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THE 2ND ANNUAL STRATHMORE DISPUTE RESOLUTION CENTRE RESEARCH COLLOQUIUM 2025

DATE: 28TH & 29TH AUGUST 2025

VENUE: STRATHMORE LAW SCHOOL-MICROSOFT AUDITORIUM

DAY ONE: 28TH AUGUST 2025		
TIME	FACILITATOR	SESSION
7:00AM-7:30AM	SDRC Secretariat	Registration
7:30AM-7:45AM	Dr. Melissa Muindi, Director, SDRC	Welcome Remarks on Behalf of SDRC
7:45AM-8:00AM	Dr. Edward Mungai, DVC, Planning & Development	Welcome Remarks on Behalf of SU
8:00AM-8:20AM	Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, EBS, SCJ , Supreme Court Judge & Chair- ICT & Integrated Court Management Systems Committee (ICMS)	Keynote Speech
SESSION 1	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, TECHNOLOGY & ACCESS TO JUSTICE	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator Allan Mukuki, Doctoral Fellow, Director of International Partnerships, SLS, Director- Forced Migration & Displacement Hub</p>	
8:30AM-8:50AM	Prof. Kariuki Muigua, OGW, C.Arb , FCIArb, Professor of law at the University of Nairobi School of Law.	Access to Justice: Applying Appropriate Dispute Resolution in the Age of Technology
8:50AM-9:10AM	Ms. Khayran Noor, MCIArb : Advocate of the High Court of Kenya; Founding Director of Sports Legal	The Role of Technology in Promoting Access to Justice through ADR (Sports Dispute Resolution)
9:10AM-9:30AM	Mr. David Onsare, FCIArb , Partner & Head of Dispute Resolution at Maina & Onsare Partners Advocates LLP	The Silicon Savannah's TPF Paradox: A Framework for Tech-Driven Third-Party Funding to Enhance Access to Justice in Kenya
9:40AM-10:00AM	Mr. Fred Gordon Ogolla , Lecturer, Kabarak University, Head of Department Centre for Multiple Systems of Justice, Kabarak University	Whether an AI mediator can be a substitute for subject experts
10:00AM-10:20AM	Q & A	
10:20AM-11:10AM	TEA BREAK	
SESSION 2	EMERGING USE OF TECHNOLOGY IN ADR IN AN INTERDISCIPLINARY CONTEXT	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Moderator Samantha Masengeli, MCIArb, Partner-NML Advocates</p>	
11:10AM-11:30AM	Mr. Gordon Oduor, LLM MCIArb , Senior Associate - Baker McKenzie LLP, Adjunct Lecturer- Strathmore Law School- International Dispute Resolution.	Emerging and Future Trends in ADR Practices
11:30AM-11:50AM	Mr. Alberto Fortun, FCIArb , Partner- CUATRECASAS, Madrid, Accredited Faculty of the CIARB.	The use of AI in selection of arbitration panels
11:50AM-12:20PM	Mr. Simon Saili Malonza, C. Arb, FCIArb, Q.S, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya	Emerging Trends on ADR and Cross-Border Practice

12:20PM- 12:40PM	Ms. Sambu Chepkorir , Tutorial Fellow- Kabarak University, Faculty Member- Centre for Multiple Justice Systems, Analyst Consultant- Med-Or Italian Foundation.	Exploring the Growing Role of Technology in International Peace Processes
12:40PM-1:00PM	Ms. Lois Chisompola Sikwenda , Senior Fellow- Weinstein International Foundation, Managing Partner- Valerie & Partners (Zambia).	Tech-powered Mediator
1:00PM-1:10PM	Q & A	
1:10PM-2:10PM	LUNCH BREAK	
SESSION 3	CONSTRUCTION ADJUDICATION AND TECHNOLOGY	
2:10PM-3:40PM	Moderator Dr. Arch. Sylvia Kasanga , FCIArb, Member- ICC Court of Arbitration, Senator- Parliament of Kenya	
	Mr. Paul Ngotho, HSC, LL.M (University of London) , Chartered Arbitrator and Adjunct Lecturer at University of Nairobi	What makes Construction Adjudication Particularly Amenable to AI & Robotics?
	Mr. James Ngotho, FCIArb CPM-MTI (Mediator) LL.B (Strathmore), LL.M (UoN) (International Trade & Investment)	
	Eng. Aluoch Fredrick, CE, MIEK, FCIArb, Civil Engineer /Arbitrator /Adjudicator /Mediator / Expert Witness	
3:40PM-3:50PM	Q & A	
3:50PM-4:00PM	RECAP & CLOSING REMARKS	

DAY TWO: 29TH AUGUST 2025		
7:30AM-7:45AM	Registration	
7:45AM-8:00AM	Dr. Francis Kariuki, Deputy Director, SDRC	Welcome Remarks for Day 2
SESSION 4	ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION, AI & TECHNOLOGY	
	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Ms. Phyllis Wangwe, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Managing Partner- Wangwe & Co. Associates Advocates, Founder & Lead Consultant- PENS Global Services.</p>	
8:00AM-8:25AM	Prof. Githu Muigai, SC. ,LLB.(UoN), LL.M. (Columbia University) SC, C.Arb (UK and Kenyan Chapters), Senior Partner- Mohammed Muigai LLB	Disrupting the Forum: The Future of Dispute Resolution in The Digital Age.
8:25AM-8:50AM	Prof. Wyne Mutuma , C.Arb, FCIArb, Chair- CIArb- Kenya Branch	Rethinking ADR in the Age of Cybersecurity and Globalization
8:50AM-9:15AM	Mr. Moses Kahoro , Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, MCIArb	ADR in ICT Contracts: Lessons from Practice,
9:15AM-9:40AM	Mr. Nelson Nkari , Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Managing Partner of Nelson Nkari & Company Advocates	The Evidentiary Threshold for AI-Reconstructed Data in ADR, and the Role of Algorithmic Transparency in Admitting Regenerated AI Data in ADR Proceedings.
9:40AM-10:15AM	Ms. Eunice Lumallas, FCIArb , Chairperson- Women in Alternative Resolution (WADR), Partner -LAK Advocates (formerly Lumallas, Achieng & Kavere Advocates).	Cybersecurity protocols for ADR Practitioners and Institutions: Leaks, Attacks & Protections.
10:15AM- 10:40AM	Kananu Mutea, FCIArb , Founder & Partner, KM Associates, and Course Correct Consulting	Virtual Hearings
10:40AM-10:50AM	Q & A	
10:50AM-11:45AM	TEA BREAK	
SESSION 5	LEGAL & ETHICAL CONSIDERATIONS	
	<p>Moderator</p> <p>Mr. Victor Baba, Senior Fellow- Weinstein International Foundation</p>	
11:45AM-12:10PM	Mr. Geoffrey Imende , FCIArb, Managing Partner, Mohammed Muigai LLP	The Digital Handshake: Preserving Justice in the Age of Algorithms
12:10PM-12:35PM	Ms. Jacqueline Oyuyo Githinji , C.Arb, FCIArb, Managing Partner, Umsizi LLP	Legal and ethical considerations from the use of technological tools in ADR: Legal imperatives and humanity in the adoption of AI.
12:35PM- 1:00PM	Dennis Nkarichia , Tutorial Fellow- Kabarak University, Associate-Mohammed Muigai LLP.	Safeguarding Arbitration: the Legal and Ethical Challenges in Integrating AI in the Arbitral Process.
1:00PM-1:10PM	Q & A	

