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STATEMENT ON BRIAN NJAGI MWENDA

Dear Members,

The Council convened an emergency Council meeting yesterday the 12th October, 2023 at 5:00 P.M -8:30 P.M to discuss the issue relating to the identity theft of one of our members known as BRIAN MWENDA NTWIGA of P.105/21249/22 by a masquerader who referred to himself as "BRIAN. N. MWENDA." The meeting was prompted by the information we received from the Secretariat, that the issue has been undergoing internal investigations from the moment, the said Advocate BRIAN MWENDA NTWIGA reported the issue to the Secretariat as outlined below: -

- a) On the 5th Day of August, 2022, Brian Mwenda Ntwiga was admitted to the Bar and the information supplied upon admission was picked from the JAMS system and his correct email address was captured and an Account opened for him in the Advocates portal;
- b) We have since reached out to Advocate Brian Mwenda Ntwiga who confirmed that he had not applied for a practicing certificate since his admission, reason being that he had been working at the Office of the Attorney General and did not require a Practising Certificate. It was only until sometimes in September 2023 when he attempted to login in to the system and activate his profile with the intention of applying for his Practising Certificate that he realized he could not access his LSK Portal;
- c) He promptly alerted the ICT personnel at the Secretariat vide an email on the 28th September 2023, who upon inquiry noted that the details in the system, more particularly his email address did not belong to him hence the reason why he could not access his Membership portal.



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Eric Theuri (President), Faith Odhiambo (Vice-President)
Chrysostom Akhaabi, Kabata Mwaura, Tom K'opere (General Membership Representatives)
Cohen Amanya (Treasurer), Njoki Mboce, Ochieng Gor (Nairobi Representatives)
Byron Menezes, Lindah Kiome, Michael Wabwile, Vincent Githaiga (Upcountry Representatives)
Riziki Emukule (Coast Representative)







LSK APPEARS BEFORE THE PARLIAMENTARY DEPARTMENTAL COMMITTEE ON FINANCE AND NATIONAL PLANNING

The Law Society of Kenya appeared before the Parliamentary Departmental Committee on Finance and National Planning to share their comments on the Draft National Tax policy. The LSK was represented by Deputy Secretary, Mr. Collins H. Odhiambo who highlighted pertinent recommendations to the Committee on the Policy at the Eka Hotel.

Mr. Odhiambo submitted on the Draft National Tax policy where he observed that the policy should be able to capture the aspirations of the sovereignty of the people of Kenya and not just the aspirations of the Kenya Revenue Authority. He continued to highlight key recommendations for consideration by the Committee which included; the policy should have been guided by broad-based research touching on various aspects of the economy and the drafting process should have included carrying out of a legislative impact assessment before any laws on tax are introduced to Parliament.

In addition, and tied up with the earlier recommendation for the policy to be guided by research, he stated that there should be an aspect of monitoring and evaluation to enable clear assessment of how any new policy or legislation is affecting the economy. The Deputy Secretary also indicated that the draft policy made no reference to the constitutional underpinnings and constitutional principles that govern taxation. It was further proposed that the policy should be reviewed with a wider range of stakeholders involved and be termed as public participation.





