



**OTWAL**  
& PARTNERS LLP

*Courage to take the lead*



**FIRM PROFILE**



## ABOUT OUR FIRM

Your partner in achieving legal success. We are a well-established Kenyan full-service law firm established by the Founding Partners, Desmond Davis Otwal and Calvin Ondigi Nyambane who are qualified Advocates of the High Court with expertise in a full range of legal practice areas and renowned for their expertise and unwavering commitment to professional excellence.

Our Firm is dedicated to providing exceptional, results-oriented legal solutions. We offer a collaborative approach that leverages the combined strengths of our skilled legal team. This ensures we deliver optimal outcomes for our clients across a diverse range of legal matters. We are committed to building long-term relationships based on trust, understanding, and a shared pursuit of success.

We corroborate process with vision, success with commitment, and method with passion, the mantra “Courage to take the lead”. We are a client-centred and result-oriented practising Law Firm. Our strength is built on our clients’ success.



## MANAGING PARTNERS MESSAGE



At Otwal & Partners Advocates LLP, we are more than just a law firm—we are your trusted legal partner, committed to walking with you through every challenge and opportunity the legal landscape presents. From the very beginning, our vision has been anchored in delivering excellence, integrity, and innovation to each client we serve. Our story is one of growth built on strong principles and an unwavering dedication to justice. Together with my fellow Partners, Calvin Ondigi and Mercy Mutheu, we have nurtured a practice grounded in competence and passion—driven by the understanding that true legal representation goes beyond legalese; it is about being heard, protected, and empowered.

With each matter we handle—be it a complex litigation, a high-value commercial transaction, a delicate family dispute, or a strategic investment—we bring to bear not only deep legal expertise but also a heartfelt commitment to achieving the best possible outcome for our clients. Our team reflects the diversity, energy, and expertise needed to respond to a rapidly changing legal environment. We embrace emerging legal technologies and stay ahead of regulatory developments to ensure our clients are not just compliant, but strategically positioned for success. As we continue this journey, I extend my deepest gratitude to our clients—individuals, corporations, and institutions alike—who have entrusted us with their most important legal matters. Your trust inspires us to raise the bar even higher.

We remain steadfast in our mantra—“Courage to take the lead”—because at Otwal & Partners, your legal success is our mission.

Desmond Davis Otwal  
Managing Partner,  
Head of Litigation and ADR Department

## MISSION STATEMENT

To be the preeminent Kenyan law firm, providing our clients with exceptional legal expertise and unwavering support. We are driven by a commitment to achieve optimal outcomes in all legal matters, exceeding expectations through collaborative teamwork, clear communication, and a deep understanding of our clients' unique needs and objectives.

We strive to build lasting relationships based on trust, mutual respect, and a shared commitment to success. Our mission is to empower our clients through diligent legal counsel, enabling them to confidently navigate complex legal landscapes and achieve their goals.

## VISION STATEMENT

To be recognized as Africa's most trusted and respected law firm, renowned for our unwavering commitment to client success and our pursuit of legal excellence. We envision a future where our clients consistently experience unparalleled legal representation, marked by integrity, innovation, and an unyielding dedication to achieving their goals.

We aim to be a leading force for positive change in the Kenyan legal landscape, promoting justice, fairness, and access to high-quality legal services for all. We will achieve this through the continuous development of our team's expertise, the embrace of cutting-edge legal technologies, and an unwavering focus on building strong, enduring relationships with our clients.





# OUR PRACTICE AREAS

## LITIGATION

Our Litigation Department deals with different forms of litigation that arise during the ordinary course of business where we need to file suit on behalf of or defend any cases that are filed against our clients. Our Litigation Department handles a diverse range of commercial and civil litigation matters. We represent clients in both plaintiff and defendant capacities, addressing disputes arising from contractual breaches, performance issues, and interpretation of contractual obligations. Our services encompass the entire litigation process, from initial claim filing through to execution and enforcement of court decrees. While we strive for amicable out-of-court settlements whenever possible, we are adept at pursuing litigation as a last resort to protect our client's interests. Our value-added services include providing strategic guidance on proposed and ongoing litigation, meticulous pretrial preparation to minimize delays, and a proactive approach designed to achieve efficient and effective case resolution.



