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# FIRM OVERVIEW

GENUINE LAW FIRM stands as one of Rwanda's leading and largest law firms. The firm was formed by merging the expertise of senior lawyers who were previously Managing partners and Partners Oasis Law Firm, Lex fori Law Firm and Nexus Attorneys

GENUINE LAW FIRM have substantial experience in legal practice, transactional advisory services, company secretariat services and legal academia spanning many years.

They have served in diverse roles including as advocates, consultants, and advisors for a wide array of clients including government bodies, intergovernmental agencies, international organizations, corporations, banks, and individual clients both in and outside Rwanda.

GENUINE LAW FIRM's team has grown into four skilled lawyers and a significant support staff, with plans to sustain this upward trend and expand further to provide the best of services to its Clients and Collaborators.

GENUINE LAW FIRM is a versatile law firm that specializes primarily in Corporate & Commercial Law, Banking, and Investment advisory services. Additionally, GENUINE LAW FIRM offers expertise in Dispute Resolution, policy formulation, legal audits, due diligence, and drafting legal documents and legislation. GENUINE LAW FIRM and its partners have consistently provided counsel to prominent corporate entities locally and internationally, encompassing banks, public and private companies, international organizations, and governmental bodies.

# Managing Partner's Statement



It is with great pleasure that I welcome you to the official website of GENUINE LAW FIRM. As Managing Partner, I take pride in introducing a firm founded on integrity, diligence, and excellence in the practice of law.

GENUINE LAW FIRM is a Rwandan-based full-service legal practice committed to providing high-level legal counsel and representation to corporate entities, financial institutions, investors, and individuals. Our mission is to offer sound, practical, and strategic legal solutions that support our clients' objectives while upholding the highest standards of professional ethics.

Our firm's expertise spans a wide range of practice areas, including insolvency and restructuring, commercial law, banking and finance law, mining law, intellectual property, arbitration and dispute resolution, as well as corporate governance and company secretarial services. Through these disciplines, we strive to provide our clients with comprehensive legal support that aligns with both domestic legislation and international best practices.

At GENUINE LAW FIRM, we believe that the practice of law is not only about resolving disputes or drafting contracts, but about fostering trust, compliance, and long-term growth. Each engagement is approached with precision, confidentiality, and a commitment to delivering measurable value.

I invite you to explore our website to learn more about our services, our team, and our vision. We look forward to the opportunity to serve as your trusted legal partner in Rwanda and beyond.

Sincerely,  
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# Our Mission

GENUINE Law firm mission is to provide the highest quality of legal services tailored to meet the unique needs of each client.

## Vision and Values

At GENUINE LAW FIRM, our vision is to be one of the leading and most trusted law firm in Rwanda and the region. We are guided by our core values of integrity, excellence and professionalism.





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## ABOUT ME

Alexandre Mugenzangabo is an experienced Rwandan legal professional with a strong academic foundation in law. He holds a Bachelor's Degree in Law from Kigali Independent University (ULK) and a diploma in Commerce and Accountancy from Groupe Scolaire de Kabare. His education is complemented by additional specialized trainings in English, computer skills, VAT, and public utilities regulation, helping shape a multidisciplinary profile. These qualifications have supported his long-standing career in legal practice, administration, and financial oversight.

Professionally, Alexandre has served as an Advocate registered with both the Rwanda Bar Association and the East Africa Law Society since 2006. He has extensive experience as a Liquidator and Insolvency Administrator, appointed by Commercial Court to restructure or liquidate various companies and institutions, successfully guiding multiple organizations through turnaround, auction, or repayment processes. In addition to his role as a Private Notary since 2018, he has worked as a legal adviser for several financial institutions and companies, including VisionFund Rwanda, and IBC Group PLC. His earlier roles in accounting, administration, and legal affairs at CAEDEC strengthened his expertise in corporate operations and compliance.

Alexandre is multilingual, with excellent command of French and strong abilities in English and Swahili, alongside proficiency in common computer applications. His achievements include research work on consumer protection regulation and educational material on women's property rights. With more than two decades of combined experience in law, finance, administration, and corporate advisory services, he has built a reputable career characterized by technical competence, reliability, and a sustained contribution to Rwanda's legal and business sectors.

