

Sammy Ndolo

Kenya Managing Partner



Sammy Ndolo is the Kenya Managing Partner, and Partner in our Corporate & Commercial, Banking, Finance & Projects, and Competition Law practice areas. Sammy is a leading specialist in finance and banking, restructurings and workouts, capital markets transactions and mergers and acquisitions.

About Sammy

Sammy began his career at a law firm in Kenya and was appointed Partner until 2017. He later joined Kieti as Managing Partner.

Credentials

Education

- Masters of Laws (LL.M) (with distinction) (Best Graduating Student), International Corporate Governance & Financial Regulation, University of Warwick
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) (Honours), University of Nairobi

Membership

- Law Society of Kenya
- International Bar Association

Experience

• Kenyan electric motorbike manufacturer

Advised a confidential investor in its equity investment in a Kenyan electric motorbike manufacturer.

• FNZ's acquisition of Silica

Advised on Kenya merger control issues in relation to FNZ's acquisition of Silica.

• Consolidated Bank of Kenya

Acted for the Privatisation Commission on the proposed rights issue and privatisation of Consolidated Bank of Kenya.

• Tiso Blackstar

Advised on Lebashe's acquisition of Tiso Blackstar's shares in Radio Africa.

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Expertise

Corporate & Commercial Law

Banking, Finance & Projects

Competition Law

Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing

Corporate Debt, Turnaround & Restructuring

Commercial Real Estate

Government and State-Owned Entities

Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

Immigration

Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade

Private Equity

Projects & Energy

Transport & Logistics

Oil & Gas

Location

Nairobi

Language

English

Swahili

- **Wakanow.com**

Advised on the Kenyan aspects of the equity investment in Wakanow.com by the Carlyle Group.

- **REPP**

Advised REPP in its preference share equity investment to fund the development of a 1.65MW solar power project in Nyeri, Kenya.

- **Distell**

Acted for Distell in its acquisition of Centum's shares in KWA Holdings EA Ltd.

- **Hoggers**

Acted for Hoggers in its proposed sale of business and assets to Famous Brands.

- **Reike**

Acted for Reike in its equity investment in two special purpose vehicles developing a 20MW and a 16MW hydropower project in Sagana, Kenya.

- **KUDURA**

Acted for KUDURA in its acquisition of Vulcan Inc.'s portfolio of solar power electricity generation assets in Kenya, and on merger control issues relating to the equity investment in it by Acumen Fund.

- **SunFunder**

Advised SunFunder (as security agent) on the sale of certain collateral assets to recover outstanding liabilities from a borrower group involving entities in Kenya, Rwanda and Tanzania.

- **Habitat Housing**

Acted for Habitat Housing in its joint venture arrangement with Singapura for the development of more than 8,000 residential and commercial units.

- **SunFunder**

Advised SunFunder (as arranger, agent and security agent) in syndicated USD 11M financing to SunCulture by a group of lenders comprising Triodos Investment Management, Nordic Development Fund, AlphaMundi and the AfDB's FEI OGEF managed by Lion's Head.

- **AgDevCo**

Acted for AgDevCo on its USD 2.5M syndicated debt financing of a consortium of Kenyan macadamia nut processing companies.

- **REPP**

Advised REPP (managed by CAMCO Clean Energy) in relation to its USD 3M financing to a borrower to develop, construct and operate solar photovoltaic mini grids representing 12,000 connections.

- **Mauritius Commercial Bank**

Advised Mauritius Commercial Bank in its multimillion trade finance facilities to oil marketing companies.

- **Commodity financing**

Advised a confidential international financier on its transaction security documents package for commodity financing in Kenya.

- **SunFunder**

Acted for SunFunder (manager of the solar debt facility) on the loan facility of KES 50M to Pawame, one of Kenya's first transactions to finance a developer receiving funding under the World Bank Funded Kenya Off-Grid Solar Access Project (KOSAP).

- **Green bank in Kenya**

Advised a confidential client on the establishment of a green bank in Kenya.

News



Chambers and Partners' Fintech Global Practice Guides 2024

We are pleased to announce our contribution to Chambers and Partners' Fintech Global Practice Guides 2024.

New legislative developments under the Movable Property Security Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2024

The Movable Property Security Rights (Amendment) Bill, 2024 (Bill) proposes to make amendments to various statutes to harmonise laws relating to security over movable property, including the Movable Property Security Rights Act, Cap 499A Laws of Kenya (MPSRA) and the Companies Act, Cap 486 Laws of Kenya (Companies Act). The Bill also proposes to repeal the Hire Purchase Act, Cap 507 Laws of Kenya (HPA). In this alert, we consider some of the proposed amendments under the Bill.

Enhancing supervision in the banking sector: A review of the Draft Banking (Penalties) Regulations, 2024

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) plays a fundamental role in maintaining stability within Kenya's banking sector. According to the Banking Act (Act), the CBK is empowered to make regulations for carrying out the purposes and provisions of the Act. The CBK may make regulations or prescribe penalties to be paid by banks, financial institutions, mortgage finance companies, credit reference bureaus and any other persons that fail or refuse to comply with its directions under the Act or Prudential Guidelines. In exercising this power, the CBK recently published the Draft Banking (Penalties) Regulations, 2024 (Proposed Regulations) whose defining features are a marked departure from the Banking (Penalties) Regulations, 1999 (Existing Regulations) which they will be seeking to repeal. In this article, we highlight some noteworthy features that the Proposed Regulations will introduce.

Streamlining enforcement: Key insights into the Competition Authority of Kenya's Consolidated Administrative Remedies and Settlement Guidelines, 2023

The Competition Authority of Kenya (CAK) has taken a significant step towards enhanced transparency and efficiency with the recent publication of the Consolidated Administrative Remedies and Settlement Guidelines, 2023 (Guidelines). This move underscores a commitment to streamlined enforcement processes and predictable outcomes for businesses operating in Kenya.

CDH Kenya celebrates triumphs at 2024 DealMakers Africa Awards Gala

CDH is delighted to announce its success at the 2024 DealMakers Africa Awards Gala that took place on 15 March 2024, in Lagos, Nigeria.

Videos

The Art of Corporate Revival: Exploring Effective Turnaround Tools & Strategising

CDH hosted a panel discussion titled "The Art of Corporate Revival: Exploring Effective Turnaround Tools & Strategising."

Re-thinking industrialization in Kenya and the East Africa Community. What does the future hold?

CDH in partnership with the French Chamber of Commerce Kenya hosted an informal breakfast event to discuss matters that affect the future of business in an everchanging market.

LGC Pulse with Kieti Law LLP

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Podcasts

NjeriTalksLaw - Episode 1 | Formation and Beyond

In this episode, Njeri talks to Partners, Sammy Ndolo and Shem Otanga, about starting and growing a law firm.

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Recognition



- Legal 500 EMEA
 - Chambers Global 2021–2024 ranked Sammy in Band 4 for corporate/M&A.
 - Chambers Global 2023–2024 ranked him in Band 4 for banking & finance.
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2024 recommended him for banking, finance & capital markets
 - The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 - 2024 also recommended Sammy for corporate, commercial/M&A.
 - IFLR1000 2021–2022 ranked Sammy as a notable practitioner.