1:10PM-2:10PM	LUNCH	
SESSION 6	THE GREAT DEBATE Personal Reflections on ADR in the Digital Age: Experts's Perspectives (Kenya and Zambia)	
2:10PM- 3:40PM	Moderator Hon. Barbara Akinyi, Magistrate, Small Claims Court, Judiciary of Kenya	
	Mr. Quency Otieno , PhD candidate, ACI Arb, Legal Officer- Parliament of Kenya Hon. Jackie Kibosia , Principal Magistrate, Milimani Children's Court, Judiciary of Kenya Lois Sikwenda , Senior Research Fellow - Weinstein International Foundation, Managing Partner - Valerie & Partners (Zambia). Mr. Samuel Mbiriri Nderitu , FCI Arb, FMI Arb, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya Eng. Howard M'manyi , MCI Arb. FIEK, PMP, MAAK Hon. Justice Mugeni Mulenga , Former Judge- Constitutional Court of Zambia, Senior Research Fellow-Weinstein International Foundation Stephen Lungu SC. , Managing Partner- Shamwana & Company Advocates, Senior Research Fellow- Weinstein International Foundation	
	Q & A	
SESSION 7	STUDENT ROUNDTABLE Bridging the Gap: ADR and Technology (Perspectives from young people)	
3:40PM-4:20PM	Moderator Wang'ondur Chege	
	Natasha Kahungi Daryl Auma & Angela Mburu Nayfeen Najim Paula Kilusi	
4:20PM-4:30PM	CLOSING REMARKS/ VOTE OF THANKS	

ABOUT SDRC DIRECTORS

Dr. Melissa Muindi, Director, SDRC



Dr. Melissa Muindi, an early career researcher and academician, is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Certified Professional Mediator. Currently serving as Academic Director at Strathmore Law School (SLS), Dr. Muindi is involved in shaping the legal minds of the future. Dr. Muindi also serves as the Director of the Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre. She is a trainer and assessor for the 40-hour mediation training, and she also coordinates mediation moot court competitions. Her role as a Lecturer at SLS involves teaching courses such as Labour Law and Alternative Dispute Resolution, where she showcases her dedication to both legal education and research. Dr. Muindi's teaching experience also includes previously held teaching positions at Kenyatta University and Riara Law School.

As an early career researcher, Dr. Muindi's notable publications include research on critical issues relating to both employment law and alternative dispute resolution. Dr. Muindi's influence extends to both national and international conferences and webinars (in countries such as Hungary, Bulgaria and Nigeria), where she has presented thought-provoking insights. This reflects her commitment to advancing legal discourse on a global scale.

Dr. Muindi's impact extends beyond the classroom. She is also a mentor to several students. At the 2023 Strathmore University Staff Recognition Ceremony, she received an award for her commendable mentorship initiatives. Dr. Muindi exemplifies a commitment to professional growth and collaboration.

Dr. Edward Mungai, DVC, Planning & Development



Career History:

Dr. Mungai is the Deputy Vice-Chancellor (Planning and Development) at Strathmore University, Nairobi, Kenya. The role involves spearheading the University's strategy, fundraising, alumni, and development activities among others. He is also a faculty member at Strathmore University Business School.

Dr. Mungai is currently a Commissioner in the Kenya Government's Ethics Commission for Cooperative Societies. Previously he was a board member of the Kenya government's Youth Enterprise Development Fund from 2010 – 2012, and the board chair of the Association of African Business Schools from 2016-2017 having served the same board from 2012. He was a committee member of the European Foundation for Management Development (EFMD) Deans Across Frontiers (EDAF) from 2015-2018. He is a board member of Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC), Kenya.

Until October 2018 he was the Associate Dean (Research and Innovation) at Strathmore University Business School (SBS), Nairobi, Kenya. He was the Dean of SBS for the period 2008-2012. During that period SBS expanded its range of executive management courses and international partnerships. Before joining Strathmore University, Dr. Mungai was a faculty member at the Department of Mathematics, University of Nairobi, Kenya, for the period 1991-1996.

Qualifications:

Dr. Mungai holds a Ph.D. in Management from IESE Business School in Barcelona, Spain, a Master of Science degree in Mathematics, a Postgraduate Diploma in Computer Science, and a Bachelor of Science degree in Mathematics all from the University of Nairobi, Kenya, and a Certificate in Executive Development from Sauder School of Business, Vancouver, Canada. He is a certified Change Management consultant.

Research and Professional Interests:

Dr. Mungai's research and professional interest are on entrepreneurship, innovation, family business and mediation. He is a UK Facilit8 accredited mediator. He has published articles and written several cases related to family business, entrepreneurship and innovation. He is also a visiting faculty to Sauder School of Business, University of British Columbia, Vancouver, Canada; The University of Kigali, Rwanda and IEEM business school in Montevideo, Uruguay.

Family and Hobby:

Dr. Edward Mungai is married to Dr(Mrs.) Lucy Mungai and they have five children. Edward and Lucy have a hobby which involves giving insights to professional singles on how to prepare for marriage and meet potential spouses at <https://www.mediatrixhealth.com/webinar/>.