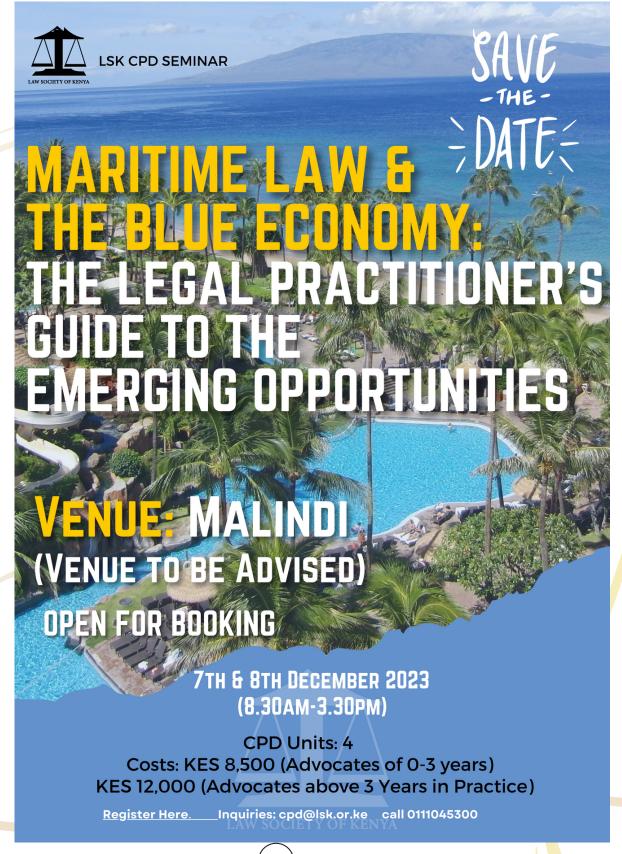


COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN ON 11TH SEPTEMBER 2023

The Council Decisions on applications taken on 11th September 2023 for admission to the Roll of Advocates, Practicing Certificates, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths can be accessed on the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1dbFGckRLNnorm0xpSNScTD3hL9bGun-z?

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CONSULTANCY- EXPERT TO DEVELOP PRACTICE GUIDELINES & CROSS-REFERRAL MECHANISMS FOR ENVIRONMENTAL DISPUTES

TERMS OF REFERENCE

Title: Expert to Develop Practice Guidelines and Cross-referral Mechanisms for

Environmental Disputes.

Category: Contractor

Type of Contract: Single Engagement Agreement

Hiring Manager: Shiro Mogeni

Duty Station: Kenya

Deadline 16th October 2023

1. Overview and Responsibilities

About

IDLO enables governments and empowers people to reform laws and strengthen institutions to promote peace, justice, sustainable development and economic opportunity. We contribute to creating stable and inclusive societies where every person can live free from fear and want, in dignity and under the rule of law. To learn more about IDLO, please visit our website www.idlo.int or follow us on Twitter @IDLO.

The Law Society of Kenya (LSK) plays a vital role in Kenya's legal landscape. As the premier professional association for lawyers in the country, LSK is committed to upholding the rule of law, defending human rights, and promoting justice. It provides a platform for legal professionals to collaborate, share knowledge, and advocate for legal reforms. LSK also offers critical support to its members, facilitates continuing legal education, and ensures ethical standards within the legal profession. Through its advocacy efforts and engagement with the broader community, the Law Society of Kenya contributes significantly to the advancement of a just and equitable society. The Society was established by an Act of Parliament – The Law Society of Kenya Act to learn more about LSK visit https://lsk.or.ke/about-lsk/.

The Assignment

IDLO seeks to engage a consultant to develop practice guidelines and cross-referral mechanisms for environmental disputes Natural Resource Management (NRM) sector for regulators and practitioners. The guidelines will help streamline how regulators and practitioners work in resolving environmental disputes in the NRM sector.

The consultant's duties and responsibilities will include; ... For more information on the Consultancy, please click here, https://careers-idlo.icims.com/jobs/1342/consultancy---expert-to-develop-practice-guidelines-and-cross-referral-mechanisms-for-environmental-disputes./job



INTRODUCING THE NEWLY ELECTED IAWJ KENYA CHAPTER OFFICIALS



International Association of Women Judges Kenya Chapter

(IAWJ Kenya Chapter)

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Ref: IAWJKC/27/09/2023/Officials.

Date: 27th September, 2023

Dear Partner

Warming greetings from the Association.

RE: INTRODUCING THE NEWLY ELECTED IAWJ KENYA CHAPTER OFFICIALS

Thank your continued support to the Association.

The Association held its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on Saturday 16th September, 2023 where the elections for the Executive committee Members and Regional Representatives took place.

The purpose of this letter is to introduce the new officials who will serve the Association for a period of two years.

The Executive Committees Members are:

- 1. Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Omondi, JA President
- 2. Hon. Lady Justice Cecilia Githua- Vice President
- 3. Hon. Lady Justice Maureen Onyango Treasurer
- 4. Hon. Elizabeth Juma- Vice Treasurer
- 5. Hon. Hellen Onkwani- Secretary
- 6. Hon. Jane Kamau- Vice Secretary
- 7. Hon. Lady Justice Agnes Murgor, JA President Emeritus
- 8. Hon. Lady Justice Hannah Okwengu, JA Representing Court of Appeal Judges



