



# K-SOLUTIONS & PARTNERS COMPANY PROFILE

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# **ABOUT US**

K-Solutions & Partners (KSP), established in 2007, is a law firm with a large client base, employing fifteen permanent staff and nine advocates. The firm has won numerous awards, including Chambers and Partners ranking it among the best law firm in Rwanda for general business law. K-Solutions & Partners aims to provide clients with the resources and expertise of an international firm, ensuring seamless service across local teams and offices. The firm values listening, rigor, reactivity, and ethics.

Many of the lawyers at the Firm are admitted to the Rwanda Bar Association (www.rwandabar.org.rw) and the East African Law Society and the request for enrolment to the Bar Association for other lawyers is ongoing. As such, our lawyers are subject to the provisions of the Law N° 83/2013 of 11/09/2013 establishing the Bar Association in Rwanda and determining its organization and functioning and to the Internal Regulation of the Rwanda Bar Association.

In addition, lawyers must, as regards their cross border activities within the East African Community and European Union, comply with <a href="the-Code of Conduct for East African Law-Society and the Code of Conducts for Lawyers in the European Union">the European Union</a>.

Our unique ability to quickly and efficiently solve your legal problems as well as our proficiency in the languages of English, French and Kinyarwanda makes us one of the best partners for your institution. It would be a pleasure to form a mutually rewarding relationship with you.

# The firm is a member of Africa Legal Network (ALN):

ALN is an independent alliance of leading law firms in Africa, the largest grouping of its kind. It assists member firms by developing knowledge sharing platforms and enhancing their

capacity to service high-value domestic and international corporate and commercial advisory work. ALN coordinates cross-border groups focused on various industry sectors. The alliance is located in three major regional economic groups and has a unique mix of skills to advise clients on any business transaction. ALN's success in cross-border matters is attributed to its "one firm" approach.



# FIRM EXPERTISE

Our firm consists of multi-disciplinary teams with experienced lawyers in various practice areas, providing services like legal drafting, negotiation, compliance advice, and litigation representation, offering high-quality legal advice and unique industry knowledge.

# I. PROJECTS

The firm represents various stakeholders in various industries, including government bodies, private companies, borrowers, insurance companies, and venture capital investors. They provide in-depth industry knowledge, local market expertise, practical solutions, and clear strategies to ensure successful transactions.

### (II. THE REGULATORY COMPLIANCE PRACTICE.

We advise boards and management teams in various organizations on effective duties, especially in a regulatory environment where regulators increasingly hold directors accountable for organizational failures.

# III. THE BANKING AND FINANCE PRACTICE

The firm provides advice on commercial banking and lending, supporting borrowers, lenders, issuers, and lead managers. They specialize in debts, syndicated lending, security document drafting, trade finance, structured asset, project finance, and debt recovery. They are experienced in outsourcing, construction, property development, facilities management, and utilities.

### (IV. CORPORATE, COMMERCIAL AND NGO PRACTICE

The firm advises NGO's, public, and private companies on corporate activities, including company formation, management, joint ventures, employment, and commercial contracts. Its team is skilled in negotiating specialized documents and preparing specialized documents. They also advise on corporate regulatory issues, disclosure, and governance matters.

# **V.INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY PRACTICE**

We provide advice and general assistance regarding trademarks and patents applications, including contentious and non- contentious work, trademark infringement, passing off, opposition proceedings, copyright and design right, confidential information disputes and protection of intellectual property rights.

### VI. REAL PROPERTY PRACTICE

K-SOLUTIONS & PARTNERS offers real estate services, including property acquisition and disposal, legal advice for project financing, mortgaging, insolvency, contract management, and dispute resolution, including foreclosure, court representation, arbitration, and award execution.

# VII. LITIGATION & DISPUTE RESOLUTION PRACTICE

KSP handles commercial disputes in various sectors, including employment, financial, and insurance, with a vast litigation department with extensive experience.

### **VIII. NOTARY SERVICES**

We provide professional private notary services, including authentication of deeds, signatures, and notarization of articles of association and agreements. They have extensive experience in advising clients on regulatory aspects, restructurings, statutory filings, taxation, and employment. They also provide advice on changes in Rwandan laws and regulations, updating clients on their impact and offering practical solutions. They also conduct regulatory audits, advising clients on reviewing and amending compliance systems to ensure compliance with all country and organizational legal and regulatory requirements.



