



Belva Advocates Profile





Introduction

Belva Advocates is a leading private practice law firm in Uganda, dedicated to providing specialized and comprehensive legal services across various areas of law. Our headquarters are situated at Suite No. G3, Ground Floor, Plot No.7 Portal Avenue, Kampala, but our commitment to serving clients extends nationwide and beyond. Our team comprises of qualified and experienced lawyers who are passionate about delivering excellent legal solutions. We operate collaboratively in multidisciplinary teams, leveraging diverse expertise to achieve exceptional results for our clients.

At Belva Advocates, we place a strong emphasis on environmental law and biodiversity conservation, recognizing their pivotal role in Uganda's sustainable development and regional well-being. In addition to our environmental focus, we offer comprehensive legal services in corporate and commercial transactions, litigation, land transactions, general legal advisory, public administration, and governance, among others. Our wealth of experience enables us to navigate complex legal challenges involving diverse stakeholders, including government agencies, the private sector, civil society, local communities, and international organizations. Our unwavering commitment is to provide diligent and satisfactory legal services to our clients while continually enhancing both quality and efficiency. We uphold the highest ethical standards, fostering honesty and transparency in all our interactions with clients, colleagues, and the legal system.

At Belva Advocates, our clients' needs and interests take precedence, and we deliver personalized attention, proactive communication, and tailored legal solutions to address their specific requirements. Beyond our core legal services, we actively engage in pro bono work, support charitable causes, and promote environmental sustainability to make a positive impact on our community. We operate within Uganda's legal framework, respecting the Constitution of 1995 (as amended) as the supreme law of the land, guaranteeing the protection of human rights and the rule of law.

Furthermore, we adhere to relevant laws and regulations governing the legal profession in Uganda, including the Advocates Act (Cap 267), the Advocates (Professional Conduct) Regulations 1977 (as amended), the Law Council Act (Cap 268), the Legal Aid Service Providers Act 2020, among others. As members of the Uganda Law Society (ULS), we actively contribute to the welfare of the legal community and uphold the interests of justice, collaborating with various legal organizations, such as the Judiciary of Uganda, the Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP), and the Uganda Human Rights Commission (UHRC).

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Who We Are

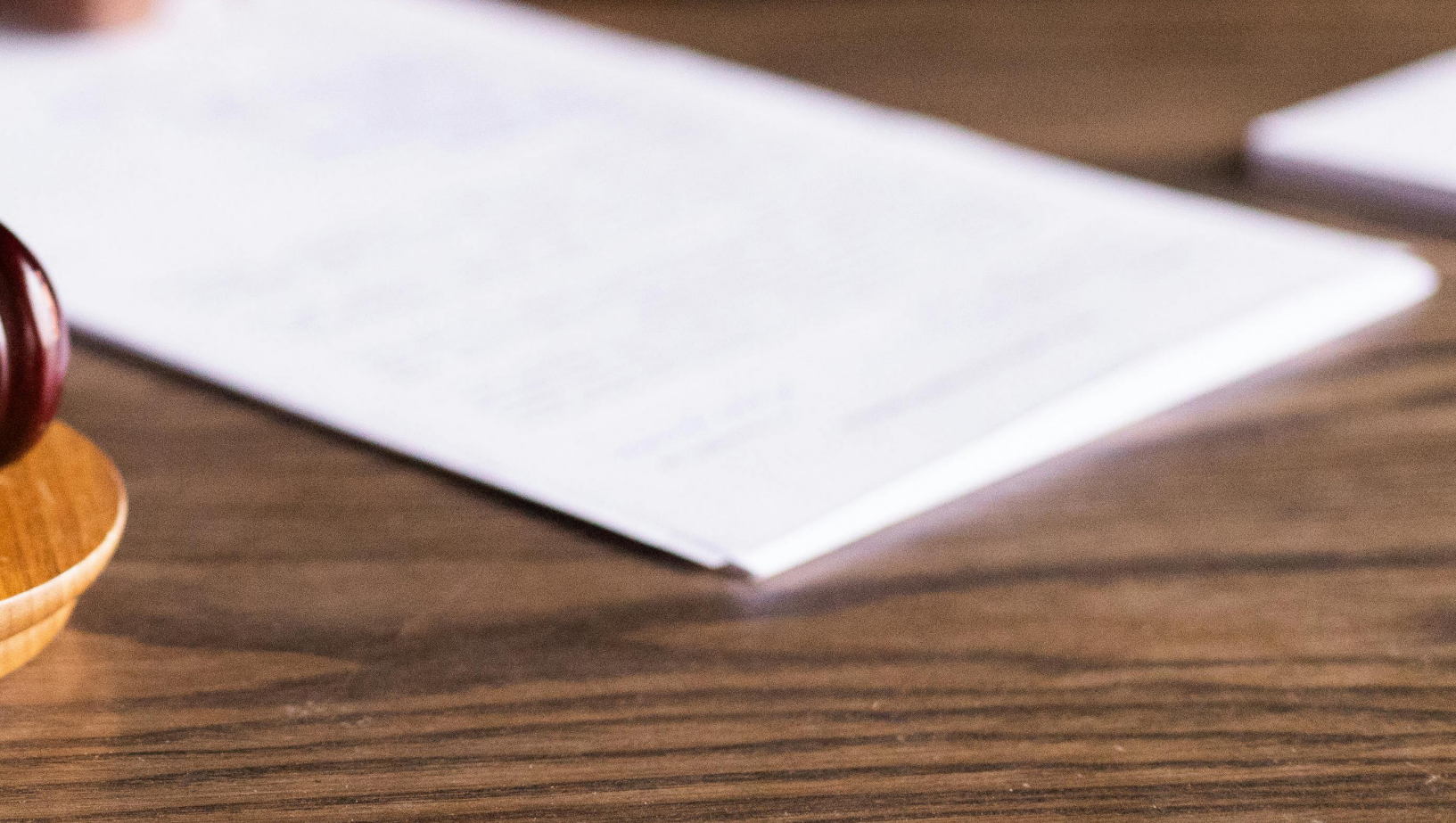
At the core of what we do is client focus and professionalism. We offer our clients personalized attention by providing individualized attention to each client's needs. This may involve assigning dedicated lawyers or a legal team to ensure consistent communication and tailored legal solutions.

