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THE LEGAL INSIGHT

The Official LSK Weekly Newsletter

STRATEGIC ENGAGEMENT BETWEEN LSK AND UNDP

The Law Society of Kenya President, Ms. Faith Odhiambo together with the Secretariat team, held a valuable reflective and information-sharing session with the UNDP Resident Representative a.i. Ms. Madelena Monoja and her team, to find possible areas of partnership, with a focus on the role of LSK during the election period. The place of the LSK as a key strategic partner was reiterated, given the pivotal role it plays as the gate keeper of the rule of law. During the brainstorming session, it was noted that the LSK had the capacity to take part in civic education programmes. Additionally, it was agreed that there was need to monitor and gauge public participation in Kenya. Although there is increased awareness and active participation by members of the public, the youth and professional bodies in the performance of their civic duties, there is still a need to monitor the number of memoranda submitted.

The President emphasized that this could be achieved by creating a publicly accessible portal, able to track the number of Memoranda submitted, the views taken into consideration and those rejected.

The two institutions pledged to continue working together, for the better of the Society and the citizens of Kenya.



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TRAINING OF ADVOCATES FOR THE DOCUMENTATION AND JUSTICE CENTERS

On Monday, 5th May 2025, the Law Society of Kenya held a hybrid training at Emara Ole Sereni Hotel and online. The Documentation and Justice Centres Training brought together legal and human rights experts to equip participants with practical tools for documenting torture and human rights violations.

A big thank you to all who joined us to advance justice, accountability, and truth. This project is in Partnership with the Open Society foundation (OSF) .

[#JusticeMatters](#) [#LSKTraining](#) [#HumanRightsKenya](#) [#EmaraOleSereni](#) [#HybridEvent](#)
[#DocumentationForJustice](#)



Presenters and participants during the training on documentation and Justice Centers.



UPDATE ON BABY PENDO CASE

On Monday, 5th May 2025, 4 out of the 11 suspects in the Baby Pendo case took plea after almost 7 years since the unfortunate incident happened. The 4 Police officers took plea for the first time in Kenyan history for Murder, under Crimes against humanity contrary to Section 6 (1)(b) and section 7 (1) (f) of the International Crimes Act, No. 16 of 2008, laws of Kenya and Article 28 (b) of the Rome statute of the International Criminal Court.

The first time, a murder charge has been presented outside the Penal code. Even as we proceed with the charges registered today, the Law Society of Kenya raised concerns why the DPP dropped the 7 names of senior officers who were initially presented as suspects. Today's plea taking of the four will develop the law on the doctrine of command responsibility within the ranks of the National Police Service. A win for the rule of law.





NEWS SEGMENT

LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

ANNUAL CONFERENCE 2025

12TH - 16TH AUGUST

*Diamonds Leisure Beach & Golf Resort,
Kwale County.*

www.lsk.or.ke



COUNCIL DECISIONS TAKEN ON 17TH APRIL 2025

The Council Decisions on applications taken on 17th April 2025 for admission to the Roll of Advocates, Practicing Certificates, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths and Admission petitions can be accessed on the link; [Click Here](#)

MEDICAL APPEAL FOR CHERYL OMIRE, ADVOCATE



Medical Appeal for Cheryl Omire, Advocate

We urgently appeal for your support for **Ms. Cheryl Omire, Advocate** who is battling a recurrence of **cancer affecting her lungs and trachea**. Cheryl is currently receiving specialized treatment at **Apollo Hospital, Hyderabad – India**.

The total cost of treatment is **Kshs. 6.73 million**, with **additional quarterly injections costing \$4,710 each over the next year**.

You may channel your contribution through either of the **payment details**:

- **USD A/C:** 0100010234071 (Stanbic Bank, Kenyatta Avenue)
- **Mpesa:** 0790888418 (Kenneth Omollo)
- **Paybill:** 8062329 (A/C: Your Name)

Your financial support, prayers, and presence at the fundraiser will bring hope and healing to Cheryl and her family.

Thank you!



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CALL FOR PAPERS FOR THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA JOURNAL 2025

The Law Society of Kenya Journal is a peer-reviewed publication of the Law Society of Kenya prepared by the Editorial Committee. The Committee invites members to submit papers for consideration for publication in the 2025 Edition.

The papers should be in line with either of the below themes;

1. *Digital Rights & Data Protection – Navigating privacy laws, cybersecurity, and the impact of big data.*
2. *Human Rights in a Changing World– Addressing issues such as digital surveillance, migration, and equality.*
3. *International Law & Geopolitical Conflicts – The role of legal frameworks in maintaining global order.*

And only submissions written in accordance with the Law Society of Kenya Journal (LSKJ)- Instructions to Authors will be considered. The Instructions can be accessed via the link, [LSKJ Instructions to Authors 2025](#).