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Yvonne Kabasha Karangwayire is a Rwandan lawyer and private notary with extensive professional experience in legal practice, law enforcement, and administrative roles. Born in 1974 in Bukavu (DRC), she holds a Bachelor's degree in Law from the Independent University of Kigali (ULK). Over the years, she has complemented her academic background with specialized trainings in legal practice, professional ethics, criminal law, legal research, and the rights of people with disabilities.

Her professional journey spans more than two decades across diverse legal and administrative fields. She began her career as a Judicial Police Inspector at the Public Prosecutor's Office (1998–2000), later serving as a Customs Declarant at Intraspeed Sarl (2000–2010). Since 2012, she has been an advocate at the Rwanda Bar Association, with additional roles including mortgage administration and credit recovery for several financial institutions between 2014 and 2018. She is currently associated with both Oasis Law Chambers and Lex Fori Law Firm and has been serving as a Private Notary since December 2024.

Yvonne is proficient in Word, Excel, PowerPoint, and internet research, and she communicates in Kinyarwanda, French, Swahili, and English. Her personal interests include reading, attending seminars, listening to gospel music, making new friends, and engaging in sports. Throughout her professional and personal life, she emphasizes integrity and ethical conduct, as reflected in her commitment to continued learning and service within the legal profession.



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## ABOUT ME

Kayijuka Ngabo is a seasoned legal professional and retired senior officer of the Rwanda Defence Force, bringing over 25 years of combined military and legal experience. He holds an Honours Degree in Law from the University of Lubumbashi, a Master's Degree in Criminal Justice and Human Rights from the University of Aberdeen, and a Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice. His career reflects deep expertise in criminal law, military justice, cybercrime, digital forensics, and constitutional and administrative law. He is fluent in Kinyarwanda, French, English, and Swahili.

Throughout his career, Kayijuka has held several high-level positions within the Ministry of Defence, including Military Prosecutor, Deputy Military Prosecutor General, and ultimately Military Prosecutor General. In these roles, he supervised major prosecutions, advised the Minister of Defence, developed military legal curricula, prepared draft legislation, and represented military justice in national legal organs. Beyond the military, he has contributed significantly to Rwanda's justice sector as a consultant for the Supreme Court and the International Criminal Court, producing research that informed national best-practice guidelines and judicial reforms. He is also the founder and Managing Partner of NEXUS Attorneys and an instructor at the Institute for Legal Practice and Development (ILPD).

Kayijuka is widely recognized as a trainer and academic, having lectured for decades at major Rwandan institutions and delivered numerous seminars on criminal law, cybercrime, digital forensics, and international humanitarian law. His work includes developing training materials used nationwide and contributing to regional and international legal conferences. He is also a certified arbitrator and an active member of professional bodies such as the Rwanda Bar Association and the National Risk Assessment Steering Committee. His ongoing research includes a forthcoming publication on cybercrime and digital forensics, reflecting his commitment to advancing Rwanda's legal practice.

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## ABOUT ME

Colette Nsengiyumva is a multifaceted legal professional currently serving as an Advocate in the Rwanda Bar Association, a certified Mediator, a Liquidator, and a Private Notary. She holds a Master's degree in Public International Law (LLM) and a Bachelor's degree in Law (LLB), both from Kigali Independent University (ULK). In addition, she completed her Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Practice at the Institute of Legal Practice and Development (ILPD), further strengthening her practical legal expertise.

Throughout her career, Colette has demonstrated exceptional professional versatility. She spent many years working as a registrar in various courts, an experience that gave her valuable insight into judicial processes, case management, and court administration. She also served as an administrator in several departments, helping her develop a strong foundation in institutional management and operational leadership. These roles collectively contributed to her reputable and well-rounded experience in the legal field.

Colette is an active member of both the Rwanda Bar Association (RBA) and the East African Law Society (EALS), engaging consistently in regional and national legal initiatives. Her strong communication skills in both French and English complement her professional abilities, enabling her to work effectively with diverse clients and partners. With her broad qualifications and commitment to service, Colette continues to make meaningful contributions within Rwanda's legal and justice sectors.