COMMERCIAL &  
CIVIL LITIGATION



CONSTITUTIONAL &  
HUMAN RIGHTS  
LITIGATION



CRIMINAL  
LITIGATION



DEBT  
RECOVERY



EMPLOYMENT &  
LABOUR RELATIONS  
LAW



ENVIRONMENTAL &  
LAND LAW

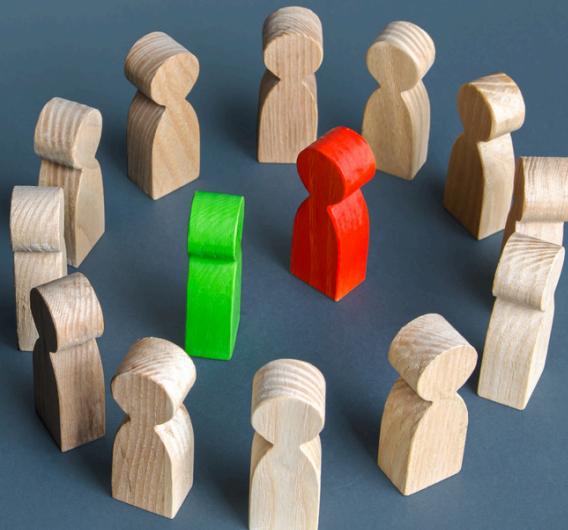


FAMILY &  
SUCCESSION LAW



INSURANCE  
MATTERS





## CONVEYANCING & PROPERTY LAW

our team of lawyers handles transactions and advises our clients on the aspects of sale and purchase of properties and the securitization of the properties for loan and mortgages. The team's strength is its innovative solutions to structuring development projects and a team which is result-orientated and accessible to our clients. The conveyancing practice covers developers, entrepreneurs, owners and tenants of commercial/residential buildings, shopping centres, hotels, schools and multi-residential developers.

Valuable guidance and opinions have been provided to our various bank clients on the new Land Acts which came into force in 2012 and its interpretation. As an added service to our clients, we provide e-Alerts, publications and training to keep clients abreast of the changes in the law and assist with any new challenges.



BANKING &  
SECURITIES



COMPLIANCE  
ADVISORY



REAL ESTATE  
TRANSACTIONS

## ALTERNATE DISPUTE RESOLUTION

The most common types of Alternative Dispute Resolution for civil cases are arbitration mediation, settlement conferences, neutral evaluation, negotiation and adjudication. Disputes inevitably occur even where meticulous preparation and avoidance mechanisms are applied. It is for this reason that we have established a department to exclusively deal and assist the other Departments in dispute resolution. All ADR methods have common characteristics specifically, enabling the parties to find admissible solutions to their conflicts outside of traditional legal / court proceedings, but are governed by different rules. Using ADR procedures can avoid the acrimony that often accompanies extended trials and allows parties to understand each other's position and craft their own solutions. Our firm has specialized in meeting clients' needs along these lines.



ARBITRATION



MEDIATION



SETTLEMENTS  
NEGOTIATIONS





## COMMERCIAL/CORPORATE & BUSINESS LAW

The Corporate and Business Law Division in the Commercial Law Department has wide and extensive experience in acting for both corporate and other clients engaged in all sectors of the economy. The Firm handles the incorporation of companies and business enterprises; the preparation, perusal, authentication and witnessing of commercial contracts and agreements; loan agreements; the drafting and perusal of banking securities that involve companies such as debentures; share purchase Agreements and shareholders' Agreements. The team provides expert advice on all aspects of commercial activity for all business types. We draft documentation, advise on legal strategies and compliance, and conduct negotiations on behalf of our clients. Our team deals with all aspects of commercial law including but not limited to incorporation of legal entities from companies to partnerships, and trusts; Legal and statutory compliance, Preparation of commercial agreements, construction contracts, financing and banking contracts, and joint venture agreements as well as Corporate governance advisory and support services. The Firm also provides legal advice as necessary to its clients in the various business areas that such clients are involved in the Firm has conducted Legal Due Diligence for clients and advises clients on list of shares on the Securities Exchange.