# **AWARDS AND ACCOLADES - KSP**



# **CHAMBERS GLOBAL AWARDS**

KS&P has been ranked as Band 1 as one of the best law firms in general business law in Rwanda for more than 5 consecutive years.















## **GLOBAL LAW EXPERTS ANNUAL AWARDS WINNER 2017**

KS&P is proud to have won an award as the Projects and Infrastructure Law Firm in Rwanda for the Year 2017, 2019 and 2020 as well as the Commercial Property Law Firm of the Year, 2021.













# **CORPORATE INTL GLOBAL AWARDS WINNER 2018**

KS&P is proud to have won an award as the Projects and Infrastructure Law Firm in Rwanda for over the last five (5) years.



# **THE TEAM**

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# **BACKGROUND**

Julien is the Founder & Senior Partner of K-Solutions & Partners in Kigali, Rwanda. He has been practicing at the Brussels Bar Association before joining the Rwanda Bar Association in 2005.

Julien is the outgoing President of the Rwanda Bar Association, as he has successfully completed his two

(2) terms of office (2015-2018, & 2018-2021). He is also Vice Chairman of the Kigali International Arbitration Center, Former Board member of the East African Law Society, Resident Director of New Bugarama Mining Company Ltd, former Board member of Bank of Kigali and Board member of MTN Rwanda Ltd recently appointed Board member of Rwanda Finance Ltd.

Julien has over eighteen years of experience in real estate and infrastructure, real estate and construction, Mining Law and Banking law. His practice covers corporate and commercial law inclusive of mergers and acquisitions, joint ventures, privatization, banking and finance, project finance, capital markets, arbitration, energy and natural resources, and infrastructure law.

Julien is also actively involved in a number of environmental and ecological issues in the local community.



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### **BACKGROUND**

Eric is the Managing Partner at K-Solutions & Partners in Kigali, Rwanda. Eric's role is to ensure the legality of commercial transactions, advising companies on their legal rights and duties. Eric understands aspects of contract law, securities law, insolvency, business organization and employment law. Eric has over thirteen years of experience with Office of the Registrar General operations and has worked extensively in the field of insolvency administration and liquidation proceedings. Eric has a keen interest in mortgage administration and receivership and has acted as legal advisor to the ORG New Business laws monitoring sub-committee. Eric is the current Honorary Consul for Côte d'Ivoire in Rwanda.



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### **BACKGROUND**

Emmanuel has over 18-year experience in provision of legal advice and supports the law firm in the transactions by ensuring compliance with the legal requirements.

Emmanuel MURAGIJIMANA, holder of master's degree in business law, currently legal Advocate at Rwanda Bar Association and Private Notary with his office at K-SOLUTIONS&PARTNERS Law Firm, have been occupying different positions: legal officer at the Ministry of Public Service and Labor, Legal Officer and later Head Legal and Company Secretary at BCDI S.A. and Ecobank Rwanda Limited and Advisor to the Speaker.

After nine (9) years of working experience in banking sector, he joined the Parliament of Rwanda, where he served in the capacity of Advisor to the Speaker of the Chamber of Deputies. This has allowed him to become familiar with the ways in which Parliament organizes itself effectively to carry out its key functions of legislation, representation and oversight. He has ability in legal advisory and drafting services.

After the parliamentary experience, he joined K-Solutions & Partners Law Firm in capacity of Legal Consultant where he has completed different works in legal due diligence exercise for acquisition and other business combination, facilitating clients in their relationship with local and international banks (team leader on Bio, IDC, AgDvCo, Shelter in Africa project finances), corporate governance, organization registration and legal compliance and Organization restructuring.

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# **BACKGROUND**

Yves is a Chief Associate at K-Solutions & Partners and focuses mainly on Intellectual Property, corporate, commercial and Investment transactions. Before joining K-Solutions & Partners, he served in various positions such as State Attorney/Strategic investment Legal Analyst and Deputy Registrar General of Companies with Rwanda Development Board as well as in central government under the Prime Minister's Office as Legal Advisor to the Cabinet Secretariat and local Government as Labor inspector and Public Notary at the District level.