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## ABOUT ME

Dieudonne Bizwinayo, a Certified Public Accountant and finance professional with a strong background in financial management, tax compliance, audit support, and strategic reporting. Over the course of my career, I have built a reputation for delivering high-quality financial oversight, strengthening internal controls, and providing data-driven insights that support organizational leadership and long-term planning.

I served as the Finance and Administration Manager at Akenes and Kernels Plc, where I oversee the company's financial operations, manage budgeting and forecasting, ensure compliance with accounting and tax regulations, and coordinate financial communications for more than 1,000 shareholders. My role also involves managing the company's debt-to-equity conversion processes, optimizing working capital, and safeguarding financial integrity through strong internal controls and risk management frameworks.

Beyond my corporate experience, I have contributed significantly to nonprofit and consultancy environments, including my work with AfriYAN Rwanda, DNR Partners CPA Ltd, and MEGA Consulting CPA Ltd. Across these roles, I have managed donor-funded projects, strengthened grant reporting, supported audits, and improved accounting processes for a range of clients. I hold a Bachelor's degree in Accounting, CPA certification, and specialized training in corporate finance and forensic accounting.

I am passionate about financial literacy, technology-driven solutions, and continuous professional development, and I remain committed to applying my expertise to advance organizational excellence and sustainable growth.

# LEGAL SERVICES TO OUR CLIENTS

Genuine law firm offers a wide range of legal services covering different law domains:



Corporate &  
Commercial



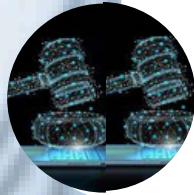
Dispute  
Resolution



Legal advisory  
& Consultancy



Real Estate,  
Infrastructure & Natural  
Resources



IP &  
Technology



Notary  
Services



# CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL

## 1. Company secretary services

- Organize the Annual General Meeting (AGM) and other shareholder meetings in accordance with Rwandan law and the Company's governing documents.
- Advise the Board and Directors on their legal duties, corporate governance requirements, and statutory authorities.
- Prepare, organize, and distribute Board and Committee agendas, meeting materials, and minutes.
- Provide guidance on corporate governance best practices and updates to relevant policies.
- Ensure clear and effective communication with shareholders and regulatory bodies.
- File annual returns, financial statements, and all other required statutory documents with the Registrar General.
- Deliver governance and procedural guidance during meetings.

## Known corporate practitioners

### 3. Trust & Investment funds

Our law firm provides trustee services to various individuals interested in creating trust funds for the benefit of their intended beneficiaries

Our team addresses the legal, regulatory, tax and commercial challenges facing a diverse group of investment fund client ranging from alternative-asset managers and financial institutions to independent boutiques and first-time fund sponsors.

In addition, we represent an array of leading institutional investors throughout the region, including sovereign wealth funds, corporations and other participants in private funds

### 4. Corporate restructuring

We assist local and multinational companies to increase consolidation and competition for the need to make material adjustments to the cost base in order for the business to survive and be able to continue. We also advise them on large scale and small scale restructuring exercise (retrenchment), senior executive termination and assist the company to identify the a acted group, establish a timetable and make selection criteria.

## **5. Company and business registration**

We have a special department dealing with incorporation of any type of company as provided under Rwandan law, their registration in different state organs as well as the registration of any other kind of business in Rwanda, both for local and overseas investors. The specialization in this field is the effectiveness and efficient of our services among which some are carried out in few hours using electronic expertise of our staff

## **6. Shareholders dispute resolution**

With our expertise in corporate law, we advise the parties in settlement of disputes between shareholders of the company basing on company's legal documents and laws governing the issue disputed. We also provide support in settlement of disputes between shareholders and directors or managers of the companies.

## **7. Merger and acquisition**

Businesses may choose to merge or for one to acquire another in order to enhance their performance and strategic position. Throughout the merger or acquisition process, and depending on the specific circumstances of the companies involved, we provide comprehensive legal guidance on matters relating to shareholders, employees, managers and directors, as well as the management of contracts with stakeholders. Our firm ensures that all legal aspects of a merger or acquisition are properly addressed to facilitate a smooth and compliant transition.

