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Background

Yassin M. Maka is Head of Litigation at ALN Tanzania and a seasoned dispute resolution lawyer with over 8 years of progressive legal experience in Tanzania. He specialises in commercial litigation, banking and finance disputes, construction and infrastructure disputes, energy and mining litigation, telecommunications and technology disputes, shipping and trade disputes, competition and regulatory disputes, public procurement litigation, and complex employment and family law matters.

Yassin regularly advises multinational corporations, financial institutions, SMEs, logistics companies, investors, and private clients across a broad range of contentious and risk management matters. He has extensive experience representing clients before the Court of Appeal of Tanzania, the High Court of Tanzania (Commercial, Land, Labour and Probate Divisions), subordinate courts, and specialised tribunals and regulatory bodies.

He has acted in high-value debt recovery and enforcement proceedings, EPC/EPCM disputes, procurement appeals, shareholder disputes, marine and cargo claims, land and real estate disputes, labour matters, and regulatory enforcement proceedings. His experience also includes advising clients on litigation strategy, regulatory risk, fraud investigations, and cross-border dispute resolution matters.

Prior to returning to private practice, Yassin served as Group Legal Counsel for Toyota Tanzania Limited and its affiliates, where he led dispute management, coordinated external counsel, advised on regulatory and compliance matters, and managed high-value commercial and employment disputes.

Yassin is an Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths. He is also a certified member of the Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators

Professional Memberships

- Tanganyika Law Society
- East African Law Society
- Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators (TIArb)

Professional Qualifications

2020: Certified Member, Tanzania Institute of Arbitrators

2017: Advocate of the High Court of Tanzania, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths

2017: Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice, Law School of Tanzania

2015: LL.B, Saint Augustine University of Tanzania – Mwanza

Career Summary

May 2026 – Date: Head of Litigation, A&K Tanzania

Jul 2024 – May 2026: Partner, Lawfic Attorneys, Dar es Salaam

Dec 2022 – Jul 2024: Partner, Africase Attorneys, Tanzania

Dec 2020 – Dec 2022: Group Legal Counsel, Toyota Tanzania Ltd (and affiliates), Dar es Salaam

2017 – 2020: Associate & Head of Dispute Resolution, Stallion Attorneys, Dar es Salaam

2015 – 2017: Legal Officer, FMD Legal Consultants, Apex Attorneys, and Kipoko Advocates

Top Matters

Arbitration and Complex Commercial Litigation

- Acted for Metito Overseas Limited, an Egyptian multinational company, in complex commercial and arbitration-related disputes arising from project and contractual obligations, including recovery and enforcement of bank guarantees issued in relation to performance bond guarantees and advance payment guarantees; obtaining the lifting of injunctive orders restraining recovery under the relevant bank guarantees, thereby enabling enforcement and recovery actions through the banking institutions; advising on arbitration strategy, preservation of claims, contractual remedies, enforcement risks, and settlement negotiations; and managing disputes involving contractual breaches, enforcement of commercial obligations, recovery strategies, and high-value commercial disputes involving multiple stakeholders and cross-border elements.
- Acted for NCBA in secured asset recovery litigation and debt enforcement proceedings involving defaulted financing arrangements, enforcement of security interests, and contested recovery proceedings before the courts.
- Acted for Alios Finance Tanzania Limited in receivership and asset recovery proceedings involving recovery of financed assets, enforcement of financing arrangements, and execution of recovery strategies against defaulting borrowers.
- Acted for Metito, an Egyptian multinational company, in complex commercial and arbitration-related disputes involving recovery and enforcement of bank guarantees issued in relation to performance bond guarantees and advance payment guarantees.
- Represented Metito in challenging interim measures and injunctive orders restraining recovery under the relevant bank guarantees, successfully enabling enforcement and recovery actions through banking institutions.
- Acted for KMJ in enforcement proceedings relating to an arbitral award, including recognition and enforcement processes before Tanzanian courts.
- Acted for Natoil in arbitration-related proceedings involving applications for arbitral interim measures and

- stay of arbitration proceedings.
- Acted for Central Electricals Limited in proceedings challenging orders seeking to set aside arbitral awards.
- Advised various clients on arbitration strategy, interim relief, preservation of claims, contractual remedies, enforcement risks, and settlement negotiations involving cross-border and high-value commercial disputes.

Civil Litigation & Debt Recovery

- Acted for Yara Tanzania Limited in multimillion commercial debt recovery proceedings involving unpaid commercial obligations, enforcement of contractual rights, recovery of outstanding debts, execution proceedings, enforcement of securities, and negotiation of settlement arrangements aimed at preserving commercial relationships while securing recovery for the clients.
- Acted for NCBA in secured asset recovery litigation and debt enforcement proceedings involving defaulted financing arrangements, enforcement of security interests, and strategic management of contested recovery proceedings before the courts.
- Acted for Alios Finance Tanzania Limited in receivership and asset recovery proceedings involving recovery of financed assets, enforcement of financing arrangements, and execution of recovery strategies against defaulting borrowers.
- Acted for Assa Abloy (T) Limited in contractual disputes and complex commercial litigation before the Commercial Division of the High Court of Tanzania, including advising on litigation strategy, pleadings, interim relief, case management, and dispute resolution options.

