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HON. LADY JUSTICE FLAVIA NABAKOOZA

Hon. Justice Flavia Nabakooza is a career Judicial Officer who has served the Judiciary for the last 20 years. At the time of her appointment as Judge of the High Court, she was serving as the Registrar Planning, Research and Development in the Uganda Judiciary. Her overall responsibilities as the Registrar in charge were to provide leadership in regard to planning, budgeting, monitoring and evaluation of policies, strategies, and coordinate donor-funded projects in the Judiciary. Before her deployment at the Registry of Planning, Justice Nabakooza had served as the Deputy Registrar in charge of the High Court Commercial and Land Divisions where she handled both administrative and judicial work.

Over the years, she has gained extensive skills and experience in leadership, management, negotiations and mediation which attributes shaped her career development through working at the lower Bench Court levels.

She is a holder of a Master of Laws degree from the American University Washington College of Law.



HON. JUSTICE PHILIP WILLEBRORD MWAKA

A seasoned legal practitioner in the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, specifically under the Attorney General's Chambers, Justice Mwaka represented the Attorney General of Uganda in successfully litigating and defending high profile References in the East African Court of Justice (EACJ), Arusha, Tanzania. Back home, Justice Mwaka has successfully represented the Attorney General in litigating and defending high-profile Constitutional Petitions in the Constitutional Court and Constitutional Appeals in the Supreme Court. His major areas of practice included Constitutional and Human Rights Law, Judicial and Administrative Review, Intellectual Property, International Law, Environmental Law, Natural Resources Law, the Law of Contract and Torts.

At the time of his appointment as a Judge of the High Court, Justice Mwaka had grown through the ranks at the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and was serving as the Acting Commissioner, Directorate of Civil Litigation/Line Ministries.

Justice Mwaka holds a Master of Laws Degree (LLM) from Minnesota University Law School, USA.

HON. JUSTICE KWIZERA AMOS

Justice Kwizera, is a career Judicial Officer whose experience spans 26 years. He has gained wide experience in legal, Judicial Practice, and public management.

At the time of his appointment, Justice Kwizera was serving as Registrar, Inspectorate of Courts. Before that, he served in the capacity of Registrar Planning and Development. Previously, he was the Registrar/Chief Executive Officer of Uganda's Public Procurement and Public Disposal of Assets Appeals Tribunal. Justice Kwizera started in the Judiciary at the level of Magistrate Grade One and has grown through the ranks.

He holds a Masters in Law Degree in Commercial Law from Kampala International University, two postgraduate diplomas; one in Management from Uganda Management Institute and another in Social Justice from Makerere University. He also holds a Diploma in Justice and Law from Copenhagen Business School.



HON. JUSTICE DAVID L. MAKUMBI

An advocate of the High Court of Uganda and subordinate Courts with a wealth of experience spanning over 20 years, Justice Makumbi grew through the ranks at the Inspectorate of Government (IGG) until October, 2022 as the Director of Ombudsman Affairs. As a pioneer of the Directorate of Ombudsman Affairs, Justice Makumbi gave leadership in ensuring that the Inspectorate of Government's function as a quasi-judicial body was understood and appreciated by the public in responding to complaints from citizens about administrative injustice and related matters over which they felt aggrieved towards public offices or officials in the field of public administration.

In executing his functions as a Director, he supported the Inspector General of Government and the Deputy Inspectors General of Government in their constitutional responsibilities in the discharge of the Ombudsman function of the Inspectorate of Government. He coordinated the reporting function on routine and strategic investigations related to the Ombudsman functions.

Justice Makumbi holds a Master of Laws (LLM) degree from the Utrecht University, Netherlands.





HON. LADY JUSTICE DR CHRISTINE ECHOOKIT AKELLO

At the time of her appointment, Justice Akello was serving as the Deputy Executive Director, National Environment Management (NEMA), a board member of DFCU Bank Limited and a partner at AA Legal Consultants and Co. Advocates. In addition to the above dockets, Justice Akello was a part-time Lecturer at the Institute of Petroleum Studies Kampala (IPSK). As the Deputy Director NEMA, Justice Akello was responsible for providing leadership, corporate and strategic guidance, organizational strategic positioning and functionality, cultivating a good organizational culture, streamlining organizational structure and good governance and effective management.

