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She was admitted to the Roll of Advocates on 25th October 2007 (P. 105/6603/07).

Ms. Ekaterina Handa is a lawyer with more than 10 years of legal experience in diverse areas of law both in academic field and practice and has multidimensional professional background.

Currently, Ekaterina Handa heads the Commercial Law Department of the Kenyatta University School of Law (KUSOL) and is pursuing Doctoral Degree in Law / Jurisprudence with the Witwatersrand University School of Law (Johannesburg, South Africa). She is a Partner with Gitonga, Kinyanjui & Co. Advocates and a Council Member of the Law Society of Kenya (Nairobi Branch).

After graduation with the Bachelor of Laws Degree from the University of Nairobi, E. Handa undertook pupillage with Kiomondo-Mubea & Co. Advocates and later joined Lumumba, Mumma & Kaluma Advocates as an Intern. Upon completion of Internship, she won the University of Nairobi Academic Scholarship, which earned her an award of Master of Laws Degree.

Ekaterina Handa practiced with Machira & Co. Advocates before joining the firm of Gitonga, Kinyanjui & Co. Advocates, initially as an Associate and as a Partner in 2014.

Ekaterina Handa headed the Legal Department at the Kenya Methodist University (KeMU) and taught on full and part – time basis at the University of Nairobi School of Law and Kenyatta University School of Law.

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E. Handa is a skilled legal researcher and ADR practitioner, whose scope of practice extends to mediation, domestic and international commercial arbitration.

EDUCATION

- Candidate, PhD (Doctoral Degree in Law) – University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg, South Africa
- Certificate of Advanced Studies in Arbitration (CAS) - Certified Arbitration Practitioner (Arb.Pract.), Swiss Arbitration Academy (SAA), Switzerland
- Postgraduate Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (PostGrad. Dip.), Universities of Neuchâtel and Luzern, Switzerland
- Master of Laws ((LL.M) – Public Finance and Financial Services), University of Nairobi (UoN)
- Postgraduate Diploma in Legal Studies (PostGrad. Dip.), Kenya School of Law, Nairobi
- Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) - University of Nairobi (UoN),
- Certificate of Accreditation, Mediation Training, Strathmore Dispute Resolution Centre, Nairobi

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS, ASSOCIATIONS AND AFFILIATIONS

- Council Member, Nairobi Branch, Law Society of Kenya (LSK)
- Convener, Commercial Practice Committee, Nairobi Branch, LSK
- Member of LSK, CPD Committee
- Member of Law Society of East Africa (EALS)
- Member of International Bar Association (IBA)
- Member of IBA African Regional Forum and Arbitration Committees
- ASA and ASA below 40 (Swiss Arbitration Association)
- Associate Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb.) Kenya
- Member, Kenya Christian Lawyers Fellowship (KCLF)
- Member, Kituo Cha Sheria (Legal Advice Centre)
- Member, FIDA Kenya (Federation of Women Lawyers)