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THE LEGAL INSIGHT

The Official LSK Weekly Newsletter

THE COUNCIL NOTE

The current LSK Council assumed office with the aim of strengthening and reviving the Society. We are proud to have made substantive progress moving towards a paperless system through the improvements of the PC Application process. We have also successfully improved services to member by strengthening staff capacity.

The Council looks forward to reviewing the governing laws and legislation of the Society to waive the burden of costs incurred by newly admitted Advocates. We are well aware of the challenges faced by young lawyers and the struggles of an early career.

To make such strides, we will have to increase the streams of revenue and offset the expected expense. We have therefore began considering ways of developing the properties owned by the Society. The progress made will be in the best interest of members and the future generations of the profession.

We thank members for their continued support. It is a pleasure to be of service to the profession.

Regards,
ERIC THEURI
LSK PRESIDENT



FEATURED

The Council Note

News Segment

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Upcoming Events

LAUNCH OF THE REPORT ON WOMEN IN LAW & LEADERSHIP



On 31st January 2023, the Law Society of Kenya Vice President Faith Odhiambo was invited to give opening remarks at the launch of the report on Women in Law and Leadership, organized by the Institute for African Women in Law.

The launch focused on the formidable works of women in law across the continent of Africa and addressing issues across the legal and judicial profession. The event was also graced by Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome and Council Member Njoki Mboce.



COUNCIL COURTESY CALLS ON 27TH JANUARY, 2023

COURTESY CALL TO MACHAKOS LAW COURTS



On 27th January 2023, the Council of Law Society of Kenya, led by president Eric Theuri, paid a courtesy call on the Machakos Law Courts where a few concerns were highlighted to wit;

1. The Council was informed by the Judiciary and Branch Chair that the land where Machakos Law Courts is sitting does not have a title deed and its also small for expansion. The Judiciary and Branch Chair requested the Council to intervene with the County Government for some assistance.
2. It was noted that the Plot adjacent to the Law Courts belongs to the County Government and can either be donated to the Judiciary for expansion if the County can't get a bigger Land elsewhere for building of New Courts.
3. It was also noted that the Adjudicator of the Small Claims Court will be proceeding on maternity leave and therefore there's need for another adjudicator to relieve her as soon as possible.
4. The Council assured the Judiciary of its support and intervention on the issues.
5. The President was taken for a tour of all the Registries in Machakos Law Courts and the President appreciated the work being done by the Judges, Magistrates and Judicial Staff.



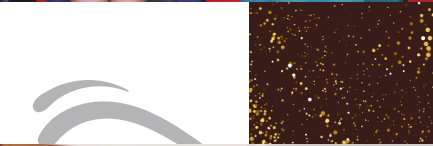


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COUNCIL COURTESY CALL TO THE OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR OF MACHAKOS



The LSK Council and the South Eastern Branch Executive paid a courtesy call to the office of the Governor. The deliberations promised partnerships between the County government and the Law Society of Kenya on matters of legislation and to improve policy and regulatory framework. Discussions to open up collaborations to advise the County Government to achieve its mandate were also agreed upon.



COUNCIL COURTESY CALL TO SOUTH EASTERN BRANCH

Further, the Council of Law Society of Kenya met with the South Eastern membership for an interactive session to discuss issues affecting the functionality of the branch.

The issues highlighted by the branch included: payment of Probono cases, lack of enough judicial officer at the Machakos Law Courts, challenges with the PCs application among others. The President Eric Theuri assured the membership that the National office will intervene.





CLA ANNOUNCE NEW LEADERSHIP TEAM

The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) is a membership organization for professional lawyers, academics and students practising within the Commonwealth. It also includes qualified international lawyers and academics with an interest in its scope of work. The CLA exists to maintain and promote the rule of law throughout the Commonwealth by ensuring that an independent and efficient legal profession, with the highest standards of ethics and integrity, serves the people of the Commonwealth.

The Law Society of Kenya takes this opportunity to congratulate and welcome the newly elected office bearers as they strive to support and steer the profession to greater heights



DR PETER D. MAYNARD
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Vice President Europe
Hub



MARIA MBENEKA
Honorary Treasurer



BRIAN SPEERS
Immediate Past
President



COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN ON 26TH JANUARY 2023

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Council decision taken on 26th January, 2023 for admission to the Roll of Advocates, Practicing Certificate, Notary Public and Commissioner of Oath can be accessed via the link below:

<https://bit.ly/LSKApplications>

INTERNATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE (BUPA) COVER FOR MEMBERS OF THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Council through the Member Services Committee convened by Ms. Faith Odhiambo, Vice President, has negotiated favorable rates for medical cover available to the entire membership.

The International Health Insurance (BUPA) by Lifecare International, will officially be open to the LSK membership for registration starting 1st of February 2023.