COMPANY  
INCORPORATION &  
STRUCTURING



COMMERCIAL  
AGREEMENTS



CORPORATE  
GOVERNANCE



MERGERS &  
ACQUISITIONS



INTELLECTUAL  
PROPERTY LAW



TAX LAW



# MEET OUR TEAM

## Partners

### **Desmond Davis Otwal, FCIArb**

**Managing Partner ,**

**Head of Litigation and ADR Department**

Otwal is the Senior & Managing Partner at Otwal & Partners Advocates LLP and leads the Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) Department. A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, he has extensive legal experience, serving as a personal Legal Advisor to the Senator of Narok County. He holds an LL.B from Moi University and a Postgraduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law. He is an expert in Dispute Resolution, Commercial Law, Employment Law, and more. Mr. Otwal has successfully represented clients in court and arbitration across Kenya, specializing in complex commercial disputes and ADR processes. He is skilled in trial preparation, legal research, and document drafting, known for his meticulous approach and commitment to exceptional client service. He also actively shares his knowledge with students and colleagues.

### **Calvin Ondigi Nyambane**

**Partner**

**Head of Commercial Department, Banking and Relations**

Ondigi is a Partner at Otwal & Partners Advocates LLP with over 8 years of experience as a transactional lawyer, serving a diverse clientele in sectors like fintech, capital markets, and IT. His expertise includes financial services regulation, Mergers & Acquisitions, and technology law. He holds extensive qualifications, including an LL.M from the University of South Wales and is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Beyond his legal practice, he actively contributes to social responsibility as Chairperson of Cup of Uji, an NGO focused on educating children in Kenya. Mr. Ondigi also serves as a Board Director at Exinity Kenya and is known for his client-centric approach, providing tailored legal solutions and clear, practical advice. His deep knowledge of law and finance, along with his commitment to client service and community, make him a trusted advisor in complex transactions and regulatory matters.

### **Mercy Mutheu**

**Partner**

**Head of Conveyancing Department, Strategy and Business Development**

Mutheu leads the firm's Conveyancing Department and drives strategic growth as Head of Strategy and Business Development, focusing on exceptional legal services in real estate. She is well-versed in property law, managing complex transactions, and ensuring compliance throughout the conveyancing process. She is an expert in Property Law and Conveyancing, Real Estate Transactions, Banking Securities, Commercial and Corporate Law.

Mutheu is skilled in negotiating terms, drafting banking securities, and efficiently navigating the Kenyan land registry. She holds an LL.B from Moi University and is pursuing an advanced Certified Secretaries course, enhancing her corporate governance skills. Active in the Law Society of Kenya's Gender Committee, she has received various professional trainings to provide personalized client solutions.



## Associates

### **WINNIE AREK ASSOCIATE**

Winnie Arek is a skilled Advocate of the High Court of Kenya at Otwal & Partners Advocates LLP, with a Post-graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law and an LL.B (Hons.) from the Catholic University of Eastern Africa. As a member of the Law Society of Kenya, she has experience in corporate law, conveyancing, insurance, and banking & finance law. Her roles include Legal Assistant at Monarch Insurance and Associate at Otwal & Manwa Associates. She offers legal support for business matters, property law, and ensures clients' interests are protected during conveyancing.

### **RUBY AMUKA ASSOCIATE**

Ruby Amuka is a dedicated Advocate of the High Court of Kenya at Otwal & Partners Advocates LLP, with a strong legal foundation and a passion for client advocacy. She holds an LL.B Hons from the University of Nairobi and a Post-graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law, and is a member of the Law Society of Kenya. With experience in Litigation, Conveyancing, Constitutional Law, Labour Law, and Commercial Law, she excels in litigation processes and property transactions, ensuring client interests are protected.

### **MWANGI WANJIRU KELVIN ASSOCIATE**

Mwangi Wanjiru K. is an Associate lawyer, admitted to the Bar on November 29, 2024, and a member of the Law Society of Kenya. He holds an LLB from Moi University and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. Mwangi specializes in Building and Construction Law, Criminal Litigation, Tax Law, Conveyancing, Probate, Legal Audit, Debt Collection, and Dispute Resolution. He is recognized for his strategic, client-focused solutions and advocates for affordable justice. His practice combines compassion, aggressiveness, and versatility, enabling him to effectively navigate complex legal issues.

### **BENSON KYALO ASSOCIATE**

Benson Kyalo is an Associate at Otwal & Partners Advocates LLP, specializing in commercial, land, and employment dispute resolution. He is dedicated to achieving the best outcomes for clients and has a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi and a Postgraduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law. With experience in high-stakes arbitration, he has secured significant wins. Known for his attention to detail and results-driven approach, he is committed to providing innovative legal solutions while upholding the firm's reputation for excellence and integrity in various legal settings.





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