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Background

Esubalew Amare is an Associate at MTA. He is a corporate lawyer with a decade-long experience, with experience in the judiciary, academia and private practice. In the judiciary, Esubalew served as a state court judge, presiding over a myriad of civil cases. In the academic sphere, he worked as a lecturer and researcher of law. He was also practicing as an attorney at a state level, successfully representing clients in civil and contractual disputes. At MTA, Esubalew advises clients on corporate, investment, mergers and acquisitions, and fintech and digital finance matters.

Professional Qualifications

2024 – Present: Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) Candidate in Law, Addis Ababa University

2019: Master of Laws (LLM) in Investment Law and Governance, Debre Markos University

2015: Bachelor of Laws (LLB), Addis Ababa University

Career Summary

November 2025 – Present: Associate, Mesfin Tafesse & Associates

2024 – 2025: Project Coordinator, at Consortium of Ethiopian Human Rights Organizations

2022 – 2024: Consultant and Attorney at Law

2019 – 2024: Lecturer and Researcher of Law, Debre Markos University

2018 – 2019: Supervising Judge, Amhara National Regional State First Instance Court

2016 – 2018: Judge, Amhara National Regional State First Instance Court

2015 – 2016: Assistant Judge, Amhara National Regional State First Instance Court

Areas of Expertise

- Corporate and Investment Law
- Mergers and Acquisitions
- Dispute Resolution

Top Matters

- Advising the International Finance Corporation (IFC) in relation to its risk sharing facility in Ethiopia.
- Advising the China-Africa Development Fund (CAF) in connection with repatriation of liquidation payments.
- Assisting a major pharmaceutical company in relation to its acquisition transaction.
- Advising a prominent global online payment platform in connection with a proposed crypto trading and custody services in Ethiopia.
- Member of the Technical Committee in charge of preparing National Action Plan on Business and Human Rights under the auspices of Ministry of Justice.
- Led a research team studying the challenges of investment in an integrated agro-industrial park
- Research consultant for UASID Feteah (*Justice*) Activity to conduct research on the Ethiopian tort law.
- Taught commercial and investment laws.