Yves is a Senior Advocate at K-Solutions & Partners, a Member of the Rwanda Bar Association and the East Africa Law Society with vast experience of more than 16 years in business law practice that covers company incorporation, corporate governance, insolvency administration, receivership, collateral management, contract and legal instrument drafting, negotiation and management, PPP, Public Procurement, intellectual property law, labor law and litigation.



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### **BACKGROUND**

Boniface plays a leading role throughout all stages of litigations and investigations, with responsibilities that include: preparing research memoranda, drafting discovery documents, pleadings, correspondence, and motions; assisting with and attending witness interviews, client meetings, court hearings, and meetings with judicial officials; and assisting with deposition and trial preparation.

Boniface has developed practice skills through a wide range of client representations on behalf of companies and organizations, amongst other entities for the over 10 years he has been in practice.



# **NGIRINSHUTI DAVID**

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### **BACKGROUND**

David is a highly motivated, ambitious Advocate who strives for excellence in his work and enthusiastically encourages and supports others through teamwork to achieve/accomplish common objectives to the best extent possible.

He is a business law practitioner with specialization in corporate and commercial law practice, contracts, banking law and finance, securities, investment, tax, Intellectual property prosecution and enforcement, employment, and debt recovery.

His experience includes assisting local and international clients, local and multinational companies in Merger & Acquisition transactions, corporate and projects financing through syndicated loans or other financing arrangements. He is involved in conducting legal due diligence and legal audit as well as advising in investment deals including private equity and other investment vehicles or structures.

He assists with incorporation of companies, corporate governance and regulatory compliance, restructuring and insolvency management. Also, he provides company secretarial services and has been a member in several Board of directors.

He advises local and foreign clients (tax residents and non-residents) on tax compliance and advises on labor law compliance and labor/employment dispute resolution.

David assists or represents clients in court proceedings (litigation) and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) such as arbitration, conciliation, mediation and negotiation.



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# **BACKGROUND**

Patrick is a highly motivated lawyer with experience in Rwandan and Kenyan laws. He has had the opportunity to work in both jurisdictions. His experience covers both the Non-Governmental Organization and Law Firms.

His legal practice covers several areas such as corporate and commercial law involving due diligence exercises, drafting and review of contracts, drafting Legal opinions, regulatory compliance based on the company law and the law governing NGOs and INGOs and employment law.

He has previously carried out rapportenring services, drafting of Legal briefs and documents, report writing and facilitating public forum trainings.



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# **BACKGROUND**

Kwizera is an advocate at K-solutions &partners. She has legal experience of both the Rwandan and Kenyan jurisdictions having had an opportunity to study as well as work in both jurisdictions.

While at K-solutions Kwizera is involved in assisting clients with regulatory compliance, contract drafting and reviewing, assisting clients with company incorporations and restructuring, Companies, due diligence, drafting legal opinions on labor matters, corporate tax, and Data protection law and cyber security. She is an aspiring advocate looking forward to specializing in corporate and commercial law.

She has a strong passion for alternative dispute resolution, specifically arbitration and prior to joining k-solutions & Partners she worked for M.M.Gitonda Advocates LLP, a law firm in Nairobi, Kenya with a record of providing advice that is pragmatic and highly responsive.



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## **BACKGROUND**

Zackiah is an adaptable, resourceful and enthusiastic young lawyer with extensive experience and wide knowledge in handling the different legal fields. She has excellent interpersonal skills, contributing extensively to the teamwork, and always displays a willing and helpful manner when resolving, analyzing and investigating the various legal discrepancies. She is also an extremely focused lawyer with excellent research writing and oral communication skills, possesses strong attention to detail and exceptional capacity to draft legally compliant transactions.

Her experience includes assisting local and international clients, local and multinational companies in Banking and Finance, Merger & Acquisition transactions, Employment law advice and corporate matters. She is actively involved in conducting legal due diligence and legal audit.

She assists with incorporation of companies, corporate governance and regulatory compliance, and restructuring. Also, she provides company secretarial services and is a Board member for some companies.



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# **BACKGROUND**

Bruce is a skilled young lawyer with experience in Rwandan law, advising clients from business start-ups to well established companies.

He's a specialist in corporate and commercial law, data privacy and intellectual property law. He has acted mainly for tech companies and his experience includes assisting clients (local and international) on matters concerning employment law, company registration, intellectual property registration and licensing, drafting and review of contracts, regulatory compliance mainly based on company law and corporate governance.



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