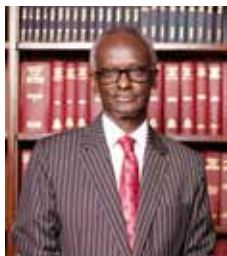
Dr. Francis Kariuki, Deputy Director, SDRC



Dr. Francis Kariuki holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB.) and a Master of Laws (LLM.) from the University of Nairobi, and a Doctor of Philosophy(PhD.) degree from the University of Witwatersrand on South Africa. He is a lecturer at Strathmore University Law School and Assistant Director of Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC). He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb.)- London and Kenya. He is also a listed arbitrator and mediator with the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) in Kenya, and a member of SDRC. He is also accredited as a mediator by the Mediation Accreditation Committee (MAC) under the Kenyan Judiciary, His research interests are in traditional justice systems, natural resources law and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

SPEAKER PROFILES

Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, FCIArb, CBS Justice of the Supreme Court of Kenya



Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola was appointed on 27th October, 2016 and assumed office on 28th October, 2016 as a Judge of the Supreme Court. He heads the Supreme Court Judicial Function Operations, Bar-Bench Relations, Relations with Non-Domestic Courts and International Courts as well as Information Communication Technology Portfolio.

Prior to his appointment, he was a Judge of the High Court of Kenya, and Judge and Deputy Principal Judge of the Court of First Instance of the East African Court of Justice (2011-2018). He is the Vice-President (2024) and Judge at the Residual Special Court for Sierra Leone (2013 to-date). He practiced law, served as a Commissioner in the Constitution of Kenya Review Commission (CKRC), and was a Member of the Tribunal Investigating the Conduct of Puisne Judges.

Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola served as a Commissioner at the Judicial Service Commission and is the President of the Advisory Council of the Strathmore Institute for Advanced Studies in International Criminal Justice; President, International Association of Refugee and Migration Judges (IARMJ); and Chairman Emeritus, Judicial Action Group. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, and McLaughlin College, York University, Toronto, Canada.

He was awarded the LSK Distinguished Service Award (2008); East African Law Society Honorary Membership Award (2015); Jurist of the Year ICJ-Kenya Chapter (2019); IARMJ Distinguished Service Awards (2014 and 2018); and National Honours of the Moran of the Order of the Burning Spear (MBS), and Chief of the Order of the Burning Spear (CBS).

He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, holds a Bachelor of Laws (LLB) from the University of Nairobi, and Post-Graduate Diploma from the Kenya School of Law.

Allan M. Mukuki, LLD Candidate, LLM (Groningen, The Netherlands), PGDip (KSL), LLB (Hons) (UoN), MCIArb (London), Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Commissioner for Oaths and Notary Public, SDRC Accredited Mediator



Allan Mukuki is a distinguished legal professional with over 10 years of experience across legal practice, academia, research, and consultancy. Currently pursuing a Doctor of Laws (LLD) at Stellenbosch University, he is recognised as a thought leader in public international law, refugee law, and human rights law. He holds a Master of Laws from the University of Groningen and a Bachelor of Laws from the University of Nairobi. Additionally, he is a scholar of the Hague Academy of International Law and has served as a Visiting Fellow at the Refugee Studies Centre at Oxford University. Mukuki is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a Commissioner for Oaths, and a Notary Public.

Throughout his career, Allan has demonstrated exceptional leadership in legal research, consultancy, and academia. He has been vital in developing groundbreaking legal initiatives and policies, including the High Court Registry Manual for Kenya, IGAD's Regional Refugee Management Framework, the Nairobi Strategy for Refugee Integration and Community Building and both strategic plans for Kenya's Office of the Data Protection Commissioner. His advisory roles with global organisations have addressed significant issues, including data protection and international criminal justice.

As a faculty member at Strathmore Law School, Mukuki has played a pivotal role in curriculum development and training the next generation of legal professionals. He has negotiated over 45 Memoranda of Understanding (MOUS) with universities across five continents and managed high-value projects, including the Academic Trip Project. A champion for access to justice, he is involved with the Strathmore Law Clinic, providing pro bono legal aid to underserved communities.

Mukuki's academic contributions include peer-reviewed articles, book chapters, and reports on climate change and migration policy. He is a sought-after speaker and trainer at prestigious global conferences.

In 2024, Business Daily honoured him with the "Top 40 Under 40" Award, and in 2022 and 2025, he was named Best Lecturer at Strathmore Law School. He is committed to social impact, serving as the founding director of The Spear Foundation, which supports educational initiatives for underprivileged children. His role as Board Chairperson for HIAS Kenya underscores his dedication to equitable policies for refugees.

Allan Mukuki influences legal discourse and inspires change in Kenya and internationally. He blends expertise with a fervent dedication to justice, integrating legal knowledge and a passion for capacity building to advance transformative developments in the legal and humanitarian sectors.

Prof. Kariuki Muigua, Ph.D., FCIArb. (Chartered Arbitrator), OGW



He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya; Professor of law, University of Nairobi, Faculty of Law; Member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) He served as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) Regional Trustee for Africa from 2019 to 2022.

He has on various occasions been appointed by leading arbitral institutions including the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb-Kenya), the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) among other institutions, as both as a sole arbitrator and a member of arbitral tribunals in arbitrations involving commercial disputes.

He became the first winner of the Inaugural CIArb (Kenya Branch) ADR Lifetime Achievement Award 2021. He was also the winner of the ADR Practitioner of the Year Award 2021 given by the Nairobi LSK and the ADR Publisher of the Year 2021 awarded by CIArb Kenya. He is rated by Chambers and Partners as one of the best dispute resolvers in the country. He has published in the areas of ADR and Access to Justice, Environment, and Natural Resources.

Ms. Khayran Noor, MCIArb: Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Founding Director of Sports Legal



Khayran has garnered an impressive background in sports law, establishing herself as a notable professional in the field. Her areas of focus include compliance, good governance, policy, human rights, safeguarding, diversity and inclusion, and legislative and regulatory development.

In her role as the Founding Director of Sports Legal, she has played a key role in shaping sports law development in the region. Additionally, her commitment extends to being the Chairperson of the East Africa Law Society, Sports Law Committee, where she actively contributes to advancing legal standards in the sports industry across Africa.

She currently serves as a Protocol Expert for the H.E.R.O Project, which seeks to respect, protect, and promote athletes' human rights in sport by supporting sport bodies in developing appropriate and effective strategies and mechanisms to prevent violations and respond to cases of abuse. She is also an Advisory Board Member at Sports & Crime Briefing, contributing to thought leadership and multidisciplinary dialogue on crime-related issues in sport.

