Alice Namuli Blazevic’s Profile

Alice Namuli Blazevic is a Partner at Katende, Ssempebwa & Company Advocates.

She has over 15 years’ experience in Commercial and Corporate Transactions, specialising in Projects and Infrastructure Finance, PPP’s and the Energy Sector.

She also specialises in Technology Law with a keen interest in Artificial Intelligence and the law, Blockchain Technology and the Cryptocurrency industry. She represents several Fintechs and Blockchain Technology based businesses which are reshaping the mode of doing business in Africa and Europe.

She has experience in cross boarder transactions where she has advised various large multinational joint ventures within Uganda and across East, South, and West Africa.

Alice is the Chairperson of the Uganda Legal Tech Network.

She is the former Vice President of the Uganda Law Society.

She serves as the Uganda Country Leader for Legal Business Women For Africa (LABFA), a multi jurisdictional network of women transactional lawyers and corporate leaders in Africa and beyond.

She is an Archbishop Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellow , a Commonwealth Fellow and the University of Oxford Said Business School Fellow.

In 2015 she worked with Hogan Lovells LLP UK.

She is currently pursuing a course in Artificial Intelligence from the University of Helsinki, Finland.

She is the Founder of the Legal Innovation Hub - Uganda

**Professional Leadership Roles**

* Chairperson – Uganda Legal Tech Network – 2018 to date
* Uganda Law Society - Vice President 2016-2018(April)
* Chairperson of the Female Lawyers Division of the Uganda Law Society – 2013 to 2016 ( The highlight of my achievements was the introduction of categorized Women in Law Awards. Which were aimed at recognizing women who have excelled in all fields of law)
* Country Leader (Uganda); Legal Business Women for Africa (LABFA). A multi jurisdictional network of women transactional lawyers and corporate leaders in Africa and beyond.
* Executive Council Member of the the Commonwealth Scholarships and Fellowship Alumni Association of Uganda (2016/2019)

**Awards / Fellowships**

* Recipient of the Archbishop Desmond Tutu Leadership Fellowship (Pursued in CapeTown and Said Business School, Oxford University) – 2018
* Recipient of the Commonwealth Scholarship and Fellowship UK – 2015
* Top 40 under 40 Nominee 2016
* Top 40 under 40 Finalist 2019 - Received an award for being one of the most influential Ugandans under 40 years.

**Regional and International Leadership Roles**

* Executive Producer for Breaking Through **– Breaking through** is a documentary based on Florence Alice Lubega, the first Uganda Female MP in 1962. It will feature accomplished African Women to inspire the African girl child to aim for the stars.
* Panel Judge for the **Global Solar Community Innovation Awards** 2017/2018/2019 hosted by SEED, ADELPHI, Barefoot College and UN Women and UN Environment, in South Africa.
* Panel Judge for the **Law Digest Awards** 2017/ 2018 aimed at recognizing excellence of lawyers in legal practice on the African Continent, held in Nigeria.

**Community Leadership**

* Charter President of the Rotary Club of Kitante 2017/2018
* Executive Council Member for Local Council I – Naalya Zone II – 2014 to 2017
* Founder **I Read I Innovate** – It is a children’s Literacy Community based project aimed at teaching children in poor communities how to love reading books. Twitter and Facebook: @ireadiinnovate

**Professional Mentorship Programs**

* Founder **Coffee With Alice** Mentorship Scheme for law students and young advocates ( 2014 to date) Coffee with Alice is a mentorship programme for young and aspiring lawyers from secondary schools, universities, bar course and young advocates with the aim of helping them bridge the gap between the theory learnt at law school and challenges of legal practice.

Coffee with Aliceis also about nurturing young leaders, accountable leadership, self-governance and fostering a culture of giving back to any cause that serves humanity and builds our nation. Twitter@mentorshipcafe and Facebook: @coffeewithalice

* Mentor – The Hague Institute for Innovation of Law Uganda (HIIL).
* Mentor – XL Africa - Afrique Excelle is a unique post-accelerator program designed to support scalable technology ventures in the late seed or pre-series A stage, well-positioned for growth in their domestic market and for cross-border expansion and looking to raise between $250K and $5M.

Afrique Excell was launched by World Bank Group and implemented by a consortium of VC4A, Suguba and SahelInnov.

**Local and International Speaking Engagements – 2017/2018**

East Africa International Arbitration Conference in Kigali 2017 about  AI and Blockchain and it’s impact on the legal profession.

Gave a public lecture Nairobi University, Kenya  about Impact of AI and Blockchain in January 2018

East Africa Law Society Annual Conference about the impact of AI and Blockchain on the legal profession last year in Kampala, 2017

Presented a paper on Arbitration or dispute resolution on the Blockchain at the East Africa International Arbitration Conference in Addis Ababa 2018.

I spoke at the International Bar Association conference in Rome on the LegalTech panel about Impact of Tech ( AI and Blockchain ) on the legal profession.

On 7th November I spoke at the International Internet Association Forum Uganda Chapter conference on the Cybersecurity and Blockchain panel.

0n 9th November 2018 I gave a public lecture at Strathmore University Law School on the Impact of Artificial Intelligence and Blockchain on the Legal Profession: A dispute resolution disquisition.

On 15th November 2015 I spoke at the International Bar Association Regional Conference on Dispute Resolution. **Topic** “Procedures and the rules of court in a digital world: what is new and what should African lawyers be doing?”

On 16th November, 2018, I was a panelist on the “Managing the Revolution of Data” panel at the Kampala Digitization Forum 2018.

Speaker on two panels at the Africa Tech Summit in Kigali 13th to 15th February 2019:

 1. The Future of Blockchain- Opportunities and regulation for Africa

 2. Future Stage – Regulating for growth, Providing the appropriate regulatory framework for

 tech disruption in Africa.

**Chief organizer** of the Legal Tech Conference and Pitch: AI Blockchain and the Law - 2019

**Articles:**

* Impact of the Public Private Partnership Act of Uganda. Published in the Hogan Lovells LLP Africa Journal, December 2016.
* Oil and Gas: A comparison between Uganda and Ghana regimes. Published in the Hogan Lovells LLP Africa Journal, April 2015.
* Blockchain, Crypto currencies and the Law in Uganda–East African Magazine 2017
* Blockchain, Crypto currencies and the Law - Lex Africa Newsletter 2019
* Blockchain, Crypto curriencies and the Law – Asia Mena In house Counsel Magazine 2019
* The future of Blockchain in Uganda – Kleros Blog 2018
* Blockchain, Crypto currencies and the Law – Country Chapter (Uganda) in Chambers Global 2019.
* The Impact of Blockchain Technology in Africa – Hogan Lovells Africa Journal – 2019