Please ensure that submissions are sent to journal@lsk.or.ke. All submissions should include reliable telephone numbers and email addresses for ease of communication with the Editorial Committee. The papers should be received on or before 30th June 2025.

Plagiarism is unacceptable and will lead to automatic rejection of the submitted paper.

Dated 15th April 2025

FLORENCE W. MUTURI
SECRETARY/CEO

Faith Odhiambo (President), Mwaura Kabata (Vice-President)
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NEWS SEGMENT

LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA JUSTICE GAMES 2025

26 JULY 2025

LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

JUSTICE
GAMES 2025
TUMEWASILILI

THEME
POWER OF THE BAR, SPIRIT OF THE GAME: COMPETE. CONNECT. CONQUER

MOMBASA COUNTY
VENUE: TBA



ADVOCATES BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION (ABA)



Review of the Advocates' Benevolent Association (ABA) Rules

Pursuant to a resolution of the membership at the Association's Annual General Meeting held on 28th March 2025 at the Grand Royal Swiss Hotel, Kisumu, the Board of Management of the Advocates' Benevolent Association is undertaking a review of the ABA Rules.

This process will involve reviewing the existing Rules, identifying areas for improvement, engaging stakeholders for input, and drafting proposed revisions.

Interested members should submit a one-page CV highlighting relevant expertise, along with their full name and admission number (P.105/), to **aba@lsk.or.ke** by **Tuesday 12th May, 2025 at 5:00pm**

Please note that this is a voluntary exercise and does not attract any financial compensation.



ADVOCATES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL



ADVOCATES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL

KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL



ESTABLISHMENT

The Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal (ADT) plays a crucial role in upholding the standards of the legal profession in Kenya. The ADT is established under Section 57 of the Advocates Act, Cap 16.



MANDATE

The ADT is mandated to hear and determine complaints lodged against Advocates. The LSK Secretariat through the Compliance & Ethics Directorate, serves as the administrative arm of the Tribunal. It receives the affidavits of complaint from the Advocates Complaints Commission (ACC) and forwards them to the Tribunal members for prima facie determination. Once a case to answer is established, the Secretariat allocates the matters case numbers, sets them down for plea taking and undertakes service upon advocates. The Secretariat through the Compliance & Ethics Directorate also ensures advocates comply with orders of the Tribunal.

CONSTITUTION



The ADT is comprised of the Attorney-General, Solicitor-General or a person deputed by the Attorney-General, six advocates, the Chairman, Vice-chairman and the Secretary of the Law Society. The Secretary of the Society is the Secretary to the Tribunal.

KEY STAKEHOLDER



The Advocates Complaints Commission (ACC) operates in close coordination with the LSK and the Tribunal. The ACC is established under Section 53(1) of the Advocates Act. It is mandated to receive complaints of professional misconduct against advocates. The ACC works to promote reconciliation, provide amicable settlement through Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and conduct investigations with regard to complaints lodged against advocates. Additionally, the ACC may refer and prosecute complaints of professional misconduct before the Tribunal, at no cost to the complainants.

WHO CAN INSTITUTE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ADVOCATE?

- Any member of the public aggrieved can lodge a complaint against an Advocate.
- An advocate can lodge a complaint against a fellow advocate.

WHERE DO I LODGE MY COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ADVOCATE?

- An aggrieved party can either lodge a complaint directly with the Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal or with the Law Society of Kenya or with the Advocates Complaints Commission.

HOW DO I LODGE A COMPLAINT AGAINST AN ADVOCATE?

1. Write a letter to the Law Society of Kenya lodging a formal complaint against the advocate. Ensure to include the full names of the advocate and have the complaint signed.
2. Alternatively, you may lodge a complaint through the Advocates Complaints Commission. You will be required to fill in the provided help form. Subsequently, the Advocates Complaints Commission will carry out investigations into the matter and lodge a complaint on your behalf, with the Advocates Disciplinary Tribunal.
3. You may also prepare six sets of Affidavit of Complaint under section 60 of the Advocates Act to be forwarded to the Tribunal for determination.



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ADVOCATES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL KNOW YOUR TRIBUNAL

HOW DO I LODGE A COMPLAINT BEFORE THE ADVOCATES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL?

Prepare six (6) sets of Affidavits of Complaint (Under Section 60 of the Advocates Act)

File the Affidavits at LSK

Service by the LSK to the accused Advocate (private prosecution)

Prima Facie Stage

Plea taking Stage

Hearing Stage (by affidavit evidence)

Judgement stage

Mitigation and Sentencing Stage

Enforcement of Tribunal Orders

ADVOCATES DISCIPLINARY TRIBUNAL SANCTIONS

Where a case of professional misconduct has been made against an advocate the Tribunal may order the following: the advocate be admonished; the advocate be suspended from practice for a specified period not exceeding five years; the name of the advocate be struck off the Roll of advocates; the advocate to pay a fine not exceeding one million shillings; or the advocate to pay to the aggrieved person