

# Sammy Ndolo

Kenya Managing Partner



Sammy Ndolo is the Kenya Managing Partner, and Partner in our Corporate & Commercial, Finance & Banking, 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

Finance & Banking Law

Competition Law

Agriculture, Aquaculture & Fishing

Business Rescue, Restructuring & Insolvency

Projects & Energy

Transport & Logistics

Private Equity

Government and State-Owned Entities

Healthcare & Pharmaceuticals

Industrials, Manufacturing & Trade

Immigration

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

### [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.

### [Consistency underlies CDH's domination of M&A deal flow for 14 out of 15 years](#)

Leading corporate and commercial law firm, Cliffe Dekker Hofmeyr (CDH) continues to cement its market-leading position as one of South Africa's top M&A legal advisers, according to the Ansarada DealMakers Annual Awards, held at the Sandton Convention Centre on 13 February 2024.

### [Fast-track administration](#)

The Insolvency (Amendment) Bill, 2023 (Bill) proposes to introduce a fast-track administration process. This process will be applicable to companies that qualify as small companies under the Companies Act, 2015 and other companies with assets and turnover, class of creditors, amount of debt, or type of company that the Cabinet Secretary may prescribe.

### [Beyond the shield of indefeasibility of title: The effect of illegal and irregular allocation of public land](#)

Indefeasibility of title is the cornerstone of land registration. Despite its importance, the principle is not absolute – especially where due and legal process was not followed in the issuance of a title. This was affirmed by the Supreme Court of Kenya in *Dina Management Limited v County Government of Mombasa and Five Others* (Supreme Court Petition No. 8 (E010) of 2021) by holding that the indefeasibility of a title is not a sufficient ground to sanction irregularities and illegalities in the allocation of public land.

### [Charting a course for public land reform through the Land \(Amendment\) Bill, 2022](#)

Kenya has historically struggled with a major crisis in its public land tenure system. This crisis is known as "land grabbing" and is the illegal and irregular allocation of land meant for public purposes to private individuals and corporations. There are many contributors to land grabbing, the main being a legal contributor, that is, the country's lack of a system for the issuance of certificates of title in respect to public land and land set aside for a public purposes by land buying companies.

## Videos

### [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.

[All news by Sammy Ndolo →](#)

## 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.