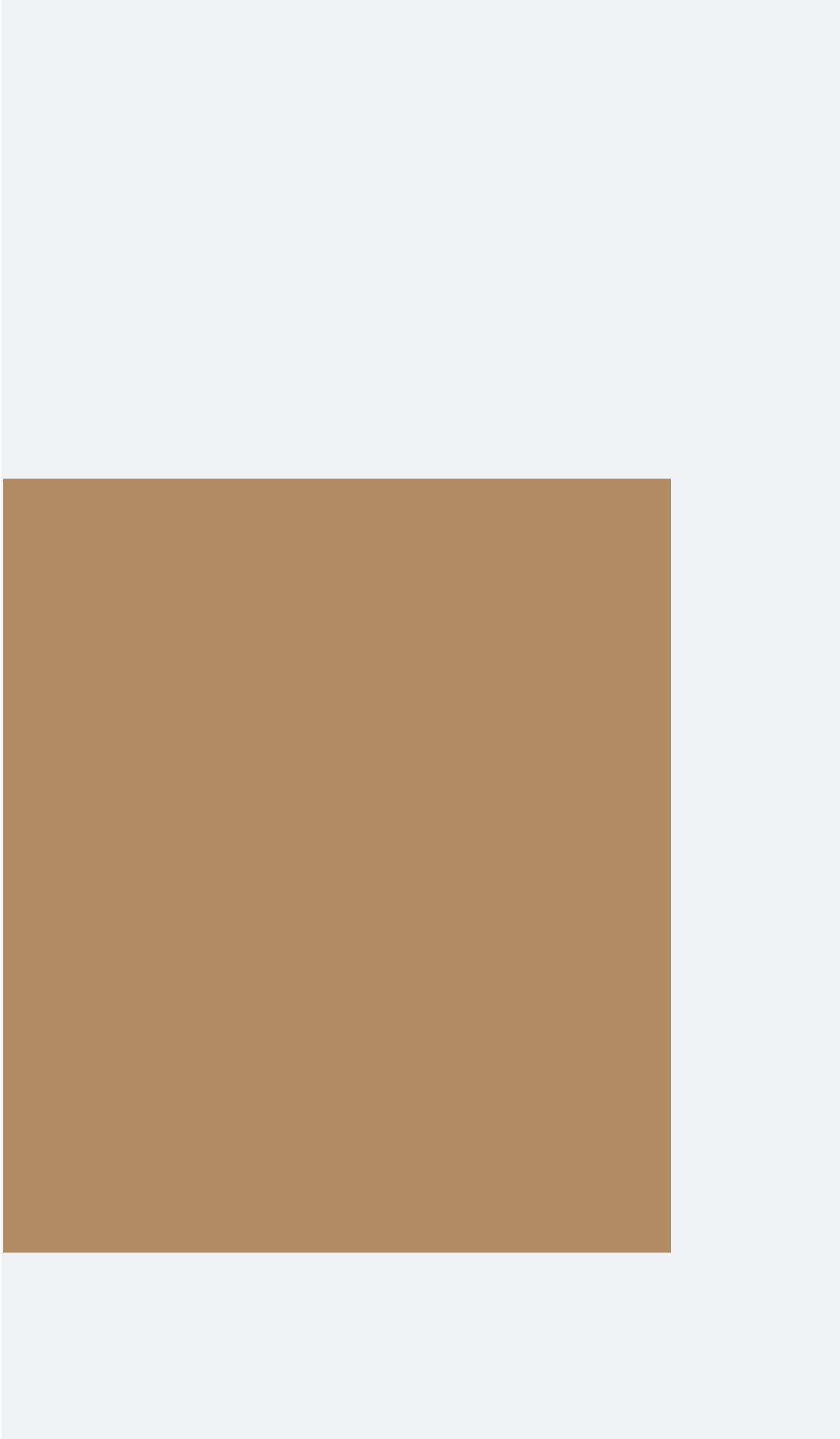






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## FOREWORD BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE PARTNER

Like time, the law is part of our lives from the beginning. The law starts protecting us as we lay in the womb. It protects us when we are born. Thereafter, it not only protects but it also governs us in every aspect of our lives until the day we die. Throughout our lives, the law defines the boundaries of our living. It tells us how to relate with others. It tells us how to contract and how not to contract. It tells us how to and how not to run our businesses. Do this and you will be fine. Do that and you will lose. That's the law. It protects, governs and punishes every aspect of our lives and businesses

At YIGA ADVOCATES we know that the job of the lawyer is to make sure that the client is not just governed by the law but also protected by it. This is why we have built a law firm that is customer oriented and ensures that at all times our clients know that with us on their side, the law shall afford them the protection and the benefits they deserve.

When you chose our law firm, you choose a partner. We walk with you through your challenges. Our clients always have the confidence when making decisions about aspects affecting their lives and their businesses. Whether it's a multi-million dollar company or a small business, our client's trust that our advice covers them. They know that if they can be good with us then they can be great with us.

**“ No one can stop a ticking clock. But the great ones,  
the great ones always find a way to slow it down.  
From the movie Draft Day.**

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## A LEGALLY ROOTED LAW FIRM.