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- 9. Hon. Lady Justice Mumbi Ngugi, JA Representing Court of Appeal Judges
- Hon. Lady Justice Lucy Gacheru- Representing Judge of the High court and Court of Equal Status
- Hon. Lady Justice Roselyne Korir- Representing Judge of the High court and Court of Equal Status
- 12. Hon. Beatrice Kimemia Representing Magistracy
- 13. Hon. Irene Kahuya- Representing Magistracy
- 14. Hon. Rhoda Kinyatta- Representing Magistracy

To effectively coordinate its activities, the Association is divided into 5 regions and the new Regional Representatives are:

Nairobi Region

- 1. Hon.Catherine Khakasa
- 2. Hon. Noelle Kyanya

Mt. Kenya Region

- 3. Hon. Lady Justice Florence Muchemi
- 4. Hon. Lady Justice Lucy Gitari

Western Region

- 5. Hon. Lady Justice Teresa Odera
- 6. Hon. Lady Justice Mwanaisha Sharrif

Rift Valley Region

- 7. Hon. Lady Justice Rachel Ngetich
- 8. Hon. Juliana Ndeng'eri

Coast Region

- 9. Hon. Lady Justice Teresia Matheka
- 10. Hon. Mildred Obura

Thank for your continued support to the Association and I look forward to more collaborations.

Yours Sincerely,

Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Omondi

JUDGE OF APPEAL AND PRESIDENT -IAWJ KENYA CHAPTER



JUDGMENT IN ELC PETITION NO. E001 OF 2023 LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA VS THE ATTORNEY GENERAL, CS MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT, KENYA FOREST SERVICE AND OTHERS

... in the end, I find that the Petition partially succeeds and I give the following Orders

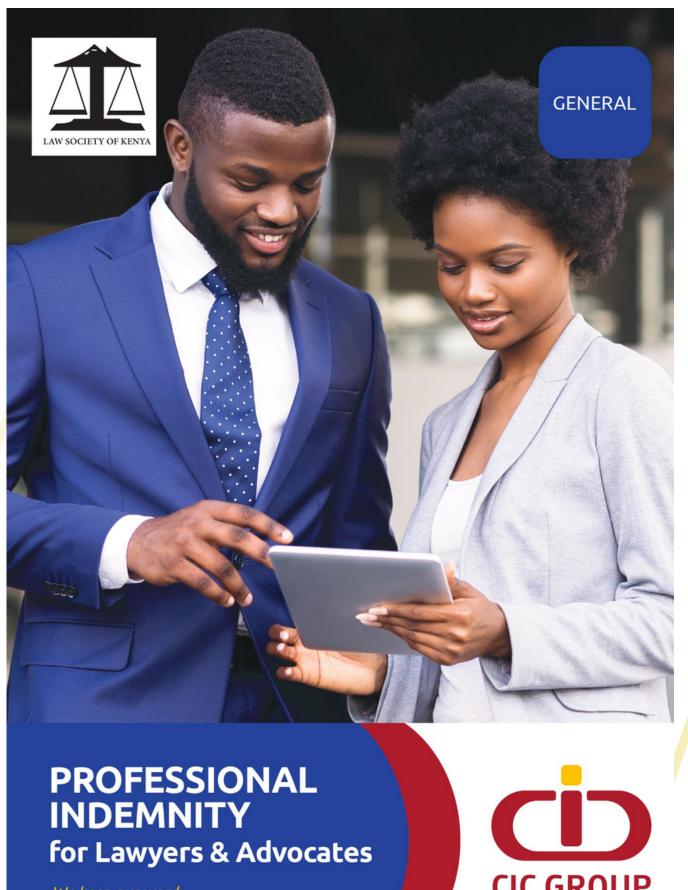
- **a**. Declaration is hereby issued that the Petitioners and the members of the Public are entitled to participate in the making of laws, regulations and guidelines to govern logging activities
- **b**. The lifting of the moratorium was not by the President but by Consent filed in Court in Nyeri and Meru which lacked public participation and therefore *Null and Void*
- c. Recommendations of the Task Force ought to be upheld in protection of the Environment
- **d**. An Order of Mandamus is issued compelling the Respondents to implement the Recommendations and a matrix filed not later than 3 months from the date of the Judgment
- e. An Order is hereby issued to implement the Recommendations including proactive information disclosure, public participation, strategic plans, forest management plans and felling plans
- f. 5000ha of mature and over mature forests plantations be harvested and supervised by the Kenya Forest Service and the Multi Agency Oversight Team
- **g**. The harvesting to be in strict compliance including adhering to the EIA, Rules and regulations of the acts thereto
- h. Save for the 5000ha *Conservatory Orders be and are hereby issued barring issuance of licenses by the Respondents or their assigns, employees or proxies* until the JD of the Court.