The firm insists on proactive communication by maintaining open and transparent communication channels with clients. We ensure to promptly respond to inquiries, providing regular case updates, and ensuring that clients are well informed about the progress of their cases.

As a client focused law firm, we take the time to fully understand the objectives and priorities of our clients. This is done by gaining a deep understanding of our client's needs, interests, and concerns in order for the firm to provide effective legal strategies to achieve the desired outcomes.

We ensure that we make all the necessary efforts to be accessible and available to clients when needed. This involves offering flexible office hours, providing multiple channels for communication, and promptly responding to client inquiries.

At Belva Advocates, we empower clients by providing them with the necessary information and education to make informed decisions. This includes explaining legal concepts in plain language, outlining available options and setting realistic expectations. By integrating these practices into our approach, our law firm ensures a client-focused mindset and provides an optimal experience for our clients.



We have a Qualified Professional Team

We Work in Integrated, multidisciplinary teams

We strive for Efficient and Diligent

We are pragmatic and Innovative

We offer Quality and Versatility



Our Team



Bwiza Doreen
Managing partner

**LLB [Hons]
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Our Team



Namutebi Gladys Mary
Advocate

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Nagaba Shemekar
Operations Manager

BTTM [Hons]



Our Mission

To provide our clients with diligent and satisfactory legal services. This done while maintaining and constantly improving on quality and efficiency.

Our Core Values

1

INTEGRITY:

At Belva Advocates, we uphold the highest ethical standards, honesty, and transparency in all interactions with our clients, colleagues, and the legal system.

2

EXCELLENCE:

We strive for excellence in all aspects of legal practice, including legal knowledge, professional skills, and client services, to consistently deliver exceptional work.

3

CLIENT FOCUS:

As a law firm, we put our client's needs and interests first by providing personalized attention, proactive communication, and tailored legal solutions to meet specific needs.

4

COLLABORATION:

We promote a collaborative work environment, fostering team work and cooperation among colleagues, to leverage diverse skills and perspectives for the benefit of clients.

5

ACCOUNTABILITY:

At Belva Advocates, we take responsibility for actions and decisions, ensuring that commitments are honored, and holding ourselves and others accountable for delivering high-quality legal services.

6

PROFESSIONALISM:

It is important to maintain a professional demeanor, adhere to professional standards and codes of conduct, and present a positive and credible image both in and outside the legal community.

7

GROWTH AND DEVELOPMENT:

At Belva Advocates, encourage continuous professional growth and development for all team members, foster a culture of learning, and supporting career advancement and mentor-ship opportunities. By embracing our core values, our law firm aims to build trusted relationships, deliver exceptional legal services, and contribute positively to our clients, colleagues, and the community we serve.

Why Choose Us?



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What we offer

1

Advising and representing clients on matters related to administrative justice, such as judicial review of administrative decisions or actions, remedies for maladministration, procedural fairness, natural justice, etc.

2

Advising and representing clients on matters related to constitutional law, such as constitutional interpretation, constitutional challenges, constitutional amendments, constitutional rights and freedoms, etc.

3

Advising and representing clients on matters related to human rights law, such as human rights violations, human rights litigation, human rights advocacy, human rights treaties and conventions, etc.

4

Advising and representing clients on matters related to public procurement law, such as procurement processes, procurement contracts, procurement disputes, procurement audits, procurement reforms, etc.

5

Advising and representing clients on matters related to public finance law, such as budgeting, taxation, auditing, fiscal policy, fiscal accountability, fiscal decentralization, etc.

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CORPORATE AND COMMERCIAL TRANSACTIONS

Our expertise includes insightful and innovative deal structuring, legal advice, and an understanding of business and economic imperatives. We offer services in company incorporation, banking and finance, corporate recovery and insolvency, mergers and acquisitions, employment, immigration, corporate governance, corporate restructuring, insolvency, commercial real estate transactions, intellectual property transactions, and corporate compliance and regulatory matters.

