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UPDATE-PRACTICING CERTIFICATE APPLICATION 2025



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UPDATE - PRACTICING CERTIFICATE APPLICATIONS 2025

Further to our Notice on the application of Practicing Certificates for the year 2025 dated 6th December, 2024, we note that members have encountered challenges with the processing and issuance of either invoices or receipts.
[Click Here](#) to access the full Notice

Discrepancy in Rates on Invoices- we note that upon being invoiced, a section of members have received differing PC rates. This challenge is occasioned by a system error. Kindly note that invoices issued erroneously will be rectified, and affected members will be issued with updated invoices. We apologise for any inconvenience caused.


Receipting of Practicing Certificates- upon payment and uploading of PC forms by members, a verification process is undertaken and receipts issued for the members who have uploaded all the necessary documents. We note that the process of receipting is ongoing.

In an effort to counter the aforementioned challenges and ensure timely issuance of practicing certificates, the Society has enhanced manpower, specifically to assist with the processing of the applications, during this crucial period.

Members are requested to ensure that they upload all the required documents and adhere to the following guidelines, to ensure the timely processing of the applications for the practicing certificates.

To access the full notice, [Click Here](#)

Dated 10th January 2025



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CALL FOR ARTICLES



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CALL FOR ARTICLES FOR THE MARCH ISSUE OF THE ADVOCATE MAGAZINE, 2025

The Law Society of Kenya invites members to submit articles for consideration for publication in the March 2025 issue of **The Advocate Magazine – The Human Rights Lens, Edition.**

The submitted articles should:

- a. Be in line with this Edition's Theme - "*Social Media and Activism: The Double-Edged Sword*"
- b. Not exceed 1000 words (footnotes are not required).
- c. Attach passport-sized photos of the author to be published together with the submitted article.

The magazine also offers an opportunity for members of the Law Society of Kenya and non-members to place advertisements (at subsidized rates) as highlighted below:

- Double page spread Kshs. 250,000
- Full page Kshs. 150,000
- Strip front page Kshs. 75,000
- Half Page Kshs. 50,000
- Quarter page Kshs. 25,000

The submitted articles shall be reviewed and the Society reserves the right to delete, edit, or alter in any manner it sees fit the submitted articles for publication.

The submission of articles and requests to advertise/partner should be sent to a.rodri@lsk.or.ke and copied to scott.ian@lsk.or.ke to reach us **not later than 7th February 2025.**

Dated 8th January, 2025

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NOTICE FOR COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT NATIONAL POLICY ON VIRTUAL ASSETS AND VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS AND THE VIRTUAL ASSET SERVICE PROVIDERS BILL, 2024

The National Treasury and Economic Planning, through a Multi- Agency Task Force, has developed a Draft National Policy on Virtual Assets (VAs) and Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) and the Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill, 2024. This development was informed by the need to provide for a legal and regulatory framework for VAs and VASPs in order to enable the country harness the potential benefits of VAs while minimizing the resultant risks.

In accordance with Article 10 (2) (a) of the Constitution, members are hereby invited to submit their comments on the Draft National Policy on Virtual Assets (VAs) and Virtual Asset Service Providers (VASPs) which can be accessed through this [Link](#) and the Virtual Asset Service Providers Bill, 2024 which can be accessed through this [Link](#) . The comments template can be accessed through the [Link](#) .

Members are requested to submit their comments to the Parliamentary Affairs and Legislation email at parliamentaryaffairs@lsk.or.ke and copy Ms. Sarah Agong at sarah.agong@lsk.or.ke and Cherotich Maryleen at cherotich.maryleen@lsk.or.ke not later than Wednesday, 22nd January 2025.

Dated 15th January 2025

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LSK CPD CALENDAR 2025



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LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA (LSK) CONTINUING PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT (CPD) CALENDAR - 2025

Following the call for members to submit topics to be included in the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) Continuing Professional Development (CPD) Calendar for the Year 2025, the Council through its Committee on CPD considered the proposals and came up with the Calendar which can be accessed via the link, [Click Here](#)

The Council of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and the Committee on Continuing Professional Development (CCPD) appreciates the contribution of members towards development of the 2025 CPD Calendar.

Members will be able to access and book the events on their portals from 7th January 2025.

Dated 6th January 2025

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COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKE ON 16TH DECEMBER 2024

The Council Decisions on applications taken on 16th December 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/1u7oIQ2ieHgLR_tErRE3oqYtip0SyiVJB?usp=drive_link

VACANCY FOR AN ADVOCATE

A law firm in Nairobi wishes to recruit an advocate who has at least two (2) years post admission experience in litigation and conveyancing. The Advocate needs to have a current practicing certificate

Interested candidates should submit applications together with C.V via email to achiopondo@gmail.com by latest 31st January 2025.

Only successful applicants will be contacted for interviews.

MWAMUYE, KIMATHI & KIMANI ADVOCATES

TAKE NOTICE that **MS. JENNIFER MUTHONI MAKOBU**, Advocate **CEASED** to be a Partner at the Firm of **MWAMUYE, KIMATHI & KIMANI ADVOCATES** ("The Firm") with effect from 30th December, 2024. She is therefore not allowed to transact **ANY BUSINESS** on behalf or in the name of the Firm including holding any brief for any Advocate in the Firm. The Firm will therefore not accept any liability for any business, transaction or matter handled by the said Advocate in the name of the Firm after 30th December, 2024.