## **8. Joint venture deals**

It happens more often in business that more than one company join hands to execute a project or compete for a tender and that requires the legal expertise to regulate the relationship between contracting companies. With our expertise in joint venture deals, we support clients in designing joint venture agreements, execution of common contracts and dissolution of the joint venture after completion of the common deal.

## **9. Merger and acquisition**

Two or more businesses may decide to merge, or one acquires the other for improving their business performance. During the course of merger and acquisition of two companies, basing on the status of the merging companies, we advise on the relationship of shareholders, employees, managers /directors of companies, management of contracts with stakeholders and all other legal issues pertaining to merger of companies or acquisition of one company by another

## **10. Insolvency administration**

We have extensive experience in all debt-recovery processes and represent various parties involved in insolvency proceedings. Several of our lawyers are certified insolvency administrators, giving them the expertise required to navigate every procedural aspect of insolvency administration. Our team has managed numerous insolvency cases for different companies and has effectively resolved disputes among all parties involved in the process.



# Dispute Resolution

## LITIGATION

Our litigation department is fully committed to providing experienced, specialized management of clients' cases across all areas of law. Each matter is handled in line with the specific expertise of our individual lawyers.

Our litigation team brings together extensive experience and deep knowledge in the following areas:

### 1. Commercial law

Our Firm possesses strong expertise in business and commercial law—two closely interconnected fields that demand both depth of knowledge and practical experience. We represent and assist clients before commercial courts at all levels in matters arising from commercial transactions. Our team provides fully integrated legal support designed to safeguard the continuity and sustainability of the businesses we serve

### 2. Public auctions

It is uncommon for a public auction to conclude with all parties satisfied, as it has become routine for dissatisfied participants to seek judicial review to overturn auction results. Our firm has extensive expertise in interpreting both the substantive and procedural laws governing auctions, particularly when disputes arise from auction sales. We have successfully assisted numerous businesses in challenging auctions in which their properties were sold in violation of legal requirements.

### 3. Family law

We have a team of well-trained and experienced Family Lawyers who assist clients in resolving a wide range of family-related disputes, including matters arising from marriage and other domestic issues.

### 4. Civil litigation

Unlike criminal proceedings, which primarily focus on punishment, civil litigation is intended to recover monetary losses arising from transactions between parties. Our firm has extensive expertise in both contractual and quasi-contractual disputes. We represent and assist clients before the courts in matters involving contractual obligations, tort liability, and extra-contractual obligations—such as the management of another person's affairs—where the court is asked to determine one party's obligation to another in the absence of a formal contract.

### 5. Criminal defence

With a team of advocates specialized in criminal law and well-versed in criminal procedure, we handle all criminal matters from the earliest stages—before the judicial police (Rwanda Investigation Bureau, RIB) and the prosecution—through proceedings before first-instance courts and up to the highest competent jurisdiction. Our work includes regularly visiting detained clients in various detention centers and prisons to keep them informed about the progress of their cases and to follow up on trial dates across different courts. We also ensure that all our clients' legal rights are upheld and respected throughout every stage of the judicial process.



# REAL INFRASTRUCTURE & NATURAL RESOURCES

## 1. Legal Support in public procurement

Major tenders—particularly those involving infrastructure development or large-scale distribution—require bidders to meet strict legal requirements. We provide comprehensive legal support throughout the entire tendering process, from preparation and submission to follow-up and contract execution.

## 2. Infrastructure negotiations and contract drafting

Infrastructure developers and distributors often face risks of legal errors during contract negotiations. Having our team involved in the negotiation process helps prevent such mistakes and ensures full legal protection for our clients at every stage. We support our clients in negotiating various legal transactions and in drafting all resulting contracts with precision and clarity.

## 5. Mortgage & Securities registration

For obligations requiring the registration of a mortgage or security interest, we assist in properly registering and safeguarding creditors' rights over immovable property, ensuring our clients receive the highest level of legal protection.

## 6. Property Managers and agents

We offer property agency services by assisting clients in identifying suitable buyers for their assets, including land, apartments, and other commercial or residential properties. With our extensive experience and broad network of contacts, we are uniquely positioned to make the process of selling our clients' properties as smooth and efficient as possible.