To get more detailed information please click on the following link and you may also reach out to the contacts on the flyer, for registration details.



ACCESSING THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA (LSK) CPD WEBINAR REGISTRATION LINK

Members are advised to follow the process below in cases where they have booked and paid for LSK Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Webinars but do not receive Webinar Registration Links via Email.

1

- Log into your Portal and Click on CPD Events

2

- Click on My CPD Events (My Bookings)

3

- Scroll to the event you have paid for then fill in your details on the 'Webinar Registration' Tab

Upon completion of the above process, you will receive Webinar Log in Credentials in the email addresses indicated at the point of Webinar Registration.





Vacancies - A.G.O Advocates LLP

Litigation/ADR Associate Advocate and Commercial/Conveyancing Associate Advocate



A leading medium sized law firm based in Nairobi, invites applications from seasoned lawyers with the following qualifications, to fill the above referenced position:

- Have at least 3-5 years of post-admission experience in a busy law firm with a bias
 - in commercial law.
- Must be an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with a current Practising Certificate.
- Bachelor's degree in Laws (LLB) from a recognized University (At least a second class upper division).
- Must demonstrate the ability to work unsupervised in a busy environment and be able to foster strong relationship with clients.
- Be tech savvy and demonstrate the ability to generate key project reports using automated
 - processes.
- Be of high integrity.
- Have a working knowledge in case analysis, development of case strategy, identifying the procedural rules for the various courts and other arbitral fora.
- Understands procedural aspects regarding pleadings, filing, applications and hearings.
- Experience in handling Commercial Litigation, Judicial Review, Constitutional Proceedings and proceedings before Tribunals. (for Litigation/ADR Associate Advocate)
- Certified Secretary qualification shall be an added advantage. (for Commercial/Conveyancing Associate Advocate)
- Be able to work in a team and have the ability to handle pressure.

How to submit your applications:

If you fit the above description please submit your application together with a detailed resume and relevant testimonials by email to info@agoadvocates.com setting out the referenced subject matter 'Litigation/ADR Associate Advocate' 'Commercial/Conveyancing Associate Advocate' by Friday 17th February, 2023.





VACANCY

- **Litigation Advocate**

A Medium Sized Law Firm based in Nairobi is looking to engage an Advocate of between 4-5 years post Admission experience to serve in its Litigation division. Eligible Advocates are requested to submit their Curriculum Vitae and testimonials vide email to magnacartalaw@gmail.com

- **Securities and Property Law Advocate**

A Medium Sized Law Firm based in Nairobi is looking to engage an Advocate of between 4-5 years post Admission experience to serve in its Commercial and Property division. Eligible Advocates are requested to submit their Curriculum Vitae and testimonials vide email to magnacartalaw@gmail.com

Deadline for applications is 28th February 2023.



Opportunity



LEGAL TECH

Proudly brought to you by The Tech & Intellectual Property Committee of the LSK

Where do we Start?

Yes, of course we have to start somewhere. Lawyers may lead the pack in more areas than one, but we trail behind the sleuths and tax collectors when it comes to Tech. But another thing with lawyers, our brains work like magic, so no need to fret. Haa, yea they don't call us learned friends for nothing. This weekly publication will help you stay up to speed with Technology as you represent clients and manage your Law practice.

Your Innovation Strategy

A Tech and Innovation strategy is a roadmap. It is the foundation which helps your firm put in place the correct culture and action points towards the use of legal technology tools. An innovation strategy is the keystone to how far and how efficient your adaptation to technology will go. It enables your firm to set the step by step action points towards a tech-enabled Law Practice.

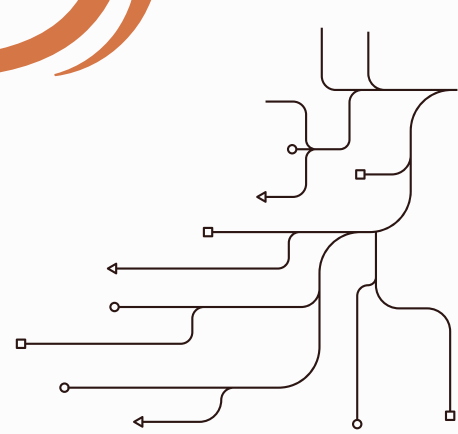
How to craft a successful Innovation Strategy

- **Time based:** Identify your Technology gaps internally and externally. Internally in the sense of the tools you may need to put in place for internal process efficiency, or outward looking, where you consider how to improve your products and outputs to the clients. Schedule the timeframes for what needs to be done and by when.
- **Culture enabled:** You have heard this quote, that 'Culture eats Strategy for breakfast.' The success or failure of your innovation strategy depends largely on the culture you have created for your firm. Do you encourage innovation and creativity? Are your employees assured of support for viable tech based ideas? The tone and execution of decisions in the Law Firm must encourage the use of Technology.
- **Tech is a tool, not the end-all:** Consider your thought process towards adopting technology. You must view Technology as merely a tool that the people in your Firm will interact with, play with and solve problems with. It is a tool for humans, and not competition for humans. The way you embody technology in your Law Firm must be first and foremost enabling and efficient for the staff who will be using it. Even though technology has the capacity to change and Improve systems, it must not be viewed as the enemy in the firm, unless you are setting yourself up for failure.

