



DLA Piper Africa, Kenya (IKM Advocates)

A SOUND VOICE

DLA Piper Africa, Kenya (IKM Advocates) is a leading law firm based in Nairobi, Kenya. We are a full-service commercial law firm that has been providing legal services in Kenya for over 30 years. Our people are authorities in their respective fields and are highly sought after for the practical and innovative solutions they bring to the table.

IKM Advocates offers the services of a multidisciplinary team with in-depth knowledge of the Kenyan market and its legal, economic, cultural and social specificities. We advise national and international groups and companies, financial investors and institutions, sponsors, public entities and governments on all the legal aspects of their matters both in Kenya and internationally.

With African economies growing rapidly, Kenya has become one of the continent's most important business hubs. IKM Advocates

is uniquely positioned to handle legal matters in Kenya as well as those that extend cross-border.

Our relationship with DLA Piper Africa and DLA Piper provides the geographical spread required by clients and positions IKM to help them wherever they choose to do business, be it at the local, national, regional or international level.

“Their ability to strategise, think outside of the box, navigate complex issues and provide timely and pertinent advice is unparalleled.”

— Chambers Global 2025

“The lawyers are knowledgeable of current issues and they are very articulate.”

— Chambers Global 2024

“They are knowledgeable, quick to respond to queries raised. Solution-oriented. Efficient in their work turn-around. Seldom would you find any errors or issues in the work done – my go-to firm for quality work.”

— The Legal 500

Our offering

Sectors



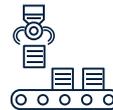
**CONSUMER GOODS
AND RETAIL**



**ENERGY AND
NATURAL RESOURCES**



**FINANCIAL
SERVICES**



INDUSTRIALS



**INFRASTRUCTURE,
CONSTRUCTION AND
TRANSPORT (ICT)**



INSURANCE



LIFE SCIENCES



**MEDIA, SPORT AND
ENTERTAINMENT**



REAL ESTATE



TECHNOLOGY

Practice Groups



**COMMERCIAL,
EMPLOYMENT AND IPT**



CORPORATE



DISPUTE RESOLUTION



**PROJECTS, ENERGY AND
RESTRUCTURING**



REAL ESTATE AND FINANCE



TAX

Corporate

- Capital Markets
- Emerging Growth and Venture Capital
- International Corporate Reorganizations
- Investment Funds
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity
- Public Company and Corporate Governance

Real Estate & Finance

- Acquisition and disposal
- Developments
- Construction
- Due diligence
- Joint ventures
- Leases
- Structuring and planning
- Real estate finance
- Project finance
- Acquisition finance
- Asset finance
- Trade and commodity finance
- Structured finance
- Islamic finance
- Derivatives

Dispute Resolution

- Domestic and International Arbitration
- Constitutional and judicial review litigation
- Construction and infrastructure disputes
- Corporate and securities litigation
- Cross-border dispute resolution
- Public procurement litigation
- Tax disputes
- Administrative law
- Aviation litigation and regulation
- Electoral law & petitions
- Employment and labour litigation
- Financial services regulatory
- Governance and compliance
- Insurance and reinsurance disputes
- IT and telecoms disputes
- Mediation

Tax

- Tax Controversy and Disputes
 - Tax Value-Added Services
 - Transactional Tax Planning
 - Transfer Pricing
 - Tax Compliance
 - International Tax Advisory
 - Vat, Excise and Customs Duty Advisory
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Commercial, Employment, IP & Technology

EMPLOYMENT

- Acquisitions
- Benefits and Compensation
- Compliance
- Employment Relations
- Redundancies and Terminations
- Restructuring

IMMIGRATION APPLICATIONS

- Citizenship
- Dependant pass
- Electronic Travel Authorization (ETA)
- Foreigner registration
- Permanent Residence
- Regularization
- Special pass
- Student pass
- Visitor pass
- Work permit

IP

- Anti-counterfeit
- Confidential information and trade secrets
- Copyright
- Domain names and data base rights
- Patents
- Trademarks
- Franchising agreements

TECHNOLOGY

- Artificial intelligence
- Fintech
- IT and outsourcing
- Machine learning
- Online commerce and new media

DATA PROTECTION ADVISORY

- Data protection advisory
- Data breach advisory, reporting and disclosure requirements
- Data Protection Compliance
- Fintech Advisory
- Legislative Drafting

TELECOMMUNICATION

- Frequency spectrum and broadband leasing and sharing agreements
- Infrastructure deployment, including tower deals and submarine cables
- Mobile fintech and payment systems
- Mobile Virtual Network Operator (MVNO) launches
- Network sharing and interconnection agreements
- Outsourcing of mobile network management
- Regulatory Compliance

Projects, Energy & Restructuring

PROJECTS & ENERGY

- Infrastructure
- Transport
- Energy & Natural Resources
- Oil & Gas
- Mining Social Infrastructure: Health, Education, Affordable Housing
- Procurement Construction
- Public Private Partnerships (PPPs)

RESTRUCTURING

- Administration
 - Company voluntary arrangements
 - Dealing with collateral
 - Debt restructuring
 - Debt sales and buyouts
 - Directors' duties and liabilities
 - Distressed M&A
 - Liquidation
 - Non-performing loan advice
 - Receiverships
 - Rescue finance
 - Restructuring agreements
 - Standstill and settlement agreements
 - Winding up petitions and debt recovery proceedings
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Our market recognition

 <p>Gold Status Intellectual Property Award WORLD TRADEMARK REVIEW 2025</p>	 	 <p>Firm of the Year MANAGING IP 2025</p>
 <p>Highly Ranked Corporate, Tax and Projects & Energy CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2025</p>	 	 <p>Tier 1 Capital Market and M&A IFLR1000 2024</p>
 <p>Highly Ranked Real Estate, and Employment CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2025</p>	 	 <p>General Corporate Finance – Legal Advisers by Transaction Flow & Transaction Value DEALMAKERS AFRICA 2023</p>
 <p>Band 1 Banking & Finance, Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property and Projects & Energy CHAMBERS GLOBAL 2025</p>	 	 <p>African Network of the Year AFRICAN LEGAL AWARDS 2023</p>
 <p>Tier 1 Employment, Commercial, Corporate and M&A THE LEGAL 500 2025</p>	 	 <p>Environment, Energy and Natural Resources Team of the Year AFRICAN LEGAL AWARDS 2022</p>
 <p>Tier 1 Dispute Resolution, Privatisation and Projects THE LEGAL 500 2025</p>	 	 <p>Restructuring Team of the Year AFRICAN LEGAL AWARDS 2022</p>
 <p>Tier 1 Banking, Finance and Capital Markets THE LEGAL 500 2025</p>	 	 <p>M&A Team of the Year Highly commended AFRICAN LEGAL AWARDS 2022</p>
 <p>Tier 1 Real Estate and Construction THE LEGAL 500 2025</p>	 	 <p>Mid Cap Deal of the Year EAVCA INDUSTRY AWARD 2022</p>
 <p>General Corporate Finance – Legal Advisers by Transaction Flow & Transaction Value, East Africa DEALMAKERS AFRICA 2023</p>	 	 <p>Leading Case Counsel Team AFRICA ARBITRATION AWARDS 2022</p>

Our African footprint

With over 450 lawyers	Present in 20 countries in Africa	Covering 10 key sectors	Global, national and regional offering
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“Comprising an array of independent law firms across the continent...offers clients international legal service standards combined with invaluable on-the-ground business and legal understanding. Through tried and tested cross-office collaboration the network has positioned itself as a single point of contact providing a joined-up legal service for multi-jurisdictional mandates.”

— Chambers Global

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