



Weekly Newsletter 7th February 2017

LSK Council Visit to West Kenya Branch

The Council of the Law Society of Kenya visited the West Kenya Branch (Kakamega & Kisumu sub branches) for interactive sessions with members on **Friday 3rd February, 2017**.

In Kakamega, The Council of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) paid a courtesy call on the Kakamega Resident Judge, Justice Ruth Sitati of the High Court. Justice Sitati hailed the good working relations between the Bar and the Bench in Kakamega. Justice Sitati also informed the Council that she is aware of the problems bedevilling the Judiciary in Kakamega emanating from the lack of enough High Court Judges and Magistrates.

LSK President, Mr. Isaac Okero hailed good jurisprudence emanating from the Kakamega Law Courts. The Council, later held Luncheon meeting with the Kakamega Advocates' at the Kakamega Golf Club where the Chairman of Kakamega Chapter Mr. Carlestous Shifwoka presented a memorandum of issues facing them in practice to the Council of the Law Society of Kenya which included: Understaffing experienced in the Kakamega Law Courts, Need for functional Mobile Courts, Welfare of Members, Construction of New Courts, Equitable distribution of CPD Seminars to the "small towns" & Concerns of the Operations of the Office of the Director of Public Prosecutions (ODPP). The President noted the concerns of the Branch and said that the Council will lobby the JSC through its Representatives in the Judicial Service Commission to request for more judges to be posted to



Kakamega Law Courts. Members were also encouraged to give feedback to the "Zero Draft" that had been developed by the Rules & Regulation Committee on the LSK General Rules.

The LSK council was also accompanied by the Board Member of the Advocates' Benevolent Association Steven R. Adere who engaged members on the role and working of the Advocates' Benevolent Association. He also sensitized members on the need to nominate their next of kin and the plans the Association's Board has to increase the benefits afforded to members. The Council also took sometimes and paid a visit to Mr. Calvin Samba, Advocate who is ailing and is scheduled to travel to the United States of America

for further treatment.

In Kisumu, The Council hosted the members of Kisumu Sub- Branch to sumptuous Dinner at Acacia Hotel. The Chairman of Kisumu Bar Mr. Samuel Onyango presented a memorandum to the Council that highlighted the shortage of staff at the Kisumu Law Courts, delays in Issuance of Practicing Certificates, mushrooming of Law firms that are not operated by Advocates. The Council will take up the various concerns with the Judiciary and Judicial Service Commission as well as other agencies in the justice sector with a view to improving condition of practice and welfare of members.

Chase Bank Kenya Limited (In Receivership): CBK Governor's Address to Depositors

Kindly find the You Tube links of the Central Bank of Kenya (CBK) Governor Dr. Patrick Njoroge address during the last Chase Bank Kenya Limited (In Receivership) depositors meeting.

- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=bF1boX0024o>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7_OlXzfDYjk
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QB-M42VTUXI>
- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vDe1mSyk8kc>
- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RyiTpseH_M0

Uncollected LSK Identity Cards

It has come to the attention of the Council that some members have paid for their LSK Advocate Identification Cards but are yet to collect them from the Secretariat.

Please find the attached list of uncollected Identification Cards on the link [UNCOLLECTED ADVOCATE IDS 2016](#) (Use Ctrl+f on your keyboard to search your name from the list).

Kindly make arrangements for collection from Mr. **Shadrack Musyoki**, Accounts Department or make a follow up on shadrack@lsk.or.ke

Job Vacancies: East Africa Law Society (EALS)

EALS has twenty (20) job vacancies. For more information click on [EALS Jobs](#)

Human Rights Seminar

The Association of Child and Family Lawyers of Kenya & Egerton University, Faculty of Law have organized a **one day** seminar under the theme **Human Rights Issues in Kenyan Family Law on Friday 10th February 2017** at 08.30-15.00hrs in Milele Resort, Nakuru. Click on [ACFLK FINAL REG FORM 10TH FEB 2017](#) & [ACFLK FINAL FLYER FEB 10-2017 CPD](#) for more information

Professional Mediation Training Courses

Mediation Training Institute (I) E.A Ltd, has organized two Five (5) day professional mediation training courses in March 2017 at Nairobi Safari Club, (20th -24th) and Nakuru (27th to 31st March). For more information on the courses and registration procedures, click on the following links

- [MTI E A REGISTRATION FORM](#)

Review Of The Income Tax Act (Cap 470)

The Income Tax Act (Cap 470) Laws of Kenya was enacted in 1973 and became effective on 1st January, 1974. Over the years, the legislation has undergone several amendments in reflection the current situations and policy dispensations. The numerous amendments have made the Act to be complex while some provisions may be obsolete.

The National Treasury has commenced the review of the present Income Tax Act, in order to make it productive, simple to comply with and supportive to the growth of the economy. The review will also involve developing an Act that embraces international best practice and aligned with the changes in the present business environment.

The treasury therefore has requested submissions from the public for submissions for exclusion, inclusion or amendments to the Act. The submission should: take into account measures to improve income tax administration, deepen and broaden the tax base, simplify income tax regime to ensure transparency, revenue productivity, tax efficiency and fair tax burden. Submissions should be supported with a brief statement of the issue to be addressed and the rationale for submission.

The Law Society of Kenya, pursuant to section 4(a) of the Law Society Act kindly requests members to submit comments to reach Itoto Echakara at ltoto.echakara@lsk.or.ke not later than Friday 17th February 2017.

2017 CPD Calendar

The **2017** Continuing Professional Development Calendar can be obtained by clicking on the link: [2017 CPD CALENDAR](#)

Change of Business Name: Mbai Waweru Advocates

B. Mbai & Associates changed their name to **Mbai Waweru Advocate**. Their physical address is as follows:

Mbai Waweru Advocates Of Lower Hill Duplex, First Floor Office No 41, Bunyala Lower Hill Road Junction, Next To Hill Park Hotel, P.O. Box 22550 - 00400 Nairobi Tel No. 020 - 2727801/2 Wireless. 020 - 8026053 And Mobile - 0726431347.

Vacancy Announcement: Prof. Musili Wambua & Co. Advocates

Prof. Musili Wambua & Co. Advocates (PMW Advocates) is a busy medium sized law firm in Nairobi. The firm is looking for two (2) advocates with a minimum of two (2) years (post admission) experience in (i) **Corporate, Commercial Law and Conveyancing practice** in busy law firms and (ii) **Litigation practices** at the High Court and Court of Appeal, respectively. Competitive remuneration will be offered.

- [MTI ADVERT 27-31 MARCH 2017 NAKURU](#)
- [MTI ADVERT 20-24 MARCH 2017](#)

Those interested should apply online using info@musiliwambualaw.com or send application to P.O Box 57421-00200, Nairobi, Kenya or hand deliver to Chaka place, 3rd floor, Argwings Kodhek Road, Nairobi.



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