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LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2024



# THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

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> Saturday 17th August 2024

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## **COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN ON 10TH JUNE 2024**

The Council Decisions on applications taken on **10th June 2024** for admission to the Roll of Advocates, Practicing Certificates, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths and Admission petitions can be accessed on the link:

https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1yz5tczsFqDmqWEmQYZD9ayjmu7zBGwRi

## LSK COMMITTEE PRESENTS A MEMORANDUM TO SENATE

On Monday 1st July 2024, the Council of the Law Society of Kenya through the Convener of the Law Reform Committee, Vincent Githaiga made a presentation before the Justice & Legal Affairs Committee (JLAC) and the Devolution Committees of the Senate on a petition to the Senate by Mr. Laban Omusundi on restricting county governments from hiring law firms for legal representation in court cases.

Together with Council Member, Aseso Omollo and LSK Deputy Secretary Collins Odhiambo, they firmly held on our position and vehemently opposed the petition for being discriminative, unconstitutional and unlawful. The Council is keen on protecting the practice space of its members which is seemingly under attack from many quotas and shrinking by the day.





NEWS SEGMENT/ VACANCY

## PRACTICE STANDARDS DIRECTORATE

#### **Updates**

Masquerades Cases Updates from The Courts

The LSK through the Practice Standards Directorate conducting inspections and arrests of masqueraders. This has been done through the support of advocates and members of the public who report the issue of unqualified practice.

#### Reported Masquarader at Kimisitu Sacco

The directorate received a report of a possible masquerader from the Sacco on 26th June 2024. The masquerader was providing legal services at the Sacco as an advocate. The directorate proceeded to initiate investigations into the matter. It was confirmed that the individual known Henry Omany was unqualified to practice law in Kenya as an advocate. Upon reporting the matter to the police, the individual was arrested and is currently being processed for prosecution.

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## ADVOCATES BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

## Free Psychological Trauma Support for Advocates Affected by Recent Protests





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The past few days have seen the nation rocked by protests spanning thirty-five counties across the country. The Board of Management of the Advocates' Benevolent Association acknowledges that Advocates have been actively involved in these protests in various capacities. The Board recognizes that exposure to violence during these events has markedly affected the mental well-being of our members, manifesting in conditions such as post-traumatic stress disorder and other depressive symptoms.

Members who did not personally witness or participate in the protests may still suffer from vicarious traumatization through exposure to media coverage, images, or stories about the protests. Such indirect exposure can potentially exacerbate the mental health effects already experienced by members who were directly involved in or witnessed the events firsthand.

In this regard, the Board of Management has organized free psychological trauma support for Advocates in collaboration with the Counselors' and Psychologists Society of Kenya (CPS-K).

Members seeking psychological trauma support can contact Ms. Bernadette Kimathi, Secretary CPS-K, on 0722-684-913 or the ABA Secretariat on 0717-595-006 via call, text, or WhatsApp.

For assistance, kindly reach out to: The Advocates' Benevolent Association Secretariat:

🔘 aba@lsk.or.ke 🕓 0717-595-006 X @LSK\_ABA

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Counsellors and Psychologists Society of Kenya (CPS-K): Chairperson, Mr. Kimani Githongo, Advocate – Phone: 0722–715–424





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**19TH JULY** 

2024

In its 5th year, the Africa Arbitration Awards aim to celebrate, recognise, and honour outstanding practitioners and leaders in the African arbitration ecosystem and will be celebrated at a Gala Dinner on Friday, 20th September 2024, in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.

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The six (6) Award categories are:

- 1. African Arbitrator of the Year
- 2. Leading Arbitration Case Counsel Team
- 3. Young Arbitration Practitioner of the Year
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- 5. Leading Arbitration Service Provider
- 6. General/State Counsel of the Year Award

Nominations Period: Nominations close on 19th July 2024. <u>Click here to</u> nominate.

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### FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS (FAQS) ON MEMBER SERVICES DEPARTMENT

#### ) 1. How do I log into my portal for the first time and set my password



Search (online.lsk.or.ke) on your browser. Click on the login button on the top right corner, enter your admission number and click on "Proceed", click on "Forgot Password / Activate Account" feature. An OTP will be sent to the email address/ phone number registered with LSK.

In case you don't receive the OTP in your inbox, check in the spam/junk folder. Always use the most recent OTP in case you have tried severally and received multiple links.

