

# JOSEPH M. ISANGA

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## EXPERIENCE

### UNIVERSITY OF IDAHO COLLEGE OF LAW

**Associate Professor of Law**

August 2023 - Present

### UNIVERSITY OF TULSA COLLEGE OF LAW

**Visiting Associate Professor of Law**

August 2021-May 2023

COURSES CURRENTLY TAUGHT: Secured Transactions, Corporate Law, Agency & Partnership, Torts.  
OTHER COURSE TAUGHT: Contracts, Bankruptcy, Professional Responsibility, International Law,  
International Business Transactions, Jurisprudence, International Human Rights, Writing for the Bar  
Exam & Bar Exam Planning

FACULTY GOVERNANCE & SERVICE: Academic Status and Student Affairs; Curriculum Committee

RESEARCH AREAS: Personal Injury Law, International Law & International Human Rights (with  
particular focus on the rights of women and the rule of law in Africa)

### SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY LAW CENTER, Baton Rouge, Louisiana

**Visiting Professor of Law**

July 2020-May 2021

COURSES: Contracts & Professional Responsibility

RESEARCH AREAS: International Law & International Human Rights (with particular focus on the  
rights of women and the rule of law in Africa)

### CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW, Boise, Idaho

**Professor of Law (Tenured)**

2015-2020

COURSES: Contracts, Secured Transactions (UCC 9), Bankruptcy, International Law, International  
Human Rights, Writing for the Bar Exam & Bar Exam Planning

FACULTY GOVERNANCE & SERVICE: Chair, Appointments Committee; Chair, Diversity & Inclusion  
Committee; Member, Research & Scholarship Committee; Member, Adjunct Training & Supervision  
Committee; Member, Faculty Affairs Committee; Member, Non-J.D. Graduate Program Committee

### UNIVERSITY OF PADOVA, SCUOLA GALILEIANA DI STUDI SUPERIORI, Padua, Italy

**Visiting Professor**

Spring 2015

COURSE: Regional Protection of Human Rights

### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, KELLOGG INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL

**STUDIES**, South Bend, Indiana

**Faculty Guest Scholar**

Jan.-Dec. 2014

RESPONSIBILITIES: Conducted research focused on the rule of law, democracy and development in  
Africa.

### AVE MARIA SCHOOL OF LAW, Naples, Florida

**Associate Professor of Law**

2007-2014

COURSES: International Law; International Business Transactions; Jurisprudence; Law, Ethics &  
Public Policy; & Moral Foundations of Law

### UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, CENTER FOR CIVIL AND HUMAN RIGHTS, NOTRE DAME LAW SCHOOL, South Bend, Indiana

**Postdoctoral Research Associate**

2006-2007

RESPONSIBILITIES: Advised and taught LL.M students with a particular focus on international law and  
international human rights.

## AWARDS

Outstanding Upper-Class Professor Award 2022-2023 – University of Tulsa College of Law  
Outstanding Visiting Professor Award 2021-2022 – University of Tulsa College of Law

## EDUCATION

UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME, South Bend, Indiana

**Juridical Sciences Doctorate (J.S.D.)**, *summa cum laude*, May 2006

Honors & Awards: Recipient of University of Notre Dame's Doctor of Juridical Sciences Fellowship (2004-2005)

Doctoral Dissertation: *Implementing International Human Rights in National Legislation: A Case Study of Law and Religion in Uganda* (Lambert Academic Publishing, 2013)

**UNIVERSITY OF NOTRE DAME**, South Bend, Indiana

**Master of Laws (LL.M.)**, *summa cum laude*, May 2004

Honors & Awards: Recipient of University of Notre Dame's Master of Laws Fellowship (2003-2004)

**LAW DEVELOPMENT CENTER**, Kampala, Uganda

**Bar (Diploma in Legal Practice)**, April 2004

Honors & Awards: Uganda Law Society's Top National Pupil Attorney

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**, Kampala, Uganda

**Bachelor of Laws (LL. B.)**, *summa cum laude*, January 2003

Honors & Awards: Top Law School Student (graduated first in class)

**MAKERERE UNIVERSITY**, Kampala, Uganda

**Bachelor of Divinity**, *summa cum laude*, January 1995

Honors: Graduated first in class

**PONTIFICAL URBAN UNIVERSITY**, Rome, Italy

**Bachelor of Philosophy**, *magna cum laude*, May 1990

## **PUBLICATIONS**

### **BOOKS:**

*Oklahoma Personal Injury Law* (2024), Lexis+, under Secondary Materials.

*Implementing International Human Rights in National Legislation: A Case Study of Law and Religion in Uganda* (Lambert Academic Publishing 2013)

### **ARTICLES AND BOOK CHAPTERS:**

*The Intolerably Slow Implementation of African Women's Rights and Its Impact on African Economic Development*, 31 MICH. ST. INT'L REV. 191 (2023)

*The U.S. Withdraws: Impact on the U.S. and International Rule of Law*, 32 FLA. J. INT'L. 215 (2020-2021)

*Resurgent Cold War and U.N. Security Council Reform Opportunities*, 47 DENV. J. INT'L L. & POL'Y 73 (2018-2019)

Book Chapter: *Pembangunan, dan Hak-Hak Asasi Manusia: Perspektif Afrika dan Katolik*, in KATA BERSAMA (Gadjah Mada University Press 2019)

*Philippines v. China Aftermath: Rule of Law and Legitimacy Under Assault*, 45 SYRACUSE J. INT'L L. & COM. 147 (2018)

*African Judicial Review, The Use of Comparative African Jurisprudence, and the Judicialization of Politics*, 49 GEO. WASH. INT'L L. REV. 749 (2017) (lead article)