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HAVE YOUR SAY...

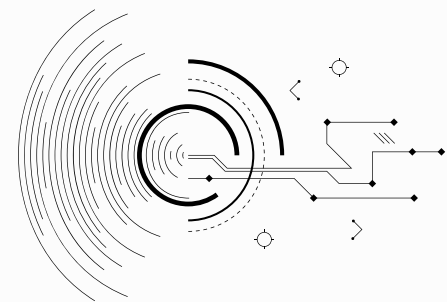
Write to us with your Legal Tech News* or
Commentary* at lsktechnews@gmail.com.



IMPORTANT TECH TOOLS FOR LAW FIRMS

Globally, these have taken the legal space by a storm, helping lawyers manage law firms better:

- Cloud storage
- Group Instant messaging
- Confidential Video Conferencing
- Remote working solutions
- Time tracking and billing solutions
- Document Management solution



Computers are going to take over certain legal tasks - the practice of law will focus more on advice.

-Ricardo Anzaldúa

Executive Vice President and General Counsel,
MetLife



INTRODUCING THE SECRETARIAT



**FLORENCE MUTURI,
SECRETARY/CEO**



**MARY MWATHIKITONGA
DEPUTY CEO
COMPLIANCE & ETHICS**



**COLLINS ODHIAMBO
DEPUTY CEO
PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS**



THE COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE

Commonwealth Lawyers Association



THEME:

*Commonwealth Lawyers:
Common Challenges in
Uncommon Times.*

DATE: 5TH – 9TH MARCH, 2023

HOTEL CONFERENCE PACKAGE RATES

- 1. FORTUNE MIRAMAR HOTEL (3*)**
KSHS.363,660.00
- 2. VIVANTA GOA PANAJI HOTEL (4*)**
KSHS.407,060.00
- 3. GRAND HYATT GOA (5*)**
KSHS.453,480.00

The above rates include the following:

- 1.Conference Registration Fee
- 2.Accommodation (bb) for 7 nights on single basis
- 3.Visa processing and fee
- 4.Travel Insurance
- 5.Airport transfers(return)
- 6.Hotel-venue transfers, where applicable
- 7.Return air ticket on Kenya Airways/Air India - economy class

All payments should be made to the Law Society of Kenya through the bank details provided below:

Account Name: **LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA**
 Account Number: **0102095866702**
 Bank Name: **STANDARD CHARTERED BANK KENYA LIMITED**
 Bank Branch: **HARAMBEE AVENUE**
 Bank Swift Code: **SCBLKENX**



Get in touch with Ms. Angela King'oo before Monday, 27th February 2023 through email: angelak@lsk.or.ke or call **0111045300/0722233509** for purposes of making the necessary arrangements.





UPCOMING EVENTS & WEBINARS



LSK CPD WEBINAR

Professional Life: *Examining the Advocate's Scale of Work Life Balance in Kenya*



**MR. KIRAGU KIMANI, SENIOR
COUNSEL**

Date: Wednesday, 15th Feb 2023
Time: 2.00 pm – 3.30 pm
Charges: Kshs. 1,500

**REGISTER
NOW**

1
CPD UNIT

For more information:
email cpd@lsk.or.ke or
call 0111045300

LSK CPD SEMINAR

LAW ON TRUSTS: Implications on Practice and Drafting of Deeds

2
CPD UNITS



**Dianah Mureithi,
Advocate**

**Wanjiru Nduati,
Advocate**

**Victoria Rotich,
Advocate**

Venue: Boma Inn, Eldoret
Date: Friday, 17th February 2023
Time: 8.30am – 2.30pm

Charges: KES 4,500 (Advocates over three
years in Practice) and KES 3,500 (0-3 years in
Practice)

**REGISTER
TODAY**

Inquiries: cpd@lsk.or.ke
or call 0111045300



PRAYER BREAKFAST MEETING

THEME:
*"Kickstarting year 2023
with his grace and
wisdom"*

DATE:
Friday, 17th February, 2023

TIME:
7.30 am to 10.00 am

LOCATION:
All Saints Cathedral Auditorium

TO RSVP and for all inquiries email sophie.kaibiria@lsk.or.ke