



ORARO & COMPANY  
ADVOCATES

**Private Client Brochure**



## Introduction to Oraro & Company Advocates

Oraro & Company Advocates is a market-leading African law firm established in 1977 with a strong focus on **dispute resolution** and **corporate & commercial law**. With a dedicated team of 12 partners, 13 associates and 41 support staff, the firm is highly respected for its dispute resolution practice in Kenya, and its strong bench of litigators.

We provide specialist legal services both locally and regionally in **Arbitration, Banking & Finance, Corporate & Commercial, Conveyancing & Real Estate, Dispute Resolution, Employment & Labour, Infrastructure, Projects and PPP, Restructuring & Insolvency** and **Tax**. Over the years, we have represented both local and foreign clients, governments, regulators, and not-for-profit organisations from target industry sectors including construction, education, energy, financial services, manufacturing & industries and the public sector.

We provide both local and cross-jurisdictional legal services, either directly or through the extensive relationships that we have established with leading firms across the globe, which enable us to offer cross-jurisdictional legal advice in a seamless manner while maintaining the highest professional standards.

The firm has a robust team of lawyers and has over the years been consistently ranked by **Chambers Global, IFLR 1000** and **Legal 500** as a top-tier firm in Kenya.

Oraro & Company Advocates prides itself in its **deeply rooted client relationships** by providing quality legal services through its **partner-led approach**, drawing from **local knowledge** and **global perspectives**.

*"They're very pleasant to work with. They have a very collegiate atmosphere and a great work ethos."*

**Chambers Global 2019**

## Our Private Client Expertise

Oraro & Company Advocates' private client practice area provides prudent direction to individuals and families. The Private Client team provides all-round legal services, in the most efficient way, by integrating the other practice areas, when handling personal and structural issues.

Through this practice area, we have been able to preserve, build, maintain and establish trust with our client base.

Our practice is aimed at linking relationships with our clients to provide them with practical and attainable legal advice and action.

*"The law firm is very professional and diligent in providing its services and undertaking the work. They have very competent lawyers with wide experience and are very thorough in their work. The law firm is also sensitive to clients needs and they go out of their way to understand the clients' needs and provide the advise and service required."*

**IFLR 2019**

## Our Key Competencies

Our private client practice area encompasses:

- Wills and Probate
- Private Trusts
- Succession planning and offshore structures
- Estate management
- Family law – divorce, division of matrimonial property, child custody and maintenance advice and litigation.

*"goes the extra mile to make you feel taken care of."*

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## Our Market Recognition



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## Our Private Client Lawyer

### Chacha Odera, Managing Partner



Chacha Odera ([chacha@oraro.co.ke](mailto:chacha@oraro.co.ke)) is the Managing Partner at Oraro & Company Advocates and practices in the dispute resolution practice area. He specialises in arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and litigation. With over 30 years of experience, he has represented local and international clients in banking, commercial disputes, constitutional law, electoral law, employment and labour law, insolvency, land and property law.

Chacha has been ranked by Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 in dispute resolution and employment. In 2019, The Chambers Global Guide lauded Chacha noting his activity in the employment courts "*when things get very serious.*"

Chacha has a Bachelor of Laws (**LLB**) from the University of Nairobi, Kenya and a Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law. In addition to being an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, Chacha is a Commissioner for Oaths and Notary Public.

### John Mbaluto, Partner



John Mbaluto ([john@oraro.co.ke](mailto:john@oraro.co.ke)) is a Partner at Oraro & Company Advocates in the dispute resolution practice group, specialising in arbitration, alternative dispute resolution and litigation. With over 11 years of experience, John has represented and advised local and international clients particularly in employment and labour law, pension law, construction law, banking and commercial disputes and constitutional law.

He is well regarded for advising employee associations and trade unions such as the Kenya National Union of Teachers (**KNUT**). For instance, he represented KNUT in the historic 2015 pay rise dispute against the teachers' employer, the Teachers Services Commission.

John has represented and advised clients in a wide variety of sectors including construction, education, financial services, Insurance and transport & logistics. John also steers the Oraro & Company Advocates' publication committee which has to date successfully published 10 issues of the firm's newsletter – *Legal & Kenyan*.

## Georgina Ogalo-Omondi, Partner



Georgina ([georgina@oraro.co.ke](mailto:georgina@oraro.co.ke)) is a Partner at Oraro & Company Advocates in the dispute resolution practice group. She specialises in Dispute Resolution and Mediation. With over seven (9) years' experience, Georgina has advised local and international clients in a wide variety of complex employment and labour disputes, commercial and family law.

Georgina recently advised Aga Khan University Hospital- Nairobi (**AKUH, N**) before the ELRC in a challenge against proposed potential redundancies of upto 500 staff. She has also advised BIDCO Africa Limited on their employee restructuring process.

Ranked Band 3 by Chambers & Partners in Employment, the Global Guide in 2019 described her "*energetic and articulate*" lauding Georgina for being "*very well versed in employment matters.*"

Georgina has a double concentration in Bachelor of Commerce in Economics & an LLB from the Nelson Mandela University, South Africa and a Diploma from the Kenya School of Law.



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