In Court, 12.10.23 before Hon. Justice O. Angote PJ.

Waweru Gichohi, Advocate for the Law Society of Kenya



PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY FOR LAWYERS AND ADVOCATES



We keep our word



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PROFESSIONAL INDEMNITY INSURANCE

What Is Covered

Professional Indemnity Insurance provides cover against legal liability claims that may arise as a result of errors, omissions, misrepresentation or negligent advice provided in the course and scope of their professional services. The insurance cover will also take care of defense costs associated with these claim(s) subject to the limit of liability purchased.

Who is Covered

Advocates/Lawyers or Law Firms who:

- a. Are Registered members of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK)
- b. Provide legal services at a fee
- c. Practice as per The Advocates Act, LSK Act and other relevant laws of Kenya.

Available Extensions

The cover may extend to also cover: Libel & Slander, Loss of Documents, Employee of Dishonesty, Partners' Previous Business and outgoing Partners.

Benefits of Professional Indemnity Insurance

i. Financial Support

Professional Indemnity policy will cover court judgments awards and legal fees for defending yourself or the business at the court of law. The policy may extend to also cover fees and other expenses that may arise from loss of documents.

ii. Provides Peace of Mind

Professional Indemnity policy will increase confidence in carrying out the professional duty knowing that you have means to defend yourself against any allegations for malpractice and defend your reputation thus enabling individuals and companies to continue trading in successful businesses.

iii. Enhance Brand Image & Credibility

Professionals are accountable for their services rendered and the professional Indemnity insurance provides support and enhances goodwill as it prides confidence to your clients and investors knowing that any discrepancies that may arise in course of your duty is covered.

iv. Increased Chances of Winning Businesses

Most contractors and government authorities will put a minimum requirement for having a Professional Indemnity Insurance to be considered in tendered businesses.

Requirements

- Duly completed & Signed proposal form.
- Copy of current practicing license(s)/ Certificate(s)
- Copy of CV, Pin certificates & National ID for individual practitioner
- · For Firms: Copy of PIN certificates, incorporation certificate & CVs of partners and principals.

Cover Premium & Limits Limits of Cover & Premium (Kes) for Individual Practitioners

Limit	s of Cover 8	k Premium (Kes) for Indi	vidual Pract	itioners		
Limits Of Liability (Kes) (Any one Event/ Period)	1,000,000	2,000,000	3,000,000	4,000,000	5,000,000	7,500,000	10,000,000
Average Annual Earnings (Kes)	Average - Kes. 5,000,000						
Deductible	10% of Claim amount Minimum Kes. 50,000						
Premiums (Kes)	4,771	5,688	7,125	9,829	12,641	17,330	21,804
Extensions Premiums - (Limit	of Cover - 10	% of the M	ain Cover Li	mit, Deduct	ible - 1% of	the Main Co	ver Limit)
Limit Of Liability - Per Extension. Libel & Slander, Loss of Documents, Employee Dishonesty	100,000	200,000	300,000	400,000	500,000	750,000	1,000,000
Premiums (Kes)	1,500	2,367	2,730	3,279	3,768	5,172	6,021
Retroactive Cover - (R	elevant for	Lawyers wh	o have activ	e PI cover o	n Claims Ma	de basis onl	y)
1 Year (12 Months)	1,000	2,229	2,690	3,600	4,509	6,186	7,608
Total Premium With All Extensions	6,271	8,055	9,855	13,108	16,409	22,502	27,825



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REGISTRATION FOR THE 28TH EALS ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND GENERAL MEETING BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI - 20TH TO 25TH NOVEMBER, 2023

Dear Delegate,

Greetings from the EALS Secretariat - Arusha.

We are pleased to inform you that registration for the 28th EALS Annual Conference and General Meeting has officially commenced. The Annual Conference App, events@ealawsociety.org is now publicly available and members can access all important information on the largest gathering of legal professionals in the region. We encourage you to visit and explore the various offers on travel, accommodation & payment, and registration. We have lined up a one-of-a-kind conference with a rich program, high-level speakers, and high-powered pre-conference capacity-building activities including the ILFA Banking and Finance Academy and a Regional Practice Master Class.

