# JULIEN KAVARUGANDA

# **SENIOR PARTNER**



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# **AREAS OF EXPERTISE**

- Project Finance
- Corporate and Commercial legal practice
- Real estate and construction
- Insurance, Banking and Finance, Project finance
- Intellectual property
- Mining
- Energy
- Environmental
- Negotiation and Mediation
  Practice
- Adjudication, Arbitration and Litigation practice
- Securities law and insolvency
- Business Organization and Joint Venture
- · Capital market.
- Private Notary Practice.

## **BACKGROUND**

Julien is the Founder & Senior Partner of the Corporate law firm called K-Solutions & Partners in Kigali, Rwanda. He has been practicing at the Brussels Bar Association before joining the Rwanda Bar Association more than twenty years ago.

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 also served as Vice Chairman of the Kigali International Arbitration Center (2012-2024), Former Board member of the East African Law Society (2015-2021), and former Board member of Bank of Kigali for the maximum nine (9) years terms approved by the Central Bank of Rwanda (2012-2021).

Julien is currently the Executive Chairman of the Advocates Investment Company Ltd (being the Rwanda Bar Association Investment Fund). He is the Resident Director of New Bugarama Mining Company Ltd (2009- ongoing), Board member of MTN Rwanda Ltd (2021-ongoing), Board member of Sanlam Allianz Life Rwanda, and finally Board member of Rwanda Finance Ltd / Kigali International Financial Center (2020-ongoing).

Julien has over two decades of experience in projects finance, corporate law, 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 several environmental and ecological issues in the local community.

#### **CAREER SUMMARY**

- **2007– DATE**: Senior Partner, K-Solutions & Partners (Corporate law firm in Rwanda)
- 2004–2007 : Senior Associate, De Wolf & Partners (Corporate law firm in Belgium)

# **PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS**

- Institute of Directors UK Executive program for Board members (December 2024)
- Columbia Business School Entrepreneurship & Competitiveness in Africa program (EC-Africa 2023 to 2024)
- Professional Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice ILPD
- Bar Professional Training Certificate (CAPA), Brussels Bar Association
- **Erasmus:** specialization course in corporate governance (Faculty of Law Wolverhampton University -UK)
- Master of Law (LL.M), Catholic University of Louvain (UCL-Belgium)
- KIAC KLRCA Certified in Adjudication
- CEDR Accredited Mediator
- CIArb Certificate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Kenya
- Insolvency Administration Certificate, Office of the Registrar General of Companies in Rwanda.

# **MEMBERSHIP IN PROFESSIONAL BODIES**

- Supreme Court of Rwanda accredited Mediators
- Immediate Past President of Rwanda Bar Association
- Immediate Past Vice- Chairman of Kigali International Arbitration Center
- Vice-Chairman Rwanda Insolvency Administrator Board
- Board Member of Rwanda Finance Limited/Kigali International Financial Center
- Former Board Member of Bank of Kigali
- Former President of Rotary Club Kigali Mont Jali
- Board Member of Starbucks Farmer Support Center Rwanda Ltd
- Board Member of New Bugarama Mining Company
- Certified Advocate of Rwanda Bar Association (www.rwandabar.org.rw)
- Certified Advocate of East African Law Society (<u>www.ealawsociety.org</u>)

## **COUNTRIES OF EXPERTISE**

- Rwanda
- Belgium
- EAC

### **LANGUAGES**

- English Excellent in reading, writing, and speaking
- French Excellent in reading, writing, and speaking
- Kinyarwanda Excellent in reading, writing, and speaking