

# NAKASAMBA BANDA-CHANDA

## CURRICULUM VITAE

### ABOUT;

Present Position: Partner  
Organization: AMW & Co. Legal  
Profession: Legal Practitioner  
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### PROFILE

Nakasamba is a Legal Practitioner and Partner at A.M.W & Co. Legal, a top-tier law firm based in Lusaka, Zambia. Nakasamba is a finance and financial lawyer whose practice areas include corporate, commercial and investment law with a domestic and international client base. She specialises in mergers and acquisitions, commercial law, employment law and competition and consumer protection law. She has been involved in a number of notable transactions in the banking and finance industry in Zambia.

Nakasamba is an active member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, both in London and Zambian branch and is an accredited Arbitrator, Adjudicator and Mediator. She sits on the board of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre (KIAC), an organization established by the Government of the Republic of Rwanda in collaboration with the Private Sector Federation to support economic operators resolve commercial disputes.

In her various roles, she has been involved in the drafting of legal instruments, and is currently a part of a 6 member committee of the CI Arb Zambian Branch, engaged in the review and re-enactment of the Arbitration Act No. 19 of 2000 in collaboration with the Zambia Law Development Commission, to adapt the Model Law on International Commercial Arbitration adopted by the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law as amended in 2006.

## ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

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- 2013:** Legal Practitioners Qualifying Examination Course, LPQE (Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education)
- 2012:** Bachelor of Laws (LLB) (University of Zambia, Zambia)
- 2006:** Cambridge GCSE Certificate (Lake Road PTA Secondary School, Zambia)

## PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (Short Training)

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- May 2023 Taxation Law, Zambia Institute of Advanced Legal Education
- January 2022 Mediation Training and Assessment, CIArb London
- November 2021 Module 3 Accelerated Route to Fellowship, CIArb London.
- November 2021 Finance and Budgeting for Law Firms - Northline Consultancy, Zambia
- October 2021 Commercial Mediation- CIArb, London.
- December 2020 Module 1, Law Practice and Procedure Construction Adjudication, CIArB, London.
- August 2019 Investment Advisory and Stock Brokers Certificate with Credit (IASBC) - Securities and Exchange Commission of Zambia in collaboration with the Zambia College of Pensions and Insurance Trust
- November 2016 Introduction to Construction Law (101), Law Association of Zambia, Zambia
- November 2012 Introduction to Arbitration, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, London
- October 2017 Introduction to FIDIC Suite Contracts- FIDIC Africa Contract Users
- April 2017 Commercial Transaction Training Workshop, Law Association of Zambia

## PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

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- 2019:** Partner - A.M. Wood & Company Legal Practitioners | Head, Corporate Advisory
- 2017-2019:** Senior Associate - A.M. Wood & Company Legal Practitioners
- 2013-2017:** Associate - A.M. Wood & Company Legal Practitioners

- 2012-2013: Learner Legal Practitioner - A.M. Wood & Company Legal Practitioners
- 2011: Learner Legal Practitioner - Mainza and Company
- 2007-2008: Steel King - Administrative Assistant

## WORK EXPERIENCE AND ACTIVITIES

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- lead transaction lawyer in notable mergers and acquisitions such as the sale of the entire assets of Spar Zambia to Pick n Pay Zambia and Choppies Supermarkets, and the merger of Access Bank Zambia Limited with Cavmont Bank Zambia, and African Banking Corporation (Banc ABC) respectively, the acquisition of Zoona Transactions by ChipperCash etc.
- Legal counsel in negotiations for bulk supply agreements between Copperbelt Energy Corporation and Zambia Electricity Supply Corporation (ZESCO)
- Represent private and public companies with regards to matters such as debt recovery, corporate and commercial transactions, and cross border mergers and acquisitions.
- Provision of opinions with regards to anti-trust/ competition law.
- Successfully represented dominant firms in claims of alleged restrictive business practices, abuse of dominance, cartels and consumer protection issues.
- Drafting of Human Resource Policy Documents, and settlement of all forms of labour disputes.
- Practice as an Insolvency Practitioner.
- Practice of Investment Law, having taken the Investment Advisors Stock Brokers Course with the Zambia Securities and Exchange Commission.
- Vast experience in construction law and disputes, having been involved in arbitration relation to disputes under contracts such as the JBCC and FIDIC.
- Provision of company secretarial service to clients and acts as Company Secretary various undertakings.

## OTHER NOTABLE ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Hon. Secretary, Chartered Institute of Arbitrator, Zambian Branch
- Board Member of the Kigali International Arbitration Centre, an arbitration centre created as an initiative of the Private Sector Federation (PSF) and supported by the Government of Rwanda
- Secretary of the Women's Interest Group, of the CIArb, Zambia
- Young Member Group Representative, CIArb Zambia
- Specially Invited by the Law Association of Zambia in conjunction with the Judiciary, Weinstein International Academy and Edwards Mediation Academy to the mediation

advocacy program 2022, a first of its kind targeted at esteemed members of the bar whose input and insight into mediation in Zambia is highly sought-after.

- In collaboration with the Zambia Law Development Commission, currently reviewing and drafting of the new Arbitration Act intended to update arbitration laws in Zambia so as to make it an attractive seat for international arbitrations. (This is a 6 member committee with renowned Zambian Senior ADR Practitioners like Bwalya Lumbwe, Suzanne Rattray, James Banda.
- Non-Government Agency nominee for Zambia - International Competition Network, a virtual network that provides for contract between competition authorities internationally so as to address practical competition concerns
- Convenor, Junior Lawyers Committee of the Law Association of Zambia
- Moderator at the Zambia Mining Exhibition Conference 2021 (ZIMEC) which discussed the leveraging of fiscal regime and regulation to boost investment, recovery and growth in the mining and energy sectors.
- Child Activist and member of the Undikumbukire Project Zambia, a legal program aimed at ensuring justice for juveniles. In collaboration with the Zambia Law Development Commission, currently reviewing and drafting of the new Arbitration Act intended to update arbitration laws in Zambia so as to make it an attractive seat for international arbitrations.

#### MEMBERSHIP TO PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

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- Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK
- Member of the Law Association of Zambia
- Member of Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC)
- Member of the Lawyers International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of SADC Law Association
- International Competition Network (Non-Governmental Advisors)

#### POSITIVE ATTRIBUTES

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- Strong leadership characteristics.
- Excels at meeting client needs effectively and efficiently.
- Dependable, hardworking, reliable and punctual.
- Perfectionist, analytical and pragmatic.
- Thrives in both teamwork and individual work settings.
- Able to assimilate vast amounts of information and apply to necessary workmanship.
- Resourceful, energetic, competent, multi-task and results-oriented.