1



LITIGATION

We provide strategic commercial, legal, and business advice to a wide range of business and individual clients, including advice on avoiding disputes and, when necessary, how to navigate and minimize the prospect and cost of litigation. Our experienced litigation team handles civil and commercial litigation, employment litigation, insurance, class action litigation, intellectual property litigation, and family litigation, among others. We also have a successful track record in arbitration, striving to attain effective results by exploring core issues and determining the most appropriate method of resolution.

2

What we offer



LAND TRANSACTIONS

REAL ESTATE

Our team possesses expertise in handling various types of land transactions, including commercial, industrial, and agricultural properties. We have an in-depth knowledge of land laws and regulations, allowing us to navigate complex legal frameworks. Our services encompass due diligence and searches, property valuations, negotiations, land transfers, sub divisions, environmental compliance, real estate acquisitions, and dispositions. We are committed to providing high quality legal services and facilitating smooth and secure land transactions for our valued clients.

3



DEBT RECOVERY

We understand the financial challenges that individuals and businesses face when dealing with outstanding debts. Our team has experience in handling debt recovery cases and have recently handled a portfolio of over two billion shillings. We tailor our services to each client's unique circumstances with proficiency in debt restructuring and negotiation, asset location and recovery, debt collection, creditor representation, settlement agreements, mediation and enforcement.

4

What we offer



GENERAL LEGAL ADVISORY

We provide support and advice regarding legal issues that you may be compelled to deal with in the course of your professional or business activities or relating to personal matters. With regard to legal problems, some of the services we offer include but are not limited to:

1. Legal advice on various aspects of law, such as contracts, torts, human rights, constitutional law, administrative law, criminal law, family law, etc.
2. Legal representation in courts, tribunals, commissions, and other dispute resolution forums.
3. Legal drafting and review of documents, such as contracts, agreements, deeds, wills, trusts, affidavits, etc.
4. Legal research and analysis of legal issues, precedents, statutes, regulations, policies, etc.
5. Legal consultation and guidance on legal matters, such as compliance, risk management, governance, etc.

We have a team of qualified and experienced lawyers who can handle any legal challenge with professionalism and competence. We are committed to providing our clients with the best possible legal solutions that suit their needs and expectations.

5



ENVIRONMENTAL LAW AND BIODIVERSITY CONSERVATION

We have a strong passion and expertise in environmental law and biodiversity conservation, which are crucial for the sustainable development of Uganda and the region. We provide legal advice and representation on matters related to environmental protection, conservation of natural resources, environmental impact assessment (EIA), environmental compliance audits (ECA), environmental litigation (EL), climate change law (CCL), waste management law (WML), renewable energy law (REL), water law (WL), forestry law (FL), wildlife law (WLL), fisheries law (FL), mining law (ML), oil and gas law (OGL), etc. We have extensive experience in handling complex environmental cases involving multiple stakeholders such as government agencies, private sector, civil society, local communities, and international organizations. We also advise our clients on the best practices and standards for environmental management and biodiversity conservation, as well as the relevant laws and policies at the national, regional, and international levels. We are committed to promoting environmental justice and safeguarding the rights and interests of our clients in relation to environmental matters.

6



PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION AND GOVERNANCE

We have a deep understanding of how government operates and the legal framework that regulates its functions and activities. We offer legal services in the areas of public administration and governance, such as administrative law, constitutional law, human rights law, public procurement law, public finance law, public service law, local government law, anti-corruption law, etc. We represent our clients in challenging or defending administrative decisions or actions by public authorities or officials, as well as in seeking judicial review or constitutional interpretation of laws or policies that affect their rights or interests. We also advise our clients on how to comply with the legal requirements and obligations of public administration and governance, as well as how to engage with the government effectively and constructively. We are dedicated to enhancing the rule of law, accountability, transparency, and participation in public administration and governance.

Our Goals

1

PROVIDING EXCELLENT LEGAL REPRESENTATION:

Belva Advocates strives to offer high-quality legal services to its clients through thorough research, effective communication, and diligent advocacy.

2

BUILDING STRONG CLIENT RELATIONSHIPS:

Belva Advocates aims to establish long-term relationships with all our clients based on trust, reliability, and responsive communication, often leading to referrals and a positive reputation.

3

ACHIEVING SUCCESSFUL OUTCOMES:

Belva Advocates seeks to achieve favorable outcomes for our clients whether it is winning a case securing a settlement or providing sound legal advice that helps clients make informed decisions

4

MAINTAINING ETHICAL STANDARDS:

Belva Advocates seeks to uphold ethical standards, which are crucial to our existence. We strive to always adhere to the highest level of professional conduct, confidentiality, and integrity in our practice.

5

FOSTERING A POSITIVE WORK ENVIRONMENT:

We aim to create a supportive and collaborative work environment that fosters teamwork, professional growth, and job satisfaction for our employees.

6

CONTRIBUTING TO THE COMMUNITY:

We have a commitment to giving back to the community through pro-bono work, volunteer initiatives, and supporting charitable causes.





Awards



Our Clients





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