## 3. Real estate auction

We participate in real estate auction processes to ensure that all legal requirements are properly met before our clients commit to purchasing properties. Conversely, we also defend property owners against auction sales that violate legal procedures or fail to meet the required legal standards.

## **7. Legal support in energy public procurement**

Major tenders—particularly those in the energy sector—require bidders to comply with strict legal requirements. We provide comprehensive legal support throughout the entire tendering process, from preparation and submission to follow-up and contract execution.

## **8. Negotiations, legal drafting and contract follow-up**

Gas and electricity suppliers may encounter legal risks during contract negotiations. Having our team involved helps prevent such errors and ensures full legal protection for our clients throughout the entire process. We support our clients in negotiating a wide range of legal transactions and in drafting all resulting contracts with precision and clarity.

## **10. Litigation and claims**

We assist clients in litigation concerning the validity of mining rights and titles, particularly in cases involving refusal of assignment, renewal, withdrawal, cancellation, or forfeiture of such rights. We also handle other mining-related disputes, including those involving environmental damage and the expropriation of mining rights and titles.

## **11. Energy dispute settlement**

We assist and represent our clients in resolving disputes arising from energy-related contracts. Our services include handling matters before administrative bodies in response to various notices, as well as representing clients before the courts in all claims seeking related damages. We also advise and represent developers and suppliers of electricity systems, as well as companies operating in the gas and solar energy sectors

## **12. Infrastructure dispute settlement**

We assist and represent our clients in resolving disputes arising from infrastructure development or distribution activities. Our support includes handling matters before administrative bodies in response to various notices, as well as representing clients before the courts in all claims seeking related damages.

## **13. mining contracts negotiations and drafting**

We advise, assist, and represent numerous clients in the analysis, drafting, negotiation, and renegotiation of a wide range of contracts, including mining exploration and exploitation agreements, mine lease contracts, assignment agreements, merger and acquisition transactions, joint venture agreements for mining operations, option agreements for mining research, mining mortgage contracts, and financing agreements between investors and mining rights holders for the development of mining projects.



# LEGAL ADVISORY & CONSULTANCY

## 1. Legal Training

Genuine Law Firm provides legal training and related services designed to strengthen human resources and institutional capacity across various legal fields, based on our clients' needs. We train managers on essential legal principles necessary for effective corporate management. We also train and guide Human Resource Officers on all aspects of HR management—from recruitment to dismissal, including the handling of HR-related disputes—helping them minimize professional mistakes that could expose companies to unnecessary liability. Upon request, we organize and deliver tailored training sessions for institutional staff on employment laws, internal regulations, HR manuals, and the specific features of different types of contracts used within their organizations.

## 2. Immigration services

If you are seeking temporary or permanent residency or a work permit in Rwanda, require assistance with any type of visa for foreigners visiting the country, wish to register an international NGO (INGO) under Rwandan law, or are facing deportation or removal from Rwanda, our immigration attorneys are ready to assist and represent you.

Our integrated team also supports cross-border businesses in securing temporary visas, permanent residency, and work permits for foreign employees assigned to Rwanda for specific missions.

With our firm's extensive experience, we prepare all required legal documents for the temporary or permanent registration of local and international NGOs with the Rwanda Governance Board (RGB) and guide them throughout the entire process until final approval is obtained. We continue to provide legal support to ensure full compliance with sector regulations and to help our clients avoid suspension or deregistration.

## 3. Legal advisory

For both ongoing matters and new projects initiated by our clients, we conduct consultation meetings to assess proposed actions and provide legal guidance on the appropriate steps to ensure compliance with the law. This helps prevent potential legal issues before they arise. To offer the most effective support, we assign an experienced lawyer with expertise in the client's specific area of interest.

## 4. Legal opinion

For matters across various areas of law submitted to us by our clients, we prepare written legal opinions that include an analysis of the relevant facts, identification of key legal issues, reference to applicable legal sources, and our final legal assessment. Many clients have valued our input, which has enabled them to make well-informed decisions supported by sound legal guidance.