Khayran is the Lead at the Africa Arbitration Academy Sports Law Task Force, which drives strategic efforts in promoting capacity building, collaboration, policy development, stakeholder engagement, and regulatory frameworks to advance sports dispute resolution across the continent.

As an Arbitrator (MCI Arb) with the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, her qualifications in arbitration are complemented by her educational background, including an LLM in Sports Law & Practice from De Montfort University (DMU), Leicester, United Kingdom. A graduate with an LLB (Honors) from Kenyatta University and recognized as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, she brings a solid legal foundation to her work.

In summary, Khayran's commitment and dedication to promoting excellence and inclusivity in sports law makes her a standout professional. Her diverse experiences and qualifications showcase her capacity to contribute meaningfully to the development of sports law on both regional and international levels.

Mr. David Onsare, FCI Arb, Arbitrator; Partner & Head of Dispute Resolution at Maina & Onsare Partners Advocates LLP



David Onsare leads dispute resolution at Maina & Onsare Partners Advocates LLP. He is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators and chairs the CI Arb-Kenya Young Members Group, which he also represents on the Institute board. He handles complex litigation and arbitration, acting as counsel and arbitrator. His work appears in peer reviewed journals on ESG, third-party funding and investor state disputes. In 2024 he won CI Arb-Kenya's Young ADR Practitioner of the Year and Highly Impactful ADR Practitioner awards. He is currently pursuing a PhD in Law at the University of Nairobi.

Ms. Samantha Masengeli, MCI Arb., Partner- NML Advocates



Samantha Mukoya Masengeli is a distinguished legal professional, arbitrator, and strategic leader, with extensive expertise in arbitration, alternative dispute resolution (ADR), family law, surrogacy, adoptions, and assisted reproductive technologies (ARTs). As a founding partner of NML Advocates LLP, she has successfully built a reputable legal practice that prioritizes client-focused solutions, ethical advocacy, and progressive legal strategies.

As an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Domestic Arbitrator, Samantha plays a pivotal role in shaping legal discourse in family law and reproductive rights, particularly in surrogacy, ARTs, and adoptions, where she provides specialized legal counsel, policy guidance, and regulatory compliance support. She is an active member of professional bodies, including the Law Society of Kenya, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (London and Kenya), the African Arbitration Association.

She currently sits as the Vice Chairperson of the Young Members Group of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Kenya Branch and the Secretary General of the Africa Arbitration Association Young Members Group. A passionate advocate for technology-driven arbitration, Samantha

has spoken at multiple panels, conferences, and seminars on the intersection of arbitration, AI, and virtual dispute resolution. She has shared insights at key forums, including the CIArb Nigeria Conference (2023), the CIArb Kenya Conference (2024) and the Nairobi Arbitration Week (2025), among others, emphasizing the role of artificial intelligence in streamlining arbitration, enhancing efficiency, and reducing the carbon footprint of dispute resolution. She is committed to leveraging AI and virtual arbitration to create a more sustainable, cost-effective, and accessible dispute resolution landscape.

Beyond her legal and arbitration expertise, Samantha is deeply committed to mentorship and professional development. She actively mentors young lawyers and ADR practitioners, guiding them in career growth, ethical practice, and strategic thinking in dispute resolution. Her mentorship extends beyond legal training, fostering a culture of collaboration, continuous learning, and leadership in the legal profession.

Gordon Oduor, LL.M., MCIArb.



Gordon Oduor is a member of the Kenyan Bar. He holds an LL.B. (Hons) degree from the University of Nairobi, a Post Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law, and an LL.M. in International Dispute Resolution from the University of Georgia (United States). He is also an Accredited Mediator by the Kenyan Judiciary (MAC). He is a member (MCIArb.) of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, a member of the International Chamber of Commerce, and a member of the ICC Kenya Commission on Arbitration and ADR.

Gordon's work experience spans across the academia and legal practice, with a background of a multifaceted dispute resolution expertise (mediation/arbitration/litigation), in both the common law and civil law jurisdictions. He is a lecturer at Strathmore Law School, and a trainer for various organizations including: Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC), the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), the Kenya School of Law, and the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC). His legal and international arbitration practice experience spans across Africa (Nairobi/Johannesburg), North America (New York), the Middle East (Abu Dhabi), and Western Europe (London), having practiced in all these jurisdictions.

Mr. Alberto Fortun, FCIArb, Partner- CUATRECASAS, Madrid, Accredited Faculty of the CIArb.



Alberto Fortún is a Partner at Cuatrecasas specializing in international arbitration and alternative dispute resolution, with extensive experience in energy, construction, and joint venture disputes. He has represented private investors against public authorities in Africa and Latin America and has participated in over 100 arbitration and ADR proceedings, including mediation, adjudication, and dispute boards. Recognized as a leading arbitration practitioner in Spain and abroad, he has served as arbitrator in proceedings before the ICC, LCIA, Court of Arbitration of Madrid, European Arbitration Association, and other international institutions.

A Fellow and approved trainer of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Alberto is active in professional associations including the LCIA, AIPN, ABA, and the New York City Bar. He is also a lecturer in international law and conflict management at ISDE and Schiller International University, and contributes regularly to publications on arbitration. Ranked by Chambers & Partners, Legal 500, and other leading directories, Alberto is widely regarded as a recommended lawyer in litigation, arbitration, energy, construction, and dispute resolution.

Simon Saili Malonza, C.Arb, F.CI Arb, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya



Simon Saili Malonza is an accomplished professional with over two decades of multidisciplinary experience spanning law, quantity surveying, arbitration, and mediation. As an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, a Chartered Arbitrator, and a Registered Quantity Surveyor, Simon has built a career at the intersection of construction and legal expertise. His deep knowledge of contractual frameworks and alternative dispute resolution mechanisms has earned him recognition as a trusted advisor in structuring high-value joint ventures, navigating complex disputes, and managing large-scale public-private partnerships (PPP).

Simon's legal practice is enriched by his technical background in building economics and quantity surveying, allowing him to provide unique insights into the financial and technical aspects of construction law. A frequent appointee to arbitration, mediation, and adjudication panels, he has successfully resolved disputes across diverse sectors, including real estate, insurance, infrastructure, and renewable energy.

