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Overview

Kiragu Kimani is a partner at Dentons Hamilton Harrison & Mathews. He has over 29 years' experience in constitutional matters, tax litigation, procurement disputes, commercial litigation, real estate litigation and alternative dispute resolution. He has handled complex energy and tax disputes and represents multinational firms, local firms and departments of the Government of Kenya. He has recently been involved in a highly contentious matter regarding the election of the President of Kenya which is probably the country's single most important case since independence having regard to the impact on the socio-political and economic landscape.

Kiragu has consistently been recognised by various legal directories including *Chamber & Partners* and *IFLR 1000* as a leading lawyer in the region. He has previously been awarded the International Law Office Client Choice Award as the best litigation lawyer in Kenya.

Experience

- **A limited liability company which transmits, distributes and retails electricity to customers throughout Kenya:** Acted in a Constitutional Petition challenging the application of tariffs.
- **H.E. Uhuru Muigai Kenyatta:** Acted in the two presidential election petitions filed following the presidential election held on 8th August 2017 and the repeat election held on 26th October 2017. The cases revolved around the legitimacy of the election and the election process.
- Acted for an unsuccessful bidder in a judicial review proceeding challenging the award of a tender by Kenya's National Hospital Insurance Fund for provision of life insurance for workers in the public service.
- **A multinational tobacco company:** Acted in a matter challenging the administration, implementation and constitutionality of sections of the *Tobacco Control Act, 2007* and Tobacco regulations.
- **Five major shipping agents:** Acting in a tax dispute worth more than three million dollars with the Kenya Revenue Authority
- **A FMCG company:** Acting in obtaining VAT refund payments of over two million dollars.

Recognition

- Recognised as a leading lawyer in Litigation, *Chambers and Partners* and *Legal 500*
- "Respected practitioner Kiragu Kimani is frequently active in Court of Appeal cases. His expertise encompasses tax and general commercial litigation, as well as disputes occurring in the energy sector." *Chambers & Partners* 2018

Honors and Awards

- Best Litigation Lawyer, International Law Office, Client Choice Award, 2011

In the Media

- "High Court directs Kenya Power to explain inflated bills," *Citizen Digital*, May 7, 2018

Activities and Affiliations

Community Involvement and Pro Bono

- Have offered and continue to offer pro bono services to clients of the International Federation of Women Lawyers.
- Kenya (FIDA) primarily on payment issues.

Presentations

- Deloitte Tax Litigation in the Kenyan Courts: An overview of recent decisions and what they mean for your business, Deloitte Retreat, August 23, 2018 at Sarova Whitesands Mombasa
- Law Society of Kenya Thika CPD Seminar on Insolvency Law, February 9, 2017
- Law Society of Kenya CPD Seminar on Insolvency Law, July 30, 2017, Hilton Hotel
- Deloitte Tax Dispute Resolution Seminar, February 23, 2017
- Law Society of Kenya Nyeri CPD Seminar on Winding up, February 24 2017
- Law Society of Kenya Mombasa CPD Seminar on Companies and Insolvency Law, January 29, 2016
- Litigation on tax matters with specific reference to Capital Gains Tax, March 13, 2015
- Legal framework for tax assessments objections and appeals, July 18, 2014

Memberships

- Member, Law Society of Kenya, 1988

Prior and Present Employment

- Partner, Dentons Hamilton, Harrison & Mathews (formerly Hamilton, Harrison & Mathews), 1991 to present
- Legal Assistant, Hamilton, Harrison & Mathews, 1988

Areas of focus

Practices

- Tax
- Litigation and Dispute Resolution
- Arbitration
- Banking and Finance
- Capital Markets
- Constitutional and Administrative
- Intellectual Property and Technology
- Public Procurement

Industry sectors

- Aviation
- Construction
- Energy and Infrastructure
- Oil, Gas and Mining
- Telecommunication, Media and Technology

Issues and opportunities

- Global tax guide to doing business in...

Region

- Africa

Education

- Kenya School of Law, 1988, Diploma of Law, (Bar Finals)
- University of Nairobi, 1987, LLB