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ADVOCATES

**Private Client Brochure**



## Introduction to Oraro & Company Advocates

Oraro & Company Advocates is a full-service market-leading African law firm established in 1977 with a strong focus on dispute resolution and corporate & commercial law. With a dedicated team of 10 partners, 4 senior associates, 10 associates, 1 lawyer and 36 support staff, the Firm has been consistently ranked by leading legal directories such as Chambers Global, IFLR 1000 and Legal 500 as a top-tier firm in Kenya.

We provide specialist legal services both locally and regionally in **Arbitration, Asset Tracing & Recoveries, Banking & Finance, Capital Markets, Conveyancing & Real Estate, Corporate & Commercial, Dispute Resolution, Employment & Labour, FinTech, Infrastructure, Projects & PPP, Private Client, 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 retail, 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. Oraro & Company Advocates is a full Affiliate of **AB & David Africa**, a Pan-African business law network committed to ensuring that businesses and projects succeed in Africa by helping clients minimize the risks associated with doing business on the continent. This enables us to offer cross-jurisdictional legal advice in a seamless manner while maintaining the highest professional standards.

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 do not compromise on the quality of legal representation they offer, no matter the importance or value of a matter."*

**Chambers Global 2021.**

## 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 building relationships with our clients to provide them with practical and attainable legal advice and action.

*"They've established quite a number of precedents in the market, they're in the group that has developed things and for that the entire market is grateful. As far as litigation is concerned, I think they're one of those firms where you sleep soundly."*

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## 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.

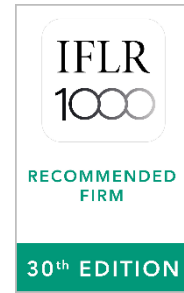
*"...professional, bold, reliable and personalised service...all-round superior legal firm that can cover a client in all possible respects."*

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## Our Market Recognition



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## Our Private Client Lawyers

### Chacha Odera | Senior Partner



Chacha Odera ([chacha@oraro.co.ke](mailto:chacha@oraro.co.ke)) is a Senior Partner at Oraro & Company Advocates and practices in the dispute resolution practice group. With over 32 years of experience, he has represented local and international clients in commercial disputes, constitutional law, electoral disputes, employment and labour law, insolvency, and property law.

Chacha has been ranked by leading international legal directories such Chambers & Partners and Legal 500 as a leading lawyer in dispute resolution and employment. In the Chambers Global Guide 2021 rankings, Chacha received a plethora of praise from the Kenyan legal community with market observers regarding him as *"an extremely able advocate and a gentleman in all manner of the word."*

Chacha was also recognised as the overall lawyer of the year in 2019 at the Nairobi Legal Awards, hosted by the Law Society of Kenya, Nairobi branch.

Chacha holds 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 member of the London Court of International Arbitration Users' Councils, a Commissioner for Oaths and Notary Public.

Aside from his legal practice, Chacha is an adjunct lecturer at the Strathmore Law School. He has chaired two adhoc committees of the Law Society of Kenya namely, the Committee for In-house Counsel and the development of a comprehensive Code of Conduct for Advocates. He has also served in various capacities in the Political Parties Disputes Tribunal and the Council of Legal Education.

Chacha is a passionate philanthropist and is currently a honary member of the Rotary Club of Milimani as well as a Paul Harris Fellow. He previously served as a founding trustee of the Matibabu Foundation and Msaada Kenya Trust.

## John Mbaluto FCI Arb | Deputy Managing Partner



John Mbaluto ([john@oraro.co.ke](mailto:john@oraro.co.ke)) is the Deputy Managing Partner at Oraro & Company Advocates in the dispute resolution practice group. With over 13 years of experience, John has represented and advised local and international clients particularly in construction law, employment and labour law, pension law, banking and commercial disputes and constitutional law.

John has represented and advised clients in a wide variety of sectors including construction, education, financial services, Insurance and transport & logistics.

Recently, he attained qualification as a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (FCI Arb), a globally recognised standing in arbitration circles.

Additionally, John is proud to steer the firm's publications committee which has to date successfully published 13 issues of Oraro & Company Advocates' flagship newsletter – Legal & Kenyan.

John holds an LLB from the University of Warwick, United Kingdom and a Post-graduate Diploma in Law from the Kenya School of Law.





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