Chepkorir Sambu



Chepkorir Sambu is a researcher focusing on conflicts, peace, and politics in the Horn of Africa. She is a Tutorial Fellow in Law at Kabarak University, School of Law, and a faculty member of the School's Centre for Multiple Systems of Justice. She is also an Analyst Consultant for Med-Or Italian Foundation, where her research, analyses, and writings on peace and security in the Horn of Africa inform international policies. Prior to that, she co-coordinated a project on Sudan at the World Peace Foundation, that was convened by President Thabo Mbeki to gather Sudanese leaders, civil society actors, and other stakeholders to formulate solutions to the ongoing war.

Chepkorir holds a Master of Arts in Law and Diplomacy from The Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University, where she majored in International Negotiation & Conflict Resolution and International Legal Studies. She has a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Nairobi and a Post-Graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. She regularly writes opinion articles and tweets on foreign policy, conflict and peace, politics, and music.

Lois Chisompola Sikwenda



Lois Chisompola Sikwenda is a legal practitioner with a key focus in alternative dispute resolution (ADR). She is the Managing Partner of Valerie and Partners, an ADR law firm. Drawing from her extensive experience in the court system within the Zambian Judiciary, Lois excels as a third-party neutral, facilitating effective and mutually satisfactory agreements in negotiation, mediation, and neutral evaluation.

She is committed to resolving disputes in the most cost-effective, confidential, and efficient manner possible, while maintaining a cordial atmosphere for all parties involved.

Lois is also Co-Founder and Director of the Institute for Mediation Excellence, where she advocates for law reform in ADR, training and services. She is a seasoned trainer in mediation and negotiation under the ADR Centre and Edwards Mediation Academy. She is a 2024 Weinstein JAMS Fellow, a select group of ADR practitioners dedicated to advancing access to justice through alternative dispute resolution.

Lois holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B.) from the University of Zambia, a Master of Laws (LL.M) in Dispute Resolution from the University of Cape Town. She has attained certifications in Mediation from the ADR Centre (Italy), Edwards Mediation Academy (USA), and Straus Institute of Dispute Resolution (Pepperdine University, USA).

Sen. Dr. Arch. Sylvia Mueni Kasanga H.C.



Sen. Dr. Arch. Sylvia Mueni Kasanga h.c., a distinguished architect and arbitrator, has significantly contributed to Kenya's architectural and legal landscapes. With an ongoing LLM in International Dispute Resolution from Queen Mary University of London, she is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb) and a member of the ICC Court of Arbitration.

Her extensive career spans over two decades, marked by her leadership as Managing Director of Sycum Solutions and her pivotal role in numerous high-profile construction projects. As a former Senator, she championed key legislative initiatives, including the Mental Health (Amendment) Act of 2020 and the Alternative Dispute Resolution Bill of 2019. Sylvia's dedication extends beyond her professional achievements; she actively mentors young arbitrators and engages in societal impact initiatives, such as the 10 million trees initiative to green semi-arid lands in Kenya. Her expertise and passion for sustainable development and dispute resolution continue to shape Africa's architectural and arbitration sectors.

Mr. James Ngotho Kariuki, FCI Arb., CPA,-MTI (Mediator) LLB (Strathmore University), LLM, International Trade and Investment (UoN)



James Ngotho Kariuki is a Director and the Treasurer of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb) Kenya Branch and currently serves as the Regional Representative of the Young International Arbitration Group (YIAG) of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA). He is the immediate past Chairperson of the CI Arb Kenya Branch Young Members Group (YMG). James is a distinguished Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK (FCI Arb.) and the Malaysian Institute of Arbitrators (FMI Arb). James is also practices as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. He holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) in International Investment and Trade Law, with a focus on cross-border investments and treaty instruments. James is also a published author in leading arbitration and dispute resolution journals and contributes thought leadership pieces on the integration of technology and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) as well as international commercial and investment dispute resolution.

James has acted as counsel and arbitrator in local, regional, and international disputes spanning construction adjudication, commercial law, corporate law, competition law, intellectual property law, international law, land law, and environmental law. He brings extensive exposure and experience to complex disputes, with a proven track record in ADR and the Dispute Resolution space.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to the field of ADR, James has received numerous accolades including Young Arbitration Practitioner of the Year at the 3rd African Arbitration Awards and was listed among the Top 40 Under Forty Men 2023 by Business Daily.

Eng. Fredrick Aluoch CE, MIEK, FCI Arb.



Eng. Aluoch holds a Msc. In Construction Law and Dispute Resolution from Leeds Beckett University of UK and Bsc. In Civil Engineering from the University of Nairobi. He also holds a PGDip. In Project Management from Kenya Institute of Management. Eng has a wealth of knowledge spanning 16 years in matters of engineering , contract administration, construction disputes, claims among other trainings. Eng. Aluoch us a Consulting Engineer, a Corporate Member of Institution of Engineers of Kenya (IEK), Contract Administrator and Project Manager. He practices Arbitration, adjudication and also a claim consultant.

He is a member of the Board of Directors if the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb)-Kenya Chapter and a member of Project Management Institute in the USA and in Kenya. He seats in the

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Moses M. Kahoro, Senior Legal Associate, Mwaniki Gachoka & Co. Advocates



Moses M. Kahoro is a Kenyan legal practitioner with specialised expertise in dispute resolution, commercial and corporate legal advisory, and the legal dimensions of emerging technologies.

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Moses has developed a strong advisory practice at the intersection of law and technology, with notable experience in the structuring, negotiation, and review of ICT and digital infrastructure contracts. His portfolio includes advising on enterprise software agreements, website and platform development, data centre operations, cybersecurity compliance, and cloud service procurement. He has advised both service providers and institutional clients in transactions involving leading tech companies such as Huawei International Co. Ltd and Safaricom PLC.

In addition to transactional work, Moses has acted in numerous public procurement disputes before the Public Procurement Administrative Review Board (PPARB), including those involving renewable energy infrastructure, biometric systems, security services, and public health equipment supply, with contested tender values ranging between Kshs 68 million and Kshs 2 billion. He regularly represents clients in commercial litigation and complex claims involving construction disputes, banking litigation, and debt recovery, and has acted for entities such as

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A growing part of Moses's practice focuses on data protection and regulatory compliance under Kenya's Data Protection Act. He has overseen data controller registration, internal policy formulation, and compliance training for organisations in the hospitality, fintech, and sustainability sectors.

Beyond legal practice, Moses is the founder and author of The Digital Counsel a weekly LinkedIn-based legal-tech newsletter that explores the intersection of law, digital innovation, and public policy in Africa. His articles simplify complex issues such as colocation agreements, ICT contract structuring, AI ethics, and digital payments regulation for a diverse audience of lawyers, entrepreneurs, and policymakers.

