**LOGO**

**Home**

**Welcome to Getnet Yawkal Law Office.**

Getnet Yawkal Law Office is a leading commercial law office in Ethiopia, providing practical, strategical, and process-and result-oriented legal services to local and international clients.

### We provide top-notch legal services in Ethiopia.

Local Expertise. International Depth. Business Acumen.

**Who We Are**

Getnet Yawkal Law Office is a leading commercial law office in Ethiopia, providing practical, strategic, and process-and result-oriented legal services to local and international clients.

We take integrity, accountability, accessibility, and timely delivery of our quality legal services as the core values of our establishment.

We value our clients’ time and always strive to exceed their expectations.

We depend on our nimbleness to understand your case and provide a profound and tailor-made solution to it, but we also maintain close associations with select local counsel to be called upon when needed.

With extensive expertise in intellectual property, employment and labor, corporate and finance, tax, charity, and alternative dispute resolution laws of Ethiopia, Getnet Yawkal Law Office offers strong, sound, and cost-effective legal guidance in resolving your cases professionally and looks forward to being your strategic partner and principal legal advisor in Ethiopia.

**Our Principal Attorney**

Getnet Yawkal Mebratu

LOCAL EXPERTISE. INTERNATIONAL DEPTH. BUSINESS ACUMEN

Getnet earned his LL.B degree from Bahir Dar University Faculty of Law in 2008. After his graduation, Getnet has worked for various governmental and non-governmental organizations, such as the Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority (EIPA), Tadesse Kiros Law Office (TKLO), Mesfin Tafesse & Associates (MTA) and taught law courses at different university and university colleges in Ethiopia.

Getnet is one of the top-rated lawyers currently practicing in Ethiopia. As a professional lawyer, he has dealt with an array of very complicated cases, often involving very high profile international and national clients, which paved the way for him to establish himself as a key contact to develop, prepare, and review legal documents in accordance with clients’ commercial strategies.

Throughout his career, Getnet has consistently exemplified integrity while maintaining quality and professionalism to provide first-rate legal services in Ethiopia, and his record is one of great responsibility, dedication, and solid achievements.

Getnet is a very personable, process-and goal-oriented, and versatile person accustomed to a fast-paced environment where deadlines are a priority and handling multiple tasks simultaneously is a requirement.

**Qualifications**

Consultant and Attorney at Law-All Federal Courts Advocacy License

Certified Intellectual Property Agent- Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority (EIPA)

LL.B degree, Bahir Dar University Faculty of Law

Certificate in IP Law, World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO)

Certificate in IP Law, WIPO, Japan Patent Office (JPO), and Kenya Industrial Property Institute (KIPI)

Certificate in IP Law, WIPO, Ethiopian Ministry of Science and Technology, and EIPA

Certificate in Arbitration Law, International Court of Arbitration

Certificate in Court-Annexed Mediation, Federal Supreme Court of Ethiopia

**Membership**

Ethiopian Lawyers’ Association

Ethiopian Federal Advocates’ Association

**Practice Areas**

**Intellectual Proprty**

Getnet Yawkal Law Office provides top-notch intellectual property services covering the entire spectrum of IP rights in Ethiopia…

Getnet Yawkal Law Office provides blue-ribbon Intellectual Property services covering the entire spectrum of IP rights in Ethiopia.

Founded by the former Trademark and Industrial Design Examiner of the Ethiopian Intellectual Property Authority (EIPA), Getnet Yawkal Law Office, offers the legal skills and expertise, training, and hands-on EIPA experience of its principal attorney to assist you in registering and protecting your intellectual property in Ethiopia.

Through the years we have engaged ourselves in the IP industry, we have become a reliable partner for local clients as well as well-known international IP firms and foreign-based businesses that wish to register and enforce intellectual property rights in Ethiopia.

We give great value to the creation of the mind and understand your business and IP needs.

We use a very cost-effective and client-focused service and propose fixed fees for our exceptional services, which we only charge when we add real value to your IP needs.

Providing tailor-made solutions that exceed clients’ expectations intertwined with a swift reply to clients’ request is the bedrock of our IP practice.

**Some of our services**

Trademark availability search

Brand development advice

Filing trademark, patent, industrial design, and utility model applications, including claiming priority rights

Amending applications and/or registrations

Filing and processing licensing and/or assignment of rights

Negotiating, vetting, or drafting license assignment or franchise agreements

Representing clients before the EIPA tribunal and/or competent federal courts

Handling prosecution, maintenance, and enforcement of active registrations.

Handling cancellation and/or invalidation cases

Handling infringement cases

Reply to office actions or oppositions

Conduct due diligence on the IP portfolio of a targeted company dealing with mergers or acquisitions

**Labor & Employment**

**We understand your challenges related to employment and immigration issues and give utmost consideration to each of your cases...**

With the influx of many investors and expatriates into Ethiopia, as well as the passage of various laws governing employee-employer relationships and immigration issues, the demand for top-rated labor and employment lawyers armed with the necessary information, technical knowledge, and eloquence has become an urgent need.

Getnet Yawkal Law Office, with extensive experience on labor and employment, and immigration issues, has assisted clients with sound legal advice, superb communication and negotiation skills, and by successfully defending their interests before courts of law.

We aspire to remain a hot commodity in the employment sector, and for that, we commit ourselves to helping you find the best possible way out by drafting quality legal documents, rendering prudent legal advice, assisting you in negotiation processes, and representing you before competent authorities.

We understand your challenges related to employment and immigration issues and want to help you meet your goals.

