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Mr. RONOW H. H. ALI is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya having been admitted to the Bar in the year 2003. He is currently a Partner and Head of Finance, Corporate and Commercial and Conveyance Department at the law firm of Ibrahim Issack &co Advocates. He has successfully completed Bachelor of Laws (**LLB**) major and minor in Islamic Shariah from International Islamic University Malaysia, Masters Degree in law (**LLM CORPORATE & COMMERCIAL LAW**) from Bond University Australia, **Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice** and **Certificate in Human Resource Management** from the Kenya School of Law. He is the erstwhile **Legal Services Manager** of East African Portland Cement Company Limited. He has sound knowledge of law and jurisprudence in general and in particular has good experience in Civil Litigation, Conveyance, Corporate and Commercial Law and International Trade Law. His area of specialization is Corporate and Commercial law but he has successfully litigated on complex matters in the High Court and the Court of Appeal in Kenya and the Appellate Division of the East African Court of justice in Arusha Tanzania. He is also duly admitted to the Roll of Commissioner for Oaths and Notary Public.

A. TERTIARY EDUCATION

**1) Kenya School of Law
Nairobi, Kenya**

September 2001 to September 2002

Successfully completed **Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice** at the Kenya School of Law and also a **Certificate Course in Human Resource Management** in September 2002;

**2) Bond University
Gold Coast, Queensland, Australia**

January 2000 to December 2000

Successfully completed a **Masters Degree in Law (LLM)** specializing in Corporate and Commercial law with a good exposure to International Trade Law; The courses undertaken include;- International Trade Law, Comparative Corporations law, and International Commercial Arbitrations among others. The instructors included Prof. John

Farrar, an internationally renowned Corporations law Scholar.

**3) International Islamic University,
Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia**

July 1995 to June 1999

Successfully completed a **Bachelor Degree in Law (LLB) Major, Second Class (Upper Honours)** and **Bachelor Degree in Islamic Shariah (LLBS) Minor** in 1999. The instructors included an internationally renowned Scholar, the first Attorney General of the independent Singapore (1966) Tan Sri Datuk. Prof. Ahmad Mohamed Ibrahim (now deceased) and two former Judges of the Supreme Court of Malaysia.

B. PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

1 IBRAHIM ISSACK & Co ADVOCATES; Aug. 2013 to date

Position: Partner in charge of Finance, Corporate and Commercial and Conveyance Department

2 IBRAHIM, ISSACK & Co. Advocates; September 09 to date

Position; Legal Consultant; provided legal consulting services to the law firm of Ibrahim, Issack & company Advocates on various legal matters especially on Corporate and Commercial Law, Litigation, Conveyance and Alternative Dispute Resolution (A.D.R). Amongst the matters handled are-;

Corporate and Commercial law- Advising various Banks and clients on banking instruments appropriate for specific transactions and the structuring thereof including structured financing, Bank Guarantees, Letters of credit, SBLC, Commercial agreements and International Contracts etc. Advising various clients and the Islamic Commercial Banks on the Various Islamic Financing products and methodology of structuring Shariah based and Shariah compliant products, so as to meet specific needs of the Client and the respective Banks on a matter relating to the sale.

Litigation- Successfully litigated of the Somali Ambassador's residence in Nairobi to a private individual by the immediate former ambassador to Kenya prior to the breakdown of civil Authority in Somalia in 1991. The matter was complex in nature and intertwined three areas of law to wit; Public International Law, Law of Contract, Land Law and Conveyance. The value of the property is estimated at **Ksh. Four Hundred Million (400,000,000)**, was awarded State Commendation by the Republic of Somalia for restitution of the property.

Subsequently litigated before the Appellate Division of the East African Court of Justice in Arusha on a **USD Twenty Five Million (25,000,000)** dispute involving a Kenyan Company and a State corporation in Uganda on a financing and Construction agreement. The matter sought the Court's interpretation of the East African Community Treaty and the Protocol on Common Markets and specifically Article 54 on Protection of Cross-Border Investments.

Have been engaged in and litigated upon various other commercial disputes which have either been successfully litigated upon currently pending before court or referred to arbitration for conclusion.

Conveyance- Have successfully completed various land transactions as is required by law. The highest value of a **single** transaction handled is in the sum of **Kenya Shillings Three Hundred Million (Ksh. 300,000,000)**

3 IBRAHIM ISSACK & Co ADVOCATES; Oct.2006 to Apr. 2007
Position; Partner in Charge of Finance; My duties and responsibilities as Partner in charge of finance included;- developing financial control systems and cost management in consultation with the Finance Manager. I successfully implemented sound financial control and cost management systems over and above attending to legal matters including Litigation, Conveyance and Commercial matters.

4. EAST AFRICAN PORTLAND CEMENT CO. LTD; May 04 to Aug 06
Position: Legal Services Manager; My duties and responsibilities as the head of the legal department were; Chief legal advisor to the Board of Directors and the Management, statutory compliance, carrying out periodic legal audit on all departments, liaising with external lawyers and generally advising on and limiting legal exposures. Joined the company when it was making a loss of Ksh 400m and successfully turned around the company to record a profit of over Ksh I billion in a period of one year.

He held the position of **Legal Officer** prior to promotion to the position of Legal Services Manager and was faced with task of establishing a legal office that never existed. Main Challenges were to centralize legal issues and legal documents and thereafter carry out legal audit on all departments to advice on and limit the existing and/or potential legal exposures.

5 OTHER RESPONSIBILITIES AT E.A.P.C.C.
a) Personal Assistant to the Managing Director; May 04 to Jan 05

Served as the Personal Assistant to the Managing Director for six months, over and above his duties as the Legal Officer of the company

b) Trustee and Secretary of East African Portland Cement Company Pension Scheme Aug 04 to Sept 06

Responsibilities included taking minutes of the proceedings of the meetings of the Board of Trustees, liaising with the service providers such as the Scheme Administrators, the Fund Managers, the Scheme Custodian, the Actuaries and the Auditors and the regulator (the Retirement Benefit Authority) and ensure compliance. Jointly with other Trustees we developed the Scheme investment plan and ensured that the fund is not only safe but is growing. Joined the scheme when it was in deficit of over Ksh 100m and resigned when the scheme was in surplus.

6 IBRAHIM, & ISSACK ADVOCATES; June 2002 to April 2004

Nairobi, Kenya

Position: Advocate: Worked in this law firm first as an intern and then as an Advocate, my duties included the usual duties of an Advocate working in a medium sized law firm.

C. OTHER ACADEMIC CREDENTIALS & SCHOLARSHIPS

Attended several seminars and courses for purposes of capacity enhancement and these includes;- Certificate of Achievement for a Course on Intellectual Property Rights organized by Kenya Industrial Property Institute, and a course on International Trade Law organized by International Development Law Organization based in Rome Italy. Was also a speaker at an in-house lawyers conference organized by Marcus Evans(a South African organization) and presented a paper entitled ‘Avoiding the evils of litigation’ Have also successfully completed special Member Course and assessment organized by Chattered Institute of Arbitrators and is currently a member of the Institute

SCHOLARSHIPS

1) Was awarded full scholarship by International Islamic University, Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, to undertake the Bachelor of Law degree from June 1995 to July 1999.

2) Was also awarded a part fee scholarship by Bond University, Gold Coast, QLD, Australia to undertake Masters Degree in Law specializing in Corporate and Commercial Law, from January 2000 to December 2000.

D. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS

The Law Society of Kenya
The East African Law Society
The Commonwealth Association of lawyers
The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators

E. LANGUAGES

English, Swahili, Somali, and Functional Arabic.