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Prof. Githu Muigai, SC. LLB C.Arb



Prof. Githu Muigai, SC, C.Arb is a proficient and highly regarded Arbitrator based in Nairobi. He holds an LLB and a PhD from the University of Nairobi, an LLM from the Colombia University Law School and a Diploma in law from the Kenya School of Law.

He is a Chartered Arbitrator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CI Arb), United Kingdom and Kenyan chapters. Prof. Muigai is also a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA) and a redesignate to the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) panel of Arbitrators and Conciliators.

Currently, he is the Vice President of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) African User's Council. Prof. Muigai is a member of the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC), Africa Arbitration Association (AAA), Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC) and the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) amongst several other institutions around the globe.

He has over 35 years' experience in handling arbitral proceedings domestically, regionally and internationally pursuant to various arbitration rules including but not limited to the PCA Rules, ICSID Rules, ICC Rules, UNCITRAL Rules, LCIA Rules, the CI Arb Rules and the NCIA Rules.

On numerous occasions, Prof. Muigai has been appointed as either the President of the arbitral tribunal or as a sole arbitrator in arbitral proceedings and he continues to be retained as counsel for either disputing party in international arbitral proceedings.

Over the years, Prof. Muigai has been commended for his exceptional and extensive knowledge by institutions, parties and counsels. He was most recently recognized by The Lawyer Africa as Kenya's leading arbitrator.

Prof. Kenneth Wyne Mutuma C.Arb, FCIArb



Prof. Kenneth Wyne Mutuma has been in practice for the last 23 years. He holds several academic qualifications including a Doctorate and Masters in Law from the University of Cape Town, an LLB and a bachelor's in architectural studies from the University of Nairobi. His practice spans a wide range of areas including commercial law, commercial arbitration, construction adjudication, mediation, corporate governance, international law and the built environment.

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Prof. Wyne is a member of the esteemed Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA), showcasing his comprehensive understanding of ADR procedures, having acted as arbitrator and adjudicator in a wide range of commercial and construction disputes. He is also accredited in the panels of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA), the Hong Kong International Arbitration Centre (HKIAC), the Arbitration Foundation of Southern Africa (AFSA), the Dispute Resolution Panel of Architectural Association of Kenya, the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC), the Lusaka International Arbitration Centre (LIAC), International Council for Commercial Arbitration (ICCA), the International Chamber of Commerce (ICC) and International Commission of Jurists.

Prof. Wyne possesses accumulated academic leadership in the areas of international law, ADR and corporate governance and has enjoyed a successful academic career, having been awarded as the Law Teacher of the Year, 2024. He has published extensively and authored several volumes on International Law, ADR and corporate governance including: Compendium on Arbitration Cases in Kenya 2024; Africanization on International Arbitration; The State of ADR Practice in Kenya 2024; Mediation Practice in Kenya; Innovations and Disruptions in ADR; Mediation Compendium 2024; IHL: Themes from Africa, Belonging: Reflections on the Refugee Situation in East Africa and Board Induction for State Corporations. He serves as the editor-in-chief of the Eastern Africa Journal on International Humanitarian Law (EAJIHL), the Associate editor-in-chief of the ADR Journal and the Editor in Chief of Corporate Governance Journal of the Institute of Certified Secretaries (ICS).

Prof. Wyne has extensive senior management experience across local and international settings providing legal advice to a range of international governments and corporate entities, and has served in range of boards including the Foreign Services Academy (FSA), the National Education Appeals Tribunal (NEAT), the Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal and the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal.

Mr. Nelson Nkari, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Managing Partner- Nelson Nkari & Company Advocates



Nelson Matendo Nkari is a dual-qualified Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and software engineer whose work sits at the intersection of law, technology, and policy. As the Managing Partner of Nelson Nkari & Company Advocates, he leads a forward-looking, tech-enabled legal practice that provides legal and advisory services on digital transformation, technology law, emerging technologies law, and cross-border regulatory compliance. With over six years of experience in software development and more than three years of legal practice, Nelson's ability to speak the same language as software engineers, product managers, and tech executives allows him to bridge the gap between law and technology, enabling him to guide organizations as they navigate the complex and rapidly evolving digital-legal landscape.

Nelson has played a pivotal role in driving legal innovation within the public sector. He served as an Embedded Consultant with the International Development Law Organization (IDLO), where he worked closely with the Kenya Judiciary and the Kenya Judiciary Academy to support the nationwide rollout of the Electronic Case Management and E-Filing System. In addition to his contributions to justice sector reform, Nelson has been actively involved in shaping national technology policy. He collaborated with the Ministry of Information, Communications, and the Digital Economy (MoICDE) and other stakeholders in the development of the Kenya National Artificial Intelligence Strategy 2025.

Nelson is also a member of the Lexing® Network, the first international network of lawyers specialised in digital and emerging technologies law, which connects him to a global community of experts across over 45 countries and reinforces his ability to offer cross-border, future-facing legal solutions.

Ms. Kananu Mutea, Founder and Partner of KM Associates and Course Correct Consulting



Kananu Mutea is the Founder and Partner of KM Associates and Course Correct Consulting, where she focuses on risk management, alternative dispute resolution, and commercial litigation. An Advocate since 2007, she is also an accredited mediator and arbitrator, with a strong background in managing complex disputes across various sectors. She holds an LLB (First Class) from Nagpur and brings both depth and versatility to her legal practice.

She serves as a Director at the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration and sits on the Committee of International Lawyers for Africa. A member of the Law Society of Kenya and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Kananu is recognized for her leadership in advancing dispute resolution and supporting the growth of international legal practice in Africa.

Ms. Eunice Lumallas, FCI Arb



Eunice Lumallas is a trial lawyer, international arbitrator, and mediator, currently serving as Kenya's representative at the International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes (ICSID) in Washington, D.C. (2022–2026). She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and Partner at LAK Advocates (Lumallas, Achieng & Kavere Advocates), with a practice spanning commercial litigation, arbitration, and mediation. Eunice is listed on several arbitration and mediation panels, including the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, the Mediation and Arbitration Centre in Mauritius, and the Kigali Centre for International Arbitration. She also serves on the Public Private Partnerships Petitions Committee (PPPPC), the African Arbitration Association (AfAA), and the Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal (ADT).