*Rule of Law and African Development*, 42 N.C. J. INT'L L. 730 (2017)

*The Constitutive Act of the African Union, African Courts and the Protection of Human Rights: New Dispensation?* 11 SANTA CLARA J. INT'L L. 267 (2013)

*The International Criminal Court Ten Years Later: Appraisal and Prospects*, 21 CARDOZO J. INT'L & COMP. L. 235 (2012)

*Surging Intercountry Adoptions in Africa: Paltry Domestication of International Standards*, 27 BYU J. PUB. L. 229 (2012)

*Foundations of Human Rights and Development: A Critique of African Human Rights Instruments*, 11 AVE MARIA L. REV. 123 (2012)

*Rethinking the Rule of Law as Antidote to African Development Challenges*, a book chapter in *Legitimacy, Legal Development & Change: Law & Modernization Reconsidered* (Ashgate Publishing Ltd, UK 2012)

*Response to Philip Blosser*, a book chapter in *St. Paul, The Natural Law, and Contemporary Legal Theory* (eds. Jane Adolphe, Robert Fastiggi, and Michael Vacca, Lexington Books 2012)

Book Chapter: *The Role of International Actors in Promoting Rule of Law in Uganda*, in *GLOBALIZING JUSTICE: CRITICAL PERSPECTIVES ON TRANSNATIONAL LAW AND THE CROSS-BORDER MIGRATION OF LEGAL NORMS* (ed. David Linnan, Sunny Publishers 2010)

*Triadic Contest for Africa-U.S.A., the European Union, and China: Implications for International Human Rights and Democracy*, 3 NORTHWESTERN INTERDISCIPLINARY L. REV. 175 (2010)

Book Chapter: *African Perspectives on Theory and Application of a Common Word*, in *MUSLIM AND CHRISTIAN UNDERSTANDING: THEORY AND APPLICATION OF "A COMMON WORD"* (eds. Waleed El-Ansary, David Linnan) (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010)

*Mulieris Dignitatem, Ephesians 5 and Domestic Violence: Grounding International Women's Human Rights*, 8 AVE MARIA L. REV. 405 (2010)

*Countering Persistent Contemporary Sea Piracy: Expanding Jurisdictional Regimes*, 59 AM. U. L. REV. 1267 (2009-2010)

*African Courts and Separation of Powers: Comparative Study of Judicial Review in Uganda & South Africa*, 2 NW. INTERDISC. L. REV. 69-102 (2009)

*Kenya's Kadhi's Court: An International Human Rights Perspective*, INT'L COMMISSION OF JURISTS (Kenya Section) (2009-2010)

*Counter-Terrorism and Human Rights: The Emergence of a Rule of Customary International Law from United Nations Resolutions*, 37 DENV. J. INT'L L. & POL'Y 233-256 (2008-2009)

## **SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS**

*Law & Economics Training*, George Mason University Antonin Scalia Law School, Law & Economics Center, Arlington, Virginia (June 2019)

*The Refugee Crisis*, Concordia University School of Law, Boise, Idaho (September 2015)

*African Women's Economic Rights: The Impact of Customary Law and Nascent Rule of Law*, Rudolph C. Barnes Sr. Symposium on Legitimacy, Economic Development and Change, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina (April 2012)

*Constitutional Courts and the Judicialization of Politics in Sub-Saharan Africa*, *The Judicialization of Politics from International and Comparative Perspectives*, University of California, Irvine, California (July 2011)

*The Common Word, Development and Human Rights: African and Catholic Perspectives*, Rudolph C. Barnes, Sr. Symposium on Legitimacy, Economic Development and Change, University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina (March, 2009)

Interview: Jeff Gardner, *U.S. Case Against Holy See May Go Forward, Court Rules*, National Catholic Register (December 2008)

*Triadic Contest for Africa-U.S.A., European Union, China-: Implications for International Human Rights and Democracy*, Rudolph C. Barnes, Sr. Symposium on Legitimacy, Economic Development and Change at University of South Carolina School of Law, Columbia, South Carolina (January 2008)

*United Nations Resolutions Relative to Efforts Aimed at Combating International Terrorism: An Emerging Norm of Customary International Law and Jus Cogens*, Association of American Law Schools Annual Meeting, New York, New York (January 2008)

*The Humanitarian Crisis in Post-Conflict Northern Uganda*, University of Tennessee, Knoxville, Tennessee (November 2007)

*International Human Rights Panel*, International Restorative Justice Conference, Marquette University Law School, Milwaukee, Wisconsin (November 2006)

*Current Human Rights and Governance Issues in Africa: Making Progress*, Valparaiso University School of Law, Valparaiso, Indiana (April 2006)

*Role of the International Criminal Court in the Northern Uganda Conflict*, Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, South Bend, Indiana (March 2006)

*The Role of Judicial Review in an Emerging Democracy: The Case of Uganda Courts of Judicial Review*, Globalizing Justice: Transnational Law and Processes, Arizona State University, Tempe, Arizona (February 2006)

*Religious Liberty and Uganda*, Talk on Freedom's Ring Radio (hosted by Alan Reinach, esq.) (December 2005)

*The State, Law and Religion in Uganda: The Need for Cooperation Rather than Competition*, International Conference on Religion in African Conflicts and Peacebuilding Initiatives: Problems and Prospects for a Globalizing Africa, The Joan B. Kroc Institute for International Peace Studies, University of Notre Dame, Jinja, Uganda (April 2004)

*Regional Human Rights Protection Mechanisms—Africa*, Eckerd College, St. Petersburg, Florida, (March 2004)