

# 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 Law

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

## CDH 2025 Chambers Corporate M&A Global Practice Guide Chapter

The Corporate M&A 2025 guide covers close to 90 jurisdictions.

### Cabinet Secretary approval required before loan interest rate adjustments: Clarification by the Supreme Court

The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) is reviewing its current risk-based credit pricing model. This model involves banks setting their lending rates based on the CBK's base rate and a borrower's risk profile, rather than applying a uniform interest rate. Borrowers with a higher risk profile get higher interest rates on their loans. This model has, however, led to some banks overcharging their clients and imposing additional fees that exceed the true underlying risk. As a result, CBK is proposing to introduce a new model where all loan interest rates will be tied to the Central Bank Rate plus a clear, bank-specific margin that will be published 30 days before any change.

### Consumer Protection Act on exclusion of implied warranties in consumer agreements

The Sale of Goods Act, Cap 31 Laws of Kenya (SOG Act) and the Consumer Protection Act, Cap 501 laws of Kenya (CPA) govern the framework for the sale of goods and the protection of consumer rights, respectively. Both statutes address implied warranties and conditions relating to the quality and fitness of goods, as well as the extent to which such warranties can be excluded by contract. This alert explores how these two acts interact, particularly in the context of consumer transactions

### Fintech Market in Kenya | 2025 Chambers Fintech Global Practice Guide

The latest edition of the Chambers Fintech Global Practice Guide offering comparative analysis from top-ranked lawyers has now been released.

### Capital management and planning for banks: when strategy must meet innovation.

Banking regulators in Africa generally strive to better protect depositors and maintain stability in the banking sector. The Central Bank of Kenya (CBK), following in the footsteps of the Central Bank of West African States, the Central Bank of Nigeria and the Bank of Uganda, has through enactment of the Business Laws (Amendment) Act No. 20 of 2024 on 11 December 2024, now required banks to gradually raise their core capital ten-fold to KES 10 Billion by 31 December 2029. In an Article that was published in the Business Daily on 1 May 2025, Sammy Ndolo (Managing Partner) and Deborah Sese (Senior Associate) discussed how banks can innovatively raise capital that qualifies as core capital from investors who are not keen on fully participating in risk that comes with equity investments. [Read the Article here](#)

## 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.

[All news by Sammy Ndolo →](#)

## Recognition

- Chambers Fintech Legal 2025 ranked Sammy in Band 3.
- Chambers Global 2021–2025 ranked Sammy in Band 4 for corporate/M&A.
- Chambers Global 2025 ranked him in Band 3 for banking & finance.
- Chambers Global 2023–2024 ranked him in Band 4 for banking & finance.
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2022–2025 recommended Sammy for banking, finance & capital markets
- The Legal 500 EMEA 2023 - 2025 also recommended Sammy for corporate, commercial/M&A.
- IFLR1000 2021–2024 ranked Sammy as a notable practitioner in Private Equity, M&A.