



CMS Kenya Daly Inamdar Advocates

About the Firm

Overview

Established in 1899, CMS Daly Inamdar Advocates (CMS Kenya) is the oldest law firm in East and Central Africa and is recognised as one of the most reputable full-service civil law practices in the country. With offices in Kenya's commercial capitals, its head office Nairobi is bolstered by an additional full-service office in Mombasa, engaging in all aspects of corporate, commercial, real estate and dispute resolution services.

CMS Kenya's Partners include some of the most accomplished lawyers in their fields of practice in Kenya, many of whom have handled significant, groundbreaking and noteworthy commercial transactions.

With 15 Partners and a team of over 40 experienced lawyers, several of whom are specialists in their fields, and a number who are dual qualified (England and New York), CMS Kenya is part of CMS, a future-facing firm with close to 7,500 lawyers across more than 90 offices in 50 countries worldwide. As part of CMS, CMS Kenya has access to a wide network of international lawyers engaging in all aspects of legal practice.

CMS Kenya's clients include Kenyan-owned companies, multinational corporations, development institutions, foundations, and private clients conducting business across Africa. The Firm has also established relationships with regional and international legal institutions, to ensure that its clients' regional and international needs are catered for, with the appropriate level of expertise being deployed over the course of any transaction.

CMS Kenya is also well known for handling complex and contentious civil commercial disputes and are highly rated by various international legal directories, including Chambers and Partners, Legal 500, IFLR1000, Global Guide to International Lawyers, among others.

As the region's oldest law firm, CMS Kenya recently celebrated its 125th anniversary, marking a significant milestone of dedicated service, legal expertise and innovation.



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Client Satisfaction

Our mission is to deliver high quality legal services and achieve client satisfaction by providing sound and practical legal advice, efficiently and cost effectively.

We consider the following four C's to be essential to client satisfaction:

Competence

Our lawyers' experience working on a variety of matters in Kenya and abroad enables them to provide sound legal advice.

Commercial outlook to legal problems

At CMS Kenya, we understand that clients require succinct advice and being provided with best options and practical answers.

The legal advice that we provide is dependent upon the commercial realities at any given time. We do not just quote the law to our clients, but we are very mindful of the commercial aspects of transactions and advise our clients accordingly.

Cost effectiveness

Effective negotiation skills coupled with many years of experience enables our lawyers to work in a time efficient manner, thereby ensuring that our clients receive value for money. In commercial matters, costs may also be saved from the inventive structuring of a transaction with a view to saving tax and other costs and expenses that would otherwise be incurred. Our experience in drafting a wide variety of agreements has enhanced our ability to provide and to scrutinise draft documentation to ensure that the documentation we produce or approve is comprehensive and protects our clients' interests.

Compatibility with our clients' corporate culture

When advising our clients, we are aware that their corporate culture, identity and outlook are very important factors in the way in which they do business. Working with them on a regular basis, we gain an understanding of their corporate culture, needs and challenges and are therefore able to provide more holistic advice and direction on any given matter.

Practice Areas



Banking & Finance

- Banking Securities
- Financial Regulatory
- Payment Services



Commercial

- Competition
- Employment
- Environmental
- Environmental, Social, & (Corporate) Governance
- Immigration
- Shipping
- Tax



Corporate

- Aviation
- Capital Markets
- Company Secretarial Services
- Foreign Direct Investments
- Insurance
- Mergers & Acquisitions
- Private Equity



Dispute Resolution

- Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (Mediation and Arbitration) with a general focus on Corporate, Commercial and Real Estate dispute resolution, in particular:
 - Admiralty, Shipping & Maritime
 - Banking & Finance
 - Competition
 - Constitutional and Judicial law
 - Construction
 - Employment, Labour & Pensions
 - Insolvency
 - Insurance
 - Medical Negligence
 - Public Procurement
 - Real Estate & Construction
 - Succession



Energy, Projects & Infrastructure

- Economic Infrastructure [energy, telecommunications, transport]
- Energy [Bio-Mass, Oil and Gas, Renewable Energy (geothermal, hydro, solar, wind), Waste to Energy]
- General [Commercial and Residential Property Developments]
- Public-Private Partnerships
- Public Procurement
- Social Infrastructure



Private Client

- Estate Planning & Administration
- Succession Planning
- Trusts and Trusts Administration



Real Estate & Construction

- Acquisitions & Disposals
- Administration of Estates
- Commercial Leasing
- Estate Development
- Hotel & Leisure Development
- Joint Ventures (construction & development)
- Property Development Schemes



Technology, Media & Communications

- Data Protection & Cybersecurity
- E-Commerce
- E-health & Telemedicine
- Gaming & Gambling
- Intellectual Property

Recognition

CMS Kenya | Daly Inamdar Advocates has been recognised by the most prestigious Legal Directories.