## 5. Legal Drafting

On behalf of our clients, we prepare and provide templates for a wide range of legal documents, including—but not limited to—employment contracts, supplier and client agreements, stakeholder contracts, internal company rules and regulations, articles of association, procedure manuals, and administrative and HR manuals.

## 6. Legal Due Diligence and Audit

Our Law Firm conducts comprehensive legal due diligence across all relevant areas of law on behalf of our clients, enabling them to make informed decisions based on accurate and reliable legal findings. We also carry out legal audits to help clients enhance their compliance with the various laws governing their areas of operation.



# IP & Technology

## 1. Copyright

We assist clients in securing copyright protection, which grants legal rights to creators of original works. Our services cover a wide range of subject matter, including literary, musical, and dramatic works; pantomimes and choreographic creations; architectural designs; pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works; motion pictures and other audiovisual productions; sound recordings; and computer programs.

## 2. Patent

We guide clients through the process of applying for patents, helping them seek government-granted rights that allow inventors to exclude others from making, using, selling, offering for sale, or importing their inventions. Many inventors achieve significant success not only through innovation but also through the legal protection that prevents unauthorized use of their ideas.

## 3. Trademark

We support clients in registering and protecting trademarks—whether words, phrases, symbols, designs, or combinations thereof—ensuring their distinct identity is safeguarded in the marketplace.

## 4. Geographical Indication

We assist clients in registering and protecting Geographical Indications (GIs), which in some jurisdictions are treated as a subset of trademarks. This protection allows businesses to identify goods or services as originating from a specific place, region, or locality, where their quality, reputation, or distinctive characteristics are closely linked to their geographic origin.

## 5. Cyber law

The rise of the internet and the use of technology as a business tool has led to the development of cyber law to regulate digital transactions. Our Intellectual Property and Technology department is well versed in the various aspects of cyber-related activities and supports clients in mitigating the risks posed by cybercrime and the potential losses arising from online transactions.

## 6. Software and technological creations protection

Technological and software innovations are valuable sources of economic benefit, but without proper protection, creators may receive no recognition or compensation for their work. At our Law Firm, the IPT Department assists software developers in registering and safeguarding their rights, enabling them to fully benefit from their creations.

## 7. E-commerce

We assist clients in managing their electronic commercial transactions by acting as an intermediary when distance prevents regular in-person meetings with their business counterparts. We monitor the execution of electronic orders and provide support in resolving any legal disputes that may arise.

# Notary Services



## Notary Services

Several members of Genuine Law Firm have been authorized by the Ministry of Justice (MINIJUST) to provide Notary Services. Previously, only designated and sworn public notaries working within centralized and decentralized government institutions were permitted to authenticate documents in Rwanda. However, the increasing demand for fast and efficient notarial services prompted the Government of Rwanda to enact legislation allowing private legal practitioners to offer these services.

These Notaries are empowered to offer the following services:

### 1. Certification of documents authenticity

Some documents are genuine, but their authenticity may not be known to anyone other than the issuer and the holder. Upon request from interested parties, and after conducting all necessary legal verification, our notaries can certify the authenticity of a document before it is used.

### 2. Issuance of copies of deeds drawn

Some deeds are drafted by or before the notary, who retains an original copy of the document. Upon request from beneficiaries or other qualified individuals, our notaries issue copies of all deeds they have prepared or witnessed, in accordance with the law.

### 3. Certification of wills

Our notaries are authorized to certify various types of wills and to authenticate them in accordance with the laws governing succession and wills. The wills subject to certification include those involving movable and immovable property, as well as other assets that may be bequeathed by the owner. We also authenticate and certify wills related to the assignment of rights and liabilities.

### 4. Authentication of signatures

The law empowers our notaries to authenticate various types of signatures, depending on the issuer and the intended use of the document. We ensure professionalism and full legal compliance at every stage of the authentication process.

### 5. Authentication of private deeds

Our notaries are authorized to authenticate private deeds legally executed between individuals, companies, or other organizations whenever authentic documentation is required for filing or use. The deeds that may be authenticated include, but are not limited to, contracts, resolutions of Boards of Directors or companies, minutes of meetings, and many others.

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