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Over 10 years of experience, and 6 years in legal practice offering in-depth experience in international commercial law, corporate advisory, and alternative dispute resolution. I bring a unique blend of legal expertise, corporate advisory, and cross-cultural insight to help individuals background has enables me to interact with people from diverse backgrounds and to encounter diverse legal aspects, which keeps igniting my passion for problem solving and reaching an amicable resolution in any dispute.

BAR ADMISSIONS & MEMBERSHIPS

- State Bar of Missouri
- Uganda Law Council
- Texas-Specific Mediator Training
- Certificate, Research Like a Pro
- Mediating the Litigated Case – Pepperdine University
- Appellate Mediation Training, International Summit on Mixed Mode Dispute Resolution, California
- LexisNexis Professional Research Certified

EDUCATION

**Pepperdine Caruso School Of Law,
Straus Institute For Dispute**

Resolution (2016-2018)

LL.M, International Commercial Law
& Dispute Resolution. *CALI awards*

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

General Counsel | Minol, Inc. and Zenner USA, Inc.

(2023 to-date)

Advise executive leadership on commercial transactions, employment matters, corporate governance, compliance, litigation management, intellectual property, strategic risk, and business operations

Founder & Principal | Atkinson Advisory Group, LLC 2026

Provide mediation services in commercial, civil, workplace, family, faith-based, and cross-boarder disputes. Corporate advisory for businesses and individuals trademarks, conflict management, document review, and business formation.

Litigation Attorney & Department Head | Musangala Advocates & Solicitors (2020-2021)

Represented clients in complex litigation matters, and Pioneered and built the alternative dispute resolution department where we researched, wrote, negotiated, and consulted on arbitration & mediation.

*for Excellence in Negotiation and US
Law*

LAW DEVELOPMENT CENTRE
(2015)

Post-graduate Diploma in Legal
Practice (Kampala Uganda)

MAKERERE UNIVERSITY

SCHOOL OF LAW *(2014)*
LLB (Hons) (Kampala, Uganda)

HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMAS

Namirembe Hillside HS, *Gayaza &*
Tororo Girls School, *Tororo (2008 &*
2001)

PROFESSIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

- Successfully mediated the famous case between the Government of Uganda's Ministry of Health and socialite Shanita Namuyimbwa (a.k.a Badblack);
- Was panel member of the commission of Inquiry on governance matters with Uganda Women Entrepreneurs Association Limited (UWEAL);
- Key presenter on Arbitration & Mediation at International Centre for Mediation & Arbitration in Kampala (ICAMEK), 2019;
- First Ugandan lawyer to be admitted to Pepperdine School of Law's Straus institute for Dispute Resolution (Ranked #1 in the world);
- First Ugandan & LLM student to participate in Pepperdine's Sudreau Global Justice Program in Uganda, (participated in plea-bargains and mediation trainings, 2017);

COMMUNITY LEADERSHIP

Co-Founder Mpower Afrika (Texas) and Bagwere Batakangana (Uganda)

Both organizations focus to provide young adults with necessary mentorship, career guidance, and community development through engagement. See www.mpowerafrika.org

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