Shipping & Trade Disputes

- Acted for Kamaka Company Limited, Lodhia Industries Limited, and Total Med Tanzania Limited in shipping and trade disputes involving steel billets cargo claims, bills of lading, cargo misdelivery concerns, marine insurance issues, cargo release protection orders, pre-litigation notices, and claims against shipping lines, carriers, agents, and other stakeholders within the logistics chain.

Insolvency & Restructuring

- Represented Quality Group Ltd in receivership proceedings of Quality Centre Business, including advising on debt restructuring negotiations, enforcement proceedings, insolvency-related disputes, recovery actions against distressed borrowers, and commercial recovery strategies involving financially distressed entities.

Construction, Infrastructure & Procurement

- Acted for Humphrey Constructions Limited and Central Electricals Limited in construction disputes and construction-related claims involving project performance issues, contractual interpretation, payment disputes, delays, variations, and claims arising from construction and infrastructure projects.
- Acted for Total Med Tanzania Limited in procurement review and appeal proceedings before the Public Procurement Appeals Authority (PPAA), including disputes concerning tender awards, procurement compliance, evaluation processes, and administrative decisions made by procuring entities.

Employment & Labour Disputes

- Acted for several employers, including Computech ICS Tanzania Limited in labour disputes before the Commission for Mediation and Arbitration (CMA) and the Labour Court of Tanzania involving unfair termination claims, retrenchment procedures, employment contract disputes, disciplinary processes, and workplace grievance matters.
- Managed sensitive internal investigations involving fraud, employee misconduct, breach of employment

- obligations, misuse of confidential information, regulatory compliance concerns, and preparation of appropriate disciplinary or litigation strategy.
Real Estate & Land Litigation
- Acted for East Point Tanzania Limited in land and real estate litigation involving land ownership disputes, title and encumbrance issues, injunction applications, lease disputes, eviction proceedings, and protection of proprietary interests before courts and land tribunals.
- Represented clients in disputes arising from real estate development agreements and joint venture arrangements, including disagreements relating to project implementation, contractual obligations, land use, possession, and enforcement of development rights.

Competition & Regulatory Matters

- Acted for SANLG in competition and regulatory proceedings involving restrictive trade practice issues, regulatory compliance concerns, and representation before the Fair Competition Tribunal and Fair Competition Commission.

Litigation Risk Advisory

- Conducted comprehensive legal due diligence, including litigation due diligence and advisory, for CRDB Bank in relation to a proposed billion-dollar financing transaction involving Mantra Tanzania, a Russian-linked entity, including review and assessment of litigation exposure, contingent liabilities, regulatory compliance, corporate status, contractual obligations, and dispute-related risks to support the bank's financing and risk assessment process.

Employment & Labour Disputes

- Acted for employers, including Total Med Lab Solutions, a senior executive of Knauf, a senior officer of Tigo, and Computech ICS Tanzania Limited in labour disputes before the Commission for Mediation and Arbitration (CMA) and the Labour Court of Tanzania involving unfair termination, retrenchment, disciplinary proceedings, employment contract disputes, and workplace grievances, including managing sensitive internal investigations involving fraud, employee misconduct, misuse of confidential information, and regulatory compliance concerns.

Insurance Disputes

- Acted for Jubilee Insurance among other insurance sector clients in connection with disputes involving insurance coverage claims, policy interpretation disputes, indemnity issues, recovery claims, and insurance-related litigation arising from commercial and shipping transactions.

Intellectual Property Disputes

- Represented SANLG in connection with a trademark dispute, opposition proceedings, regulatory objections, protection of proprietary rights, and enforcement of intellectual property interests before relevant authorities and tribunals.

Competition & Regulatory Matters

- Acted for SANLG in connection with competition and regulatory proceedings involving restrictive trade practice issues, regulatory compliance matters, and proceedings before the Fair Competition Tribunal and Fair Competition Commission.
- Managed cross-border enforcement proceedings involving recognition and enforcement of foreign judgments, arbitral awards, tracing and recovery of assets, and multi-jurisdictional commercial disputes

- involving foreign investors, suppliers, financial institutions, and multinational corporations.

Corporate Governance & Shareholder Disputes

- Represented corporate entities, shareholders, and investors in disputes involving corporate governance issues, shareholder rights, minority shareholder claims, management disputes, director obligations, and company-related disputes arising in commercial settings.

Emergency & Interim Relief Applications

Regularly represented clients in urgent and high-stakes applications involving injunctions, stay orders, interim relief, preservation orders, execution proceedings, and other interlocutory applications before courts, tribunals, and arbitration-related proceedings.