She is a Certified Mediator, qualified Patent Agent, Commissioner for Oaths, and Notary Public. Eunice is also a tutor and trainer in law and alternative dispute resolution. She is the Chairperson of Women in Alternative Dispute Resolution (WADR), where she champions the recognition and advancement of African dispute resolvers on the global stage. Deeply committed to inclusivity and excellence, Eunice believes in the absolute acknowledgement and utilization of African expertise in shaping effective dispute resolution worldwide—all while balancing her role as a mother and mentor to the next generation of practitioners.

Victor Baba



Victor Baba Emmanuel Aligo, a Weinstein Senior Fellow is a bridges builder, mediator and Christian minister and peace-maker. He is also a consultant on justice, community empowerment, peace-building programs and leadership. He is presently a programs advisor at the Weinstein International Foundation and a conference speaker frequently invited to unpack complex issues. He has spoken before Chief Justices, Deans of schools, ambassadors, religious leaders and top-notch lawyers from the world.

He is passionate about peace, reconciliation, forgiveness and leadership. His commitment of service to God and humanity has been featured by the African Leadership Centre Kings College (U.K.), Africa Briefing Magazine (U.K.) and Basel Peace Forum (Switzerland). Mr. Baba mediates commercial, community and family disputes with commercial firms and non-profits in Kenya and beyond. He has collaborated and advised the Parliament of Uganda on domesticating the East African Community Mediation Agreement Treaty.

A teacher at heart, and mentor, he pioneered and teaches a diplomacy, negotiation and mediation program at the Institute of Public Policy and International Affairs housed at the United States International University- Africa (USIU). He has designed programs and trained mediators from Africa, Asia and Europe, with organisations such as Accords International, Build Up, and Global University Somalia. As a firm believer in the concept, 'Every Generation has a responsibility to set up the next generation for success'. He continues to mentor young peacemakers, mediators and leaders from Africa and the globe.

Mr. Baba holds a law degree and masters degree in International Relations (magna cum laude) from USIU-Africa. Additionally, he holds multiple certificates on leadership, mediation, negotiation and refugee studies from institutions such as Oxford University, Harvard Progra, on Negotiation, the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution and UC Law School. He is an avid reader and an amateur writer.

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Howard is a Civil Engineer passionate in matters infrastructure planning, financing and development with over 19 years of experience in design and construction of Roads, water and energy projects. He has interacted first-hand with handling infrastructure project planning, packaging, design, financial arrangements, and construction contracts including management of contractual disputes in infrastructure contracts.

He is a graduate of Civil Engineering (JKUAT) a Holder of a Master of Laws, in Construction Law, Arbitration and Adjudication and has Studied a Master of Science in Construction Engineering and Management at Jomo Kenyatta University. He is a Certified PMP with PMI USA, A member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK and a Member of The American Society for Quality. He is a Professional Engineer registered with The Engineers Board of Kenya and a Fellow of The Institution of Engineers of Kenya and a Member of The Architectural Association of Kenya.

He has practiced ADR as an Arbitrator, Adjudicator, DAAB member and a party representative as lay Counsel. He is a trainer, coach and mentor in Civil Engineering Construction, Contracts and Dispute resolution having trained construction professionals spanning Engineers, Construction Managers, Quantity Surveyors and Lawyers.

Mr. Geoffrey Imende, FCI Arb., Advocate of the High Court of Kenya



Geoffrey Imende, FCI Arb is the Managing Partner at Mohammed Muigai LLP and an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with over 20 years of experience. He holds an LLB (Moi University) and an LLM (University of Nairobi).

A Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Mr. Imende specialises in civil and commercial litigation, arbitration and adjudication. He regularly serves as both arbitrator and party representative in high-value commercial disputes, administered under institutional rules (e.g., ICC) as well as in ad hoc proceedings. His areas of specialisation in arbitration include construction, commercial transactions, real estate, labour disputes, and public procurement. In June 2025, he was certified as a Construction Adjudicator.

Beyond legal practice, Mr. Imende serves as an examiner for the Council of Legal Education, setting the Bar's Trial Advocacy paper. He is a published author and speaker on technology and ethics in ADR. Mr. Imende is passionate about mentorship, leading the Elevate Mentors Programme involving lawyers at the Kenya School of Law, legal assistants, and advocates.

Ms. Jacqueline Oyuyo Githinji, C.Arb, FCI Arb, Managing Partner, Umsizi LLP



Jackie is the Managing Partner at Umsizi LLP, and has considerable experience in a broad range of corporate, commercial and family matters from her close to 25 years' practice.

A Chartered Arbitrator, Jackie serves as Non-Executive Director on various Boards, notably as the second chairperson of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA) and Non-Executive Director at the Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre (SDRC). She has played a critical role in the development of a National Policy on Alternative Dispute Resolution in Kenya, and is a regular speaker on matters arbitration, mediation and corporate governance.

Jackie is recognised in the Legal 500 Arbitration Power List (Africa) and Leaders in Law (Corporate Law, Kenya) global awards, and has contributed to various publications including the International and Comparative Legal Guide's annual publication on Litigation and ADR, and the Handbook on Arbitration in Kenya (2025, LawAfrica)

Hon. Barbara Akinyi



Barbara is a dedicated magistrate and adjudicator in the Small Claims Court Milimani. With extensive experience in resolving disputes efficiently and fairly, she has earned a reputation for advocating for the use of mediation in resolving disputes in the Small Claims Court.

Holding a master's degree in human rights, Barbara merges legal expertise with a strong commitment to upholding the rights and dignity of individuals in every case. This academic background enriches her approach to adjudication, allowing her to navigate complex legal issues with a nuanced understanding of human rights principles.

In addition to her judicial responsibilities, she is a certified professional mediator, skilled in facilitating amicable resolutions between parties. She believes in the power of mediation to not only resolve conflicts but also to foster communication and understanding, thereby contributing to a more harmonious society.

With a passion for promoting fair outcomes and a deep respect for the legal process, Barbara continues to make a significant impact in the field of small claims adjudication and mediation. She remains committed to ongoing education and professional development to better serve the community and enhance the accessibility of justice for all.