#### Note:

a. Always use the most recent OTP.

b. Avoid requesting for the OTP too many times to avoid being locked out of your account. c. When you request for an OTP, there may be delays, please be patient, check your email/phone before requesting for another.

#### 2. How do I apply for my Practising Certificate?



Log into your portal and press the 'click to apply for my 2024 Practicing Certificate' prompt on your dashboard. Proceed to fill in your declaration form then download and print it. Depending on what you have declared as your nature of engagement, the documents to be uploaded are as follows: -

#### For members practicing as Sole proprietors/Partners:

a. A fully signed and witnessed declaration to accompany the application for PC.

b. A valid professional indemnity cover.

c. The accountant's certificate whereby the accounting period should be for the previous year e.g. 01-01-2023 to 31-12-2023 for PC application 2024.

d. Certificate of registration of the firm.

For members practicing as Associates/In-house Counsel/Legal Officers/Company Secretaries/State Counsel/Academic:

a. A fully signed and witnessed declaration to accompany the application for PC.

b. A duly filled, signed and commissioned statutory declaration form. NB The receipt shall only be issued once all the requisite documents have been uploaded on the requisite documents have been uploaded on

3. How do I change or update my physical address?



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Law Society of Kenya

Lavington, opp Valley Arcade, Gitanga Road P.O Box 72219 - 00200 | Nairobi, Kenya

Attach a copy of your national ID. Please, note to include your P.105. Share the documents via **memberservices@lsk.or.ke** or drop them at our offices.





For more enquiries, reach out to LSK Member Services via memberservices@lsk.or.ke or call 0111 671458.





## COMMUNICATION IS KEY IN PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Public Participation is now commonplace in most democratic nations. This principle of public participation has grown considerably since the 1990s. The debate in Kenya since the 2010 Constitution has been on effective public participation. Effective public participation has been explored by analysts through different lenses that need to be highlighted. To begin with, one must consider the typologies of the participation process by looking at the prevailing circumstances that have brought out the process. Scholars have opined that public participation is dependent on four factors.

- 1. Who initiates the legislative development process,
- 2. How the forms of communication with the public are constructed,
- 3. How inclusive the process is, and;
- 4. Where the final authority over the legislative documents is vested.

The four factors will then define the types of public participation into false, symbolic, limited, consultative, or substantial participation.

In Kenya each financial year, public participation has become a governance concern. This is primarily because Article 118, of the Constitution, 2010 binds Parliament to engage members of the public in its business. It requires Parliament to 'facilitate public participation and involvement in the legislative and other business of Parliament and its committees. The main business which is the yearly Finance Bill 2024 has held a special focus for the last two months. The process that begins with the Budget policy statement culminates in the Finance Bill subjected to a public participation process. In this process, one of the critical factors alluded to by democratic analysts is the forms of communication that are used with the public during and after the process.

A look at the public participation process in developing the Finance Bill 2024, highlights the forms of communication employed. This year in the usual fashion the Budget and Appropriation Committee invited members of the public to the participatory sessions across the country. This exercise in itself is highly resource-intensive. Being a resource it has been opined by development organizations such as Institute for Democracy and Electoral Assistance (IDEA) that a practical consideration in public participation should be incorporated. This include the availability of human, material, and financial resources which are a primary concern at the initial stage. The approaches to participation, such as citizens' assemblies and barazas require planning and organisation.



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Other requirements includes convening consultation meetings across the country, which require high levels of staffing and personnel, training, information management protocols, logistical planning, material resources, time, and financing.

These resources should be seen to make the collected information useful for drafters in a systematic way. From a data-collected viewpoint, tens of thousands of pages of public submissions or recordings will need to be organized, reviewed, translated in certain instances, and collated. Above all, it has been noted that the forms of communication during the announcement of the process and the collection are key in ensuring that citizens are effectively participating. The forms of communication are important for a nation since they shape the discourse.

In Kenya, the form of communication is where the public is called upon to submit views either orally or through memorandum to the committee. These submissions usually are timed and it is not guaranteed that the recipients of the public views will consider the opinions espoused. Before the submission one has to consider whether intricate matters within the bills in question have been disseminated and relayed to the public, this is particularly important given the controversies surrounding the Finance Bill of 2023 where the principles of public participation are questioned. Importantly, publicity of the public engagements has made it possible for increased public awareness of their civic responsibility which has had positive outcomes.

It is imperative that we **#Wakilis** continue to question and push for effective public participation which starts with a good communication framework for enhanced good governance.

By Sophie Kaibiria Director- Practice Standards and Ethics Law Society of Kenya









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