ISSUED BY THE FIRM'S PARTNERS



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LEGAL & COMPLIANCE AUDITS




ISAAC KULOBA,
Advocate & Lecturer, Kenya School of Law (KSL)



JOSEPHINE KANG'ONG'A,
Advocate, Manager, Legal Framework Responsiveness & Analysis, Capital Markets Authority (CMA)



NINA SITTI, HSC,
Advocate, Senior Officer, Governance Oversight, Capital Markets Authority (CMA)



NEDDIE EVE AKELLO-MAMRA,
Advocate

DATE & TIME
24th - 28th February 2025,
08.30am - 04.30pm

VENUE:
Enashipai Resort & Spa, Naivasha

COST
KES 80,000



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CPD
UNITS

Participants will be issued Certificates to evidence qualification to conduct Legal & Compliance Audits for Issuers of Securities to the Public.

BOOKING DEADLINE: 23RD FEBRUARY 2025 (11.59PM)

Contact Us
0110677188 / 0799595834

REGISTER HERE

For Inquiries
cpd@lsk.or.ke. 



TELEPHONE SYSTEM DOWNTIME



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

Telephone System Downtime



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

The Law Society of Kenya has been experiencing technical challenges with its main telephone system affecting incoming and outgoing calls.

Our teams are working on restoring the telephone services to ease communication. In the meantime, we encourage members to use the departmental contact details as shown below;

Reception - 0799 595 800

CPD- 0110 677 188 / 0799 595 834

Compliance & Ethics/ Practice Standards- 0110
459 555 / 0799 595 819

Finance- 0110 380 838 / 0799 595 797

Member Services- 0111 671 458 / 0799 595 810

PIL & Parliamentary- 0111 231 010

ABA- 0717 595006

We apologize for any inconveniences caused as we work towards restoring the services to improve on responsiveness and efficiency.

lsk@lsk.or.ke



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ADVOCATES BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION

CONNECT TO HOPE



Free Telephone Counselling, Suicide & Crisis Hotlines in Kenya

Emergency Medicine Kenya Foundation (EMKF)

☎ (254) 0800 723 253, (254) 710 633 855

Befrienders Kenya

☎ (254) 722 178 177

HealthCare Assistance Kenya

☎ 1195

NACADA – Alcohol & Drug Abuse Helpline

☎ 1192

Youth & Parenting – Child Helpline Kenya

☎ 116

Kimbilio Trust

☎ 1193

Niskize – Suicide Emergency Line

☎ 0900 620 800, (254) 718 227 440

Kenya Police (for Emergencies)

☎ 999 | 911 | 112

Kenya Red Cross Society

☎ 1199 | 0700 395 395 | 0738 395 395

Teletherapy – Tele Mental Health Guidelines 2021

Members seeking free psychological trauma support, kindly reach out to: The Advocates' Benevolent Association Secretariat:

@ aba@lsk.or.ke

☎ 0717-595-006

✉ @LSK_ABA



The Advocates' Benevolent Association

Counsellors and Psychologists Society of Kenya (CPS-K):

Chairperson, Mr. Kimani Githongo, Advocate – Phone: 0722-715-424



2025 THE YEAR TO ADVOCATE AGAINST ENFORCED DISAPPEARANCE

BY SOPHIE KAIBIRIA - DIRECTOR, PRACTICE STANDARDS AND ETHICS- LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

The International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance defines "enforced disappearance" as the arrest, detention, abduction, or any other form of deprivation of liberty by agents of the State or by persons or groups of persons acting with the authorization, support or acquiescence of the State, followed by a refusal to acknowledge the deprivation of liberty or by concealment of the fate or whereabouts of the disappeared person, which places such a person outside the protection of the law.

Historically "Disappearances" emerged as a human rights problem in the 1970s, at the height of the Cold War-and initially in the Latino nations of Chile and Argentina. The term "disappearance" was coined in Chile, because the Peace Committees (the ecumenical organization that preceded the Vicariate of Solidarity) stopped receiving information concerning the whereabouts of some prisoners they were represented and it was alleged that they had disappeared. This human rights issue precipitated the massive habeas corpus applications filed in Chile for 131 people, and the courts didn't know what to do about them. According to the human rights historical accounts Chile's, systematic practice of "disappearances" lasted from 1973 to 1977, with about 1,300 people disappearing. This is in addition to the 2,000 people who were killed outright in extra-judicial executions. The practice of disappearances was also taken up in Argentina at a much larger scale and likewise lasted for four years, from 1976 to 1980.

Conceptually, one can distinguish "disappearances" from the behavioral patterns that in some ways were similar and common: people have gone missing-which happens in every society; men missing in action-which happens in every war; incommunicado detention; irregular incommunicado detention; and abduction. According to Amnesty International enforced disappearance is a complex crime, involving several crimes that were always present and other crimes that one had every reason to believe had also been perpetrated. Disappearance, as observed from the Kenyan context, involves the crimes of arbitrary detention or abduction, obstruction of justice, and cruel treatment of families who don't know the whereabouts of their kin. The other crimes that are presented by the crime include torture, killing, and illegal disposal of the bodies. It has been noted that "Disappearance", just like other complex crimes such as apartheid or ethnic cleansing, presupposes a cluster of behaviors that are comprised within such elaborate criminal practice.

Kenya is at the precipice of tipping into another cluster of historical injustice that is pitting internet human rights soldiers against unpopular governance issues. We #Wakilis must stay vigilant and continue to call out atrocities and support victims of disappearances in all our spaces. After all Black is for the people, Green is for our land, Red is for the Kenyan blood and White is for the peace we aspire to always have.



UPCOMING EVENTS

COMMONWEALTH LAW CONFERENCE 2025



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SAVE
THE DATE
6th-10th April
2025





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