Hosted on the shores of Lake Tanganyika, we have also made sure to create an elaborate mix of work and play and have readied for you numerous networking and interactive activities. They include sporting activities at Bujumbura's Entente Sportive facility, networking dinners across the week in Bujumbura's major entertainment spots, tour attraction visits, CSR activities, and many more. These are all tailored to meet the needs of all cadres of our membership.

CONFERENCE THEME

The theme for our Conference this year is "One Region, One People: The Role of the Law and the Legal Profession in Defining the Future of the East African Community." This theme explores the important role lawyers and the law have to play in the expansion of the region in all its facets. The Conference will also explore other subthemes including trade and investments in the EAC, ESG and other emerging trends in corporate and commercial law, AI and the law, good governance and accountability in the region, and dispute resolution under the AfCFTA among others.

The four days of debates, presentations, high-level engagements, panel sessions, masterclasses, sporting (mental and physical wellness activities) dinners and networking events promise to enrich and rejuvenate you all round.

For more information, please click on the link, https://drive.google.com/file/d/1M30rPdqYUZzxc4dxNAdVh9RiQTSIqYTB/view?
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PROFESSIONAL MEDIATION TRAINING COURSE- NOVEMBER 2023

DAY PROFESSIONAL MEDIATION TRAINING COURSE



VENUE: CONVENT INT'L HOTEL, LAVINGTON, NAIROBI

DATES:

13th - 17th November 2023

COST:

KSHS. 55,000/- Plus 16% VAT PP



Are you looking to enhance your career as a certified professional mediator and gain international recognition for your skills? Look no further than our international professional mediation training program.

Mediation Training Institute International East Africa (MTI E.A) is pleased to announce to you a 5 day Professional mediation training course in collaboration with Law Society of Kenya (LSK). MTI E.A has earned a reputation of excellence in the field of Mediation Training. MTI E.A conducts ongoing reviews of content, processes, and is widely acknowledged as one of the leading providers of Professional Mediation training in the world. Our training program has been subjected to extensive scrutiny by leading International standards setting and credentialing institutions.

In just a week face to face training or in four weeks online training, our intensive training program can help you become an internationally certified professional mediator. Our program covers all aspects of mediation, providing you with the skills and knowledge necessary to succeed in international settings. Our experienced and Certified Professional mediation trainers will lead your training, which includes hands on practice through simulated mediation exercises and role-playing.

Benefits of our program

- Internationally recognized certification
- -Comprehensive training from experienced and certified professional mediation trainers
- Hands on practice through simulated mediation exercises and role playing
- -Three certifications upon completion *IMI * SIMI * MTI. E. A
- -This course is accredited by the Law Society of Kenya. Participants will receive 3CPD units.

All MTI E. A. trainers are practicing mediators who have undergone extensive Train the Trainer (TOT) Training and have experience in mediation practice. At the end of the training, participants are assessed with highly qualified external assessors.

Payment by Cheque or bank transfer to:

Account Name: Mediation Training Institute International East Africa

Bank: Absa Bank, Harambee Avenue Branch, Nairobi

Account Number: 2027798090

PAYMENT BY MPESA: Paybill 303030 Account No.: 2027798090

Registration for the course ongoing

For clarification and registration contact:

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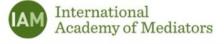
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PUBLIC SECTOR MEDIATION: EMERGING TRENDS & BEST PRACTICES

SEMINAR NOTICE



THE KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW

COURSE TITLE: PUBLIC SECTOR MEDIATION: Emerging Trends & Best Practices

(3 LSK CPD points)

THEME: "Transforming Conflict Management in the Public Sector"

DATE: 06th - 10th November, 2023

VENUE: Kenya School of Law, Karen, Nairobi

COURSE OVERVIEW

Should all disputes involving public sector agencies end up in court? Should government agencies litigate against each other in courts as a routine? Should public sector employees litigate against their employers as a default for resolving employment and related disputes that may arise? Should the private sector routinely litigate against the government, and what implications does this have for ease of doing business? How should community disputes involving public agencies (e.g. Kenya Police, KWS, KFS and county governments) be efficiently resolved?

There can be few more challenging areas in which to mediate than the public sector. Often, there is not just a contractual issue to resolve, but a statutory backdrop and political dimension to contend with too. Yet mediation in this fascinating sector is on the increase as the body of evidence demonstrating its success and the benefits it can bring, particularly in the saving of public resources, continues to grow.