She equally participated in technical, policy and strategic meetings on the environment involving Ministries, Departments and Agencies of Government, as well as those convened by the Office of the Prime Minister, Parliament and Cabinet.

Justice Akello holds a Doctorate in Business and Economics, with a major in Coaching and Leadership. She has published books on the ***Right to a Decent Environment in Uganda*** and another on ***Access to Genetic Resources and Benefit Sharing in Uganda***.



HON. JUSTICE JAMSON KAREMANI KAREMERA

Justice Karemani is a career Judicial Officer with 24 years of experience on the Bench. At the time of his appointment, he was serving as the Deputy Registrar Civil Division who doubled as the Judiciary Spokesperson. On top of carrying out day-to-day administration and management of the assigned Registry, he has been providing overall oversight over the Judiciary's Communications and Public Relations Registry where he has been taking the lead in stakeholder engagements to explain court services to the public.

Before that, he was an Assistant Registrar attached to the Inspectorate of Courts. He has served as a Magistrate Grade I and Chief Magistrate. In the years; 2010, 2011 and 2013, he was named best performing Chief Magistrate by the Judicial Integrity Committee.

Justice Karemani has served on different bodies including the East African Magistrates and Judges Association as a Treasurer.

He holds a Masters in Management Studies of Uganda Management Institute Kampala, a Postgraduate Diploma in Public Administration and Management of UMI and a Diploma in Law & Justice of Copenhagen Business School, Denmark.

HON. LADY JUSTICE JACQUELINE MWONDHA

At the time of her appointment, Hon. Justice Mwendha was serving as the supervisor of Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) at Uganda's Tax Body, Uganda Revenue Authority. Her major roles as the supervisor ADR, among others, were to improve customer satisfaction scores through the application of superior conflict resolution and problem-solving skills, mentor newly hired employees on conducting tax assessments and provide guidance and service on various tax issues in order to assist taxpayers in resolving tax matters where taxpayers do not agree with objection decisions.



Before joining the Uganda Revenue Authority, Justice Mwendha served at Uganda Human Rights Commission where she was in charge of reviewing complaints and claims about civil rights, determining the validity of complaints, building satisfactory resolutions and documenting Human Rights abuses. Justice Mwendha is currently pursuing a Master's degree in Business Administration majoring in Finance and Accounting at Cavendish University.

HON. LADY JUSTICE AISHA NALUZZE BATALA

Hon. Justice Aisha Naluzze Batala is a former prosecutor who at the time of her appointment was working with the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP) where she has served for the last 18 years, having grown through the ranks to the position of Assistant Director of Public Prosecutions. She has a wide range of experience in prosecution right from the subordinate courts to the Supreme Court.



Before joining the ODPP, Justice Naluzze served as a Legal Assistant at F. Mukasa & Co. Advocates from 2003 to 2005. She holds a Master's degree in Management Studies from the Uganda Management Institute, Kampala. She has equally attended short courses from the Auschwitz Institute for the Prevention of Genocide and Mass Atrocities, trafficking in Persons from TIP Prosecution Academy (TOT) 2022 and Crime Prevention and Criminal Justice organized by the Korea International Cooperation Agency and the Legal Research and Training Institute under the International Cooperation Program of the Government of Korea.



HON. LADY JUSTICE KANIA ROSETTE COMFORT

Lady Justice Kania is a legal, capital markets and regional integration professional with over 20 years post qualification experience gained both in Uganda and across the other East African Community countries.

At the time of her appointment, Lady Justice Kania was working as a Director of Market Supervision and Compliance at the Capital Markets Authority Uganda. Her executive level role aimed at maintaining and regulating an orderly, fair and efficient capital market by ensuring existing and new market intermediaries, investors and issuers comply with the Capital Markets Authority regulatory framework.