Recent highlights:



Legal 500

Ranked in five categories, including our Lawyers ranked as highly regarded

Chambers & Partners

Ranked in five categories, including our Lawyers ranked as highly regarded



IFLR1000

Tier 1 law firm in the M&A, Top Tier in Financial & Corporate, Project Development: Infrastructure, Mining & Power, including our Lawyers ranked as highly regarded

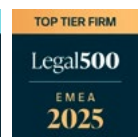
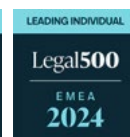


IFLR Africa Awards

Shortlisted for National Law Firm of the year in Kenya, 2021

Nairobi Legal Awards

1st Runner Up Large Law Firm of the Year 2025



CMS in Africa

CMS has been advising local and international clients in Africa for over 50 years and is committed to its long-term prosperity, being one of the most active law firms on the continent, with our six offices located in dynamic African hubs: Algiers, Casablanca, Ebene, Johannesburg, Luanda, Maputo, **Mombasa and Nairobi**, and a longstanding network of local correspondents and trusted relationships with law firms in most other countries across the continent.

Our 120 lawyers fully dedicated to Africa and practising in all the main areas of law, benefit from the global support of CMS, with over 7,500 lawyers, over 1,300 partners, over 10,000 staff around the world. We have direct access to an enormous wealth of expertise and knowledge, strong technical resources and high-quality training which enables us to deliver top level legal advice to clients across the African continent.

Our multidisciplinary legal practice teams, managed by a single point of contact will ensure the delivery of a seamless client driven service, in your language and in the relevant industry sphere across all the key jurisdictions of the continent.



Working better, faster to keep you up to date

The world is changing rapidly, and so are we.

At CMS, our clients benefit from bespoke CMS-developed technology as well as industry-leading AI solutions. Our global partnership with **Harvey**, one of the most advanced GenAI platforms in the legal sector, further strengthens our ability to deliver faster, smarter and more efficient legal services across Africa and beyond. Below are some of the ways we use technology to create real value for our clients.

Increasing efficiency and reducing the costs of disputes

Disputes often involve large volumes of documentation. Our e-disclosure team, **CMS Evidence**, uses the latest review and analysis tools to organise, search and structure complex data in a cost-effective way. This allows us to scope, budget and manage the entire disclosure process from start to finish, saving time, reducing costs and improving accuracy.

Using AI to improve processes

Due diligence, data analysis and contract review can be time-consuming and complex. With advanced AI tools, including Harvey's GenAI technology, we can review vast quantities of information rapidly and with precision. These tools enable us to:

- Cluster, compare and analyse data from multiple sources
- Visualise key patterns and insights
- Search thousands of documents accurately and at speed
- Reduce manual review effort while enhancing quality

By integrating cutting-edge GenAI into our workflows, we help clients make better decisions, faster, and ensure CMS Africa continues to deliver innovative, efficient and future-focused legal solutions.

As well as sharing our insights and experience with individual clients, we publish a wide range of material on legal developments and trends.

Legal Updates



Our market-leading electronic information service provides regular updates on key legal issues. This tailored service enables you to stay up to date with the legal developments that matter to you.

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CMS eLearning



Our online eLearning solution helps clients build and evolve their compliance and risk-management programmes. Read more about our off-the-shelf courses or explore how a bespoke solution can meet your needs at [CMS eLearning](#)

Training and seminars



We regularly host interactive webinars, bespoke training sessions and seminars led by CMS experts across multiple jurisdictions. These sessions give clients direct access to real-time legal and business insights, helping them stay informed and supported as trusted advisers and corporate partners.

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Staff

> **10,000**

58% female

Lawyers

> **7,400**

52,8% female



110 new
partners in 2025,
taking the total
to over

1,500



**19 Practice and Sector Groups
working across offices**

offices



91

cities



86

countries



50



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