Whilst the type of dispute one mediates in the public sector varies hugely, there are often certain shared characteristics which require considerable versatility and skill on the part of the mediator and, importantly, pre-mediation groundwork on the part of all involved.

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN

This course is especially designed for representatives of public institutions, agencies and the private sector who are central players in public sector dispute resolution, including matters of breach of contracts; labour disputes; investment disputes; community disputes amongst others.



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The participants will be taken through theoretical underpinnings, practical role plays and execution of mediation process from start to finish, and drawing on comparative sector-based case studies of mediation in public sector dispute resolution. It is designed to equip the participants with opportunity to experiment with mediation in efficient public sector dispute resolution, thereby helping to build relationships with their stakeholders and engender prudence and best practices in the management of public affairs, especially finance.

THE SEMINAR IS RECOMMENDED SPECIALLY FOR

Board members (public, private and non-governmental), CEOs and management of public / private organizations/companies, in-house counsels in state corporations, including those with direct community engagements like Kenya Wildlife Service, Kenya Forest Service, energy sector corporations amongst others, human resource officers, organizational development officers, in-house counsels in private and listed companies, counsel in non-governmental and intergovernmental organizations, especially those working on land, environment & human resource, management and representatives of universities and other tertiary institutions, private practitioners, county governments and related regulatory bodies, employees of the financial sector and regulatory bodies, amongst others.

YOUR INVESTMENT: Ksh. 58,000 (non-East Africans USD 400) inclusive of VAT and registration fee (covers tuition fees, course materials, stationery, lunch and refreshments)

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Application Process

Application should be made ONLINE through the platform. Please log at: https://services.ksl.ac.ke/web/login sign up and register for the course. Fees should be deposited in the School's account: (Account No. 202 2029 110 Absa Bank PLC, ABSA Plaza Branch, Nairobi, Kenya) and the bank slip or evidence of electronic funds transfer presented to the Finance Office, Karen by 1st Nov 2023 to enable us to adequately prepare for the course. For more information, please contact Course Coordinator: Mr. Kefa Simiyu, Mr. Isaac Kuloba (Assistant Director, CPD) Christine or Jacqueline on:

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INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES

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oin the CLA today as a member to gain access to discounts on conference registration rates.

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THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (IBA) ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2023







The International Bar Association (IBA) Annual Conference is the leading conference for Legal Professionals worldwide to meet, share knowledge, build contacts and develop business. It serves to advance the development of international law and its role in business and society, to provide members with world-class professional development opportunities to enable them to deliver outstanding legal services.

The IBA Annual Conference will be held at the Palais des Congrès de Paris from 29th October to 3rd November 2023. It will give members the opportunity to experience over 200 sessions on a wide range of legal topics, along with an abundance of business and networking opportunities on offer attended by some of the world's leading lawyers.

This conference is open to both members and non-members of the IBA, with lawyers from over 130 jurisdictions and all parts of the Legal Profession attending, including Lawyers in private practice, In-house Counsel, Human rights Advocates, Judges, Bar leaders, Regulators and Government Representatives.

For more information, click here.



UPDATES FROM REGIONAL/INTERNATIONAL BAR

International Bar Association



Wednesday 11 October 2023

IBA President statement

IBA condemns Hamas attacks on Israel which represent a clear violation of human rights and humanitarian law and urges for a just solution to be achieved between Israel and Palestine

IBA reminds Israel of need to adhere to international standards in its response





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Advocates' Practice Standards Campaign Alert





PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SEARCH ENGINE IS ACCCESSIBLE ON https://online.lsk.or.ke/

Who is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya?

A person duly entered to roll of Advocates and has a practicing certificate for the current year.

You can check the practice status of such an advocate on online.lsk.or.ke by clicking on Search Advocate and entering the name of the advocate. If the Advocate has a valid practicing certificate, it will be Active. If not, it will be Inactive.

In case an advocate is practicing without a PC please report to the director practice standards by email to compliance.or.ke or send a letter to LSK Secretariat.

Practicing without a valid Practicing Certificate is professional misconduct tantamount to disciplinary proceedings.

Who is a quack or Masquareder?

This is a person who pretends to be an advocate.

They can equally be identified by the above process. If a person is not entered in the LSK Portal, the person is a masquerader and criminal proceedings should ensue.

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