Her major interests are in Commercial and corporate law, capital markets development and regulation, compliance, administration, securities market supervision, financial sector development, regulatory reform, monitoring and evaluating the implementation of free movement of capital commitments under the Protocol on the Establishment of the East African Common Market, corporate governance, investment policy development and analysis, stakeholder engagement, East African Community (EAC) regional integration and private sector development. She holds a Master's Degree in Law from the University College London.



HON. LADY JUSTICE RUBAGUMYA TUMUSIIME PATIENCE EMILY

At the time of her appointment, Justice Rubagumya Tumusiime was serving as Commissioner Legal Services and Board Affairs Department at the Uganda Revenue Authority (URA) and also doubled as the Board Secretary to the Uganda Revenue Authority Board of Directors.

An Advocate of the High Court of Uganda with 20 years of experience, Justice Rubagumya's major role at the URA was to provide legal advisory services to the Board of Directors and Management as well as represent the Tax body in courts of law. She has prosecuted tax-related offences, having been licensed by the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) since 2006 and mediated other Court matters where Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) was considered viable. Justice Rubagumya holds a Master of Laws (LLM) in Oil and Gas Law from Robert Gordon University, Aberdeen.

HON. JUSTICE LUBEGA FAROUQ

Justice Lubega is an enrolled advocate of the High Court of Uganda and other subordinate Courts, knowledgeable, highly analytical, and result-oriented legal professional with 20 years of experience. At the time of his appointment, he was serving in the Attorney General's Chambers, Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs where he has grown in ranks over the years, from State Attorney, Senior State Attorney, Principal State Attorney and now, Assistant Commissioner. He has been attached to the Directorate of the First Parliamentary Counsel where he drafts laws of Uganda, both principal and subsidiary, and the laws of the East African Community. He has tremendously contributed to the machinery that provides the legal framework for good governance. He has been a member of the human rights desk in the Attorney General's Chambers. The Human Rights Desk was established by Cabinet to handle human rights matters in the country. The desk is responsible for the implementation of human rights-related recommendations and preparing statements and reports on the status of implementation of human rights recommendations from various bodies, Justice Lubega has served as served as the Legal assistant to two Attorney Generals, between 2011- 2016, where he undertook regular comprehensive legal researches and developed legal briefs on different matters.



He has also been a part-time lecturer at Kampala International University and Islamic University in Uganda where he has taught Administrative Law, International Trade and Investments and Intellectual Property Rights.

Before joining the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, he started his career as a Legal Assistant with Ruhindi and Company Advocates.



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VISION: Justice for All

MISSION: To efficiently and effectively administer justice

CORE VALUES

INDEPENDENCE

The Judiciary will ensure that it operates freely in its own best Judgement, without taking directives from, or being controlled by, any person or authority. We will uphold and exemplify the independence of the Judiciary in its individual and institutional aspects.

IMPARTIALITY

We uphold that justice must not merely be done but must also be seen to be done. Judicial Officers shall perform judicial duties without fear, favour, ill-will, bias, or prejudice.

TRANSPARENCY

The Judiciary will be open at all times in dealing with all partners in the administration of justice, documenting its operations and freely disseminating information. The Judiciary will endeavour to win the confidence and trust of all Ugandans and the international community through the quality of its services.

PROFESSIONALISM

The Judiciary will endeavour to have well-trained, professionally competent and self-confident staff that will administer justice to all.

INTEGRITY

The Judiciary will carry out its activities in an honest and truthful manner, and will take all reasonable measures to prevent wilful wrongdoing by its officials. Our behaviour and conduct will re-affirm the people's faith in the integrity of the Judiciary.

ACCOUNTABILITY

The Judiciary will take full responsibility for its actions, and will always be answerable to the people of Uganda and to its partners.

EQUALITY

The Judiciary will uphold the principles of equality, equal opportunities and affirmative action in respect to gender and other disadvantaged groups. We shall accord equal treatment to all persons who appear in court, without distinction on unjust discrimination based on the grounds of sex, colour, race, ethnicity, religion, age, social or economic status, political opinion, or disability.

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