**Some of our services**

Drafting employment contracts

Drafting collective agreements

Drafting independent contractor agreements

Drafting employment benefit plans

Drafting human resource manuals or work rules

Drafting settlement and release agreements

Negotiating

Representation/ Litigating

Processing resident permit

Processing work permits

Advising on foreigners salary remittances laws

Advising on employment related tax laws

Preparing legal advice, opinions, and memos on employment and/or immigration issues

Legalizing police clearance certificates ( Certificate of Good Conduct) for expatriates

Preparing legal and regulatory compliance checklists

**Corporate & Finance**

We provide blue-ribbon corporate and financial legal services and strive to add unmatched value to your business strategies....

The booming economy, enticing incentive packages, infrastructural developments, an abandoned and inexpensive labor force, and the country's large population are just a few of the many reasons why investors are choosing Ethiopia as their ideal investment destination.

For years, Getnet Yawkal Law Office has helped foreign investors and international law firms by rendering sound legal advice, preparing due diligence reports, processing mergers and acquisitions of target companies, facilitating licensing and registrations and preparing various legal documents in accordance with clients’ business strategies.

Our knowledgeable and resourceful resources in commercial, competition, tax, finance, and foreign exchange laws of Ethiopia have helped our clients to update themselves from time to time and keep up with the dynamic changes the corporate and finance sectors have introduced over the years.

With extensive experience in rendering sound legal advice, drafting quality legal documents, and representing clients’ interests, we strive to provide you with proper legal guidance with the goal of putting you in the most advantageous position possible.

We offer excellent corporate and financial legal services and endeavor to add unparalleled value to your business strategies.

## **Some of our Services**

Drafting institutional documents, i.e., Memorandum and Articles of Association

Registering business organizations

Incorporating subsidiary companies

Registering commercial representative/ liaison offices

Registering holding companies

Registering branch offices of foreign business organization incorporated abroad.

Registering branch offices of foreign chambers of commerce

Drafting and reviewing share purchase agreements

Drafting and registering a franchise agreement

Drafting and reviewing “promise of sale” agreements

Registering project offices

Drafting and reviewing technology transfer agreements (TTA)

Drafting and reviewing security documents

Drafting and reviewing loan agreements

Drafting and reviewing investment and shareholders’ agreements

Preparing due diligence reports

Processing a target company's merger and acquisition, as well as the sale or acquisition of shares and takeovers

Assisting with the issuance of investment permits, commercial registration certificates, and business licenses

Advising on trade, investment, competition, tax and foreign exchange laws

Advising on retention and utilization of export earnings and inward remittances

Advising on local and foreign currency holding laws

Advising on foreigners salary remittances laws

Advising on foreign exchange laws

Advising on the legal and regulatory framework of financial institutions

Advising on double taxation and investment treaties

Preparing legal and regulatory compliance checklists

Authenticating and filing legal documents sourced from abroad

Negotiating

Representation/ Litigation

**Charity**

We understand your challenges and want to help you meet your goals…

The charities and civil societies law is specialized, multi-faceted legislation that requires expertise. Whether you want to setup a charitable organization, process its registration, deal with employees, or tackle tax-related issues, Getnet Yawkal Law Office will be there to assist you in every step of your journey.

We help international charitable organizations by rendering sound and updated legal advice and resolving their issues in a way that keeps their interests safe and puts them in the best possible position out there.

We understand your challenges and want to help you meet your goals.

We value your time and give utmost consideration to each case.

Providing tailor-made solutions that exceed clients’ expectations, intertwined with a swift reply to their requests, is the foundation of our practice.

**Some of our services**

Assisting in incorporating charitable organizations

Advising on the legal and regulatory framework

Drafting and reviewing agreements

Advising and issuing legal opinions and legal memoranda

Assisting in the preparation of general assembly and board minutes

Preparing legal and regulatory compliance checklists

Advising on legal issues

Representation/ Litigating

**Alternative Dispute Resolution**

We maintain a full-service ADR capability and have the tenacity to address conflict at any stage and see it through…

Getnet Yawkal Law Office assists clients by providing expert reports on domestic laws and sound and refined legal advice on Ethiopian arbitration laws, including but not limited to, new treaties signed and other existing laws that substantially affect the process of litigation and enforcement of awards.

We prepare and vet commercial documents in line with the relevant laws related to dispute settlement and represent clients to safeguard their interests before arbitration tribunals. We are also known to assist clients by providing expert reports on domestic laws.

We aspire to remain a hot commodity in the ADR industry, and for that, we commit ourselves to helping you find the best possible way out by drafting quality legal documents, rendering prudent legal advice, assisting you in negotiation processes, and representing you before arbitration tribunals.

We maintain a full-service ADR capability and possess a grit mindset to address conflict at any stage and go all the way to the end.

**Some of our services**

Drafting and vetting documents

Negotiating

Prepare legal advice, a legal opinion, and a legal memorandum

Prepare expert report on domestic laws

Execution of arbitral awards

Filing of an application for interim measures before the courts

Perform an early case assessment

Review claims

Representation

**Other Comments**

1. On the Contact part of the page ( desktop version); the map has covered the Quick Links and Practice Area part, please kindly correct it?
2. On the Contact part of the page under the Practice Area title please change “Intellectual Properties” to “Intellectual Property”
3. While the mobile version works, the Quick links, Principal Attorney, Practice Area options found on the desktop version of the page are not working.
4. There is a white blank space at the end of the page on the "Contact" menu of the desktop version of the page. Please correct it?
5. Please add Getnet Yawkal Law Office and change the year to 2023 in the Copyright section, as shown below.

All Rights Reserved @ 2023 Getnet Yawkal Law Office