Mr. Quency Otieno, PhD candidate, ACI Arb., Legal Officer-Parliament of Kenya



Quency Otieno is a passionate Advocate of the High Court of Kenya and a Certified Secretary who combines deep legal knowledge with a love for technology. He earned his Master's degree in Technology Law from the University of Nairobi and is also a Certified Professional Mediator and a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ACI Arb). Quency works as a Legal Officer at the Kenyan Parliament, where he focuses on AI safety and policy, helping shape laws around emerging technologies. He's also an AI Governance professional currently pursuing a Doctorate in Technology Law, with his research zeroing in on technology regulation in the AI governance domain.

Samuel Mbiriri Nderitu, FCI Arb, Advocate of the High Court of Kenya



Nderitu is an advocate in the Kenyan Bar and a founding Partner of Mbiriri Ngugi & Co. This alumni of Makerere University is a highly skilled Arbitrator, Mediator and commercial law practitioner with right of audience in the Astana International Financial Centre Court (AIFC Court) and International Arbitration Centre (IAC), Kazakhstan. In 2023, he was recognized by the Law Society of Kenya as the 1st Runner up ADR practitioner of the Year,

Nderitu is quite active in the ADR space and was privileged to serve as the Chair of CI Arb, Kenya Branch (2019-2021) and in the National Committee of International Chamber of Commerce, Kenya. He is currently a Member of the London Court of International Arbitration (LCIA) African Users' Council, Board member of the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration (NCIA), Advisory Board member for ODR Africa Network and Musaliha International Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (MICADR), Pakistan. He is also accredited as a trainer and examiner of Arbitration and mediation.

Nderitu is in the panel of Arbitrators and mediators at the Nairobi Centre for International Arbitration, CI Arb Kenya and the China Maritime Arbitration Commission. His service extends to being a member of Law Society of Kenya CPD Committee and also Convenor of the ADR Committee.

Hon. Justice Mugeni Siwale Mulenga



Mugeni Siwale Mulenga served as a judge of the Constitutional Court since its establishment in 2016 up to October 2024. Prior to her elevation to the Constitutional Court, she served as a judge of the High Court, where she actively promoted the use of mediation among litigants before her court. During her tenure at the Judiciary, she was a strong proponent of mediation in terms of practice and training of various justice sector players and stakeholders. She also served as Chairperson of the Committee on Training and Continuing Education and member of the Committee on Court-Annexed Mediation and Delay Reduction, among other committees.

Preceding her ascension to the bench, she worked for the national regulator in the water and sanitation sector (NWASCO) where she practiced and promoted the use of ADR in the sector. She is a trained mediator and arbitrator.

Stephen Mbayani Lungu, SC.



Stephen Mbayani Lungu, SC, a lawyer practicing in Zambia for the last 30 years. He is a partner in a law Firm Shamwana and Company based in Lusaka Zambia. He has been an ardent litigation lawyer and has appeared before the courts of Zambia representing various clients.

He studied at the University of Zambia where he read for and obtained a bachelor of law degree in 1992 and in 1996 went and studied for a masters in Law at the University of London (Kings College) where he studied and obtained a masters degree in International Law and Banking in 1997.

In 2003 he awarded an advanced diploma in Inter-Cultural Management by the University of Cambridge and in 2014 the University of Cambria awarded him a diploma in Leadership and Sustainable Development.

He has served as a consultant with the African Development Bank in banking and financial matters in 2007.

From 2009 to 2011 he elected and served as President of the Law Association of Zambia. He is a trained facilitator with the British Council and BP Zambia Plc and has been a mediator ever since. In 2018 he was conferred as State Counsel by the Republican President of the Zambia and has been wearing silk since then.

He has been a mediator from the time he worked for BP Zambia Plc and is now an accredited with the Edwards mediation Academy of the United States and The ADR Center of Italy. He is a Weinstein JAMS Fellow with the JAMS foundation.

He has been mediating matters in Zambia both as a private commercial mediator and also as a court annexed mediator.

Natasha Wanjiku Kahungi



Natasha Wanjiku Kahungi is a lawyer and trainee advocate at the Kenya School of Law, with a strong background in legal research, writing, and editorial work. She has served in various editorial capacities, including as the former Editor-in-Chief of the University of Nairobi Law Journal and currently as an editor with the Journal of Conflict Management and Sustainable Development. Her academic and professional interests span alternative dispute resolution, technology and the law, particularly AI and digital rights, environmental law, and corporate law. She has also contributed to legal tech and policy research projects at the intersection of AI, data protection, and ADR.

Beyond legal research and publishing, Natasha is pursuing certification as a Certified Public Accountant and as a chartered arbitrator, reflecting her interest in bridging the gap between law, business, and corporate governance. She is currently deepening her expertise in legal engineering, exploring how technology can enhance legal service delivery through automation, AI-driven dispute resolution, and regulatory technology.

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Darryl Isabel is an LLB finalist at Kabarak University School of Law with a keen interest in environmental law, sustainable development, climate change advocacy, and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR). A certified Private Mediator and alumna of the ILINA Fellowship 2023, Darryl brings both academic and practical insight to contemporary legal challenges. Her work has been published in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Journal and she has presented at international platforms, including the CIL Clima Conference 2025 and the XVI Interdisciplinary Seminar on Climate, Energy, and Sustainability in Copenhagen. Darryl is committed to shaping legal systems that are just, inclusive, and responsive to global environmental challenges.

Ms. Angela Mburu



Angela is a law student at the University of Nairobi, joining her fourth year this September. She has a strong academic and practical interest in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and is a student member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb). She currently serves as the Managing Editor of the Young Arbitrators Society, University of Nairobi Chapter.

Additionally, she is an award-winning researcher with contributions in dispute resolution scholarship and other areas of law.

In addition to her research work, Angela is a moot court participant, having recently participated in the 8th H.V.C. Perera Memorial Moot Competition, which focuses on arbitration.

As an ADR enthusiast, she is passionate about advancing inclusive, innovative, and sustainable approaches to conflict resolution while bridging the gap between theory and practice.

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Paula Kilusi is a Trainee Advocate at the Kenya School of Law and an Associate member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (ACIArb). She is a published author with contributions to leading platforms, including the Kluwer Arbitration Blog and has written on emerging issues in arbitration and ADR reform. Paula is a member of Young ICCA, the Africa Arbitration Association Young Members Group (YMG), and the CIArb Young Members Group. She is also an alumnus of the Moot Alumni Association Mentorship Programme. Paula is passionate about forward-thinking approaches that strengthen arbitration as a commercially viable method for resolving commercial and investment disputes. She has participated in major conferences and continues to contribute to thought leadership in the ADR community, with a particular focus on amplifying the African voice in the space.

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