### VISION.

To be our client's most trusted advisors, delivering the best legal advice.



### MISSION.

YIGA ADVOCATES aims not to be the biggest law firm in the country but to be the best and most reliable law firm within every area of practice.

The Vision and the Mission of any business is important to remind the team why they do what they do and on the other hand communicate with the world about what the core principles of a business are. When we were coming up with our mission and vision, we pondered with several questions. What mission and vision can you have for one of the oldest professions in the world? The law is the law. How can we be different and at the same time be efficient? So when we were developing the mission and the vision we looked at all the stakeholders in the nature of our business. We looked at the family at our offices; we considered our clients; we looked at the competition and looked at the administrators of the law. That is how we managed to make sure that the mission and the vision that we chose represents our values and takes care of the focus on our clients without compromising the other stakeholders.

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## WHY THE LAW?

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This is usually when a law firm tells you about itself. Of course we know that you know what a law firm does. We are a law firm. But the question should be why the law? Why did we choose to practice law? The answer is simple. It is because we are good at it. Our team is filled with extremely smart people. These are people who could have chosen to do so many other things in life. They are smart enough to be aerospace engineers. But they chose to become lawyers.

When building our team, we look past the ordinary qualifications of a lawyer and the key factor is the desire to be a lawyer. All our lawyers are passionate about their work. They know that their job is supposed to be about justice.

They know that they have to give the client solutions that help the client. They know that above all, our clients should have the peace of mind and the confidence to proceed in whatever they do. But most importantly, it is because we are good enough to be able to give this to our client. That is why we chose the law.

### “ There’s always a way ”

About four years ago, we conducted a survey of the legal industry. We realized that a large number of lawyers were opting for transactional work. They call themselves “transactional lawyers”. Whereas this is not a bad thing, we noted that less lawyers were interested in litigation. But we also noted an increase in cases in court arising from flaws in transactional work.

We asked ourselves an important question - How can you give advice on something you can't back up or defend in court?

We knew that we had to dissect this challenge. We therefore decided to do what we termed as “reverse engineering of legal practice”. We realized that if we focus on litigation we shall know what to focus on in transactional advisory. We decided to focus 95% of our practice on Litigation. The reason for this is that with litigation at the forefront, we are able to anticipate many and most of the scenarios when giving advice or even engaging in transactional work for our clients.

As it is, our business is primarily litigation. We litigate both Civil and Criminal matters. We can confidently say that we are good at it. When we give advice to our clients, it encompasses the client’s needs and the test of the worst case scenario should the matter go to court. There is no better approach.

**EDRISA S. GANAFA, Esq.**  
**LLB (MUK), Dip. LP (LDC)**  
**Partner**

## OUR VALUES



**Discipline** sets us apart from our competitors. While many lawyers possess knowledge of the law, becoming exceptional requires the discipline to consistently work harder, expand our knowledge, be available when needed, and be ready to tackle the client challenges. We recognize that talent, even genius, is meaningless without discipline.



**Humility** is important to us. Our continued success has taught us to embrace humility. Humility remains crucial, even in victory. We never let success make us feel more important than our clients. We believe that maintaining humility reminds us of our role as guardians of justice. Every client and every case matters to us. In a profession associated with arrogance, we choose to be humble, remembering that we are here to serve justice.



**Consistency** allows us to uphold the high standards we have set for our firm. Without consistency, all other virtues eventually fail. As a firm, we prioritize consistency in everything we do. We strive to consistently deliver on our promise of excellence.



**Gratitude** keeps us grounded. We never forget how fortunate we are. The trust our clients have in our firm is something we deeply appreciate. We also value the skills of our team, which allow them to deliver exceptional work. Above all, gratitude reminds us that life and health are the foundations upon which everything else is built. We do not take anything for granted and we are grateful for everything.

## OUR PHILOSOPHY

“ It’s not enough to be smart. You have to fight for your place.” The fictitious character, Lucca Quinn, Season 2, Episode 1 of The Good Fight. ”

Most law firms will always tell you that the client first. Well, this is right and wrong in many ways. Our philosophy is “JUSTICE FIRST”. We believe that with Justice coming first we are able to give our clients the best advice.

To ensure that justice is achieved we take each and every case we have through a rigorous thought process that has been developed by our firm’s design thinking. Each case no matter how small or big goes through this evaluation to give our lawyers the equivalent of a 360 degree view of what’s before them.

Our processes are aimed at ensuring that each client gets a solution that is custom to their challenge. We do not use a template advice. We believe that this is wrong. We believe that no matter how close the facts are, there are some intricate things that need more attention to detail. These variables can determine the case and change the outcome. That’s why we have to evaluate every case.

Ultimately, we ensure that the solutions that we develop are right and just. We do not let any client ask us to compromise on integrity. We know that our law firm benefits several clients and as such we say no to compromise.

We tell the clients the truth, not, what they want to hear. It’s upon this foundation that we there and then proceed to serve our clients with Justice at the back of each and every piece of work we take on.

**JULIAN KEKIHAKA Esq.**  
**LLB (UCU), Dip. LP (LDC)**  
**Partner**

## THE TEAM

Our team of lawyers is ever growing. We hire the best. We hire lawyers who know that we are client focused. We hire lawyers that understand our philosophy and accept it. We have built our team on this foundation. We can confidently tell you that we have the confidence in the team.



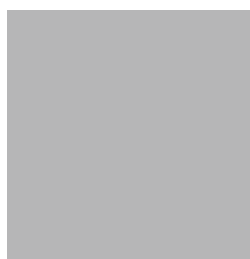
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## AREAS OF PRACTICE

### Insurance Litigation



Over the years we have built an unprecedented level of understanding of insurance law and the insurance industry. Our clients are confident of the advice we give to them concerning insurance related matters. We also ensure that our clients maximise their insurance coverage and benefits.

## **Commercial Litigation**

We offer comprehensive legal services for commercial litigation, helping businesses navigate legal challenges and achieve favorable resolutions. Our vast experience in litigation gives our clients all the protection they need and gives them the confidence to proceed with their business.



# Quality Assurance

## Quality Assurance

“The fight is won or lost far away from the witnesses, behind the lines, in the gym and out there on the road, long before I dance under those lights.” Muhammad Ali”

YIGA ADVOCATES is not an ordinary litigation firm because our work is far from ordinary. We know that Litigation is both facts and law. we know that legal work encompasses several aspects. Each case has different facts. Each client's needs are different. That's why we always keep the client involved in the process of handling their cases. We make sure that the client understands exactly what is going on. We ensure that the work is absolutely impeccable. We always work as a team and all credit goes to the firm. Our work goes through a process of scrutiny that is meant to ensure that the standards of the work match the quality we adhere to. We know what Aristotle meant when he said that quality is not an act. It is a habit.

**DOUGLAS KIJJAMBU.**  
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Partner

## Operations

The operations of a law firm are like the gears of a watch. Each gear propels the other consistently to ensure that time is not lost. In a firm, each member works to ensure that the ultimate goal of satisfying our clients is achieved. If one gear fails, they all fail. To ensure that this never happens, the operations of the firm have to be checked, tested and oiled all the time. Our firm is filled with extremely smart individuals. We have to remind them that no matter how smart they are, they have to work together to be efficient. We have designed processes and systems that enable us achieve this efficiency.

“ **Behind every good business is a great accountant “Anonymous”** ”

Our operations office ensures that the good lawyers and all other members of our team are consistent in adhering to these processes. It is this processes that make the development of solutions easy and achievable. Since we do not compromise on integrity, it is important that our processes are built on integrity and that we are consistent in adhering to them. Our lawyers are committed to these processes. That's why, our lawyers always deliver the appropriate solutions.

**Immaculate Namulira**  
**Chief Finance Officer**  
**& Head of Operations**

## PHILANTHROPY

When you walk into our offices you will find a slogan we crafted that says; “the law is about Justice. We might make money along the way. But the law is really about justice.” When we came up with this, it was to express the fact that not every one can afford justice. So we made an effort to reach out to those that cant afford.

We dedicate some of our legal services and professional time to people that cannot afford a lawyer. When we do we give them our best. We have also established a program to give legal advice to business startups to help them avoid the usual pitfalls that lead to companies failing in their infant years. We have also taken up public interest matters especially in the health and safety department endeavoring to hold the responsible government agencies accountable.

**Hadijah Namyalo Esq.**  
**Partner,**

## **MENTORSHIP PROGRAM**

YIGA ADVOCATES has a mentorship program aimed at mentoring future lawyers and future leaders. Our business gives us exposure to knowledge that cuts across several industries. The case preparation process exposes us to several precedents and a wealth of knowledge of potential risks that a person or business may face and the solutions that have been developed over the years. Our mentorship program is therefore a knowledge transfer and knowledge sharing experience that we find to be valuable to the persons we mentor. We believe that this is one of the few ways we can contribute to a greater future.

## **TRAINING PROGRAM**

Our training program was inspired by the wealth of knowledge we have acquired and continue to acquire during the course of our businesses. Our clients have reached out to us to teach their teams the art of negotiations, risk management, business continuity management, work place ethics and many other areas of the law. We know that the practice of the law is not just about saving the client from losing money but to also enable the client to make money. Our trainings are intended to help the client and the client's team to make this process efficient

## **PRO BONO 500**

The pro bono 500 is a program that was stated by our firm to dedicate a minimum of 500 hours to Pro Bono every year. Our law firm works with the Uganda Law Society, Legal Aid project to ensure that it helps out with the pro bono services that are offered by the society. The pro bono clients that the firm takes on have access to the excellent services of the firm.

## **GIRLS FOR LAW**

The legal industry in Uganda is predominantly male. This could be attributed to many historical reasons. However, at our firm, we know that problems are not solved in the past but, rather, in the future. Our Girls for law program is designed to encourage and inspire girls to take the mantle and become lawyers. One girl at a time and we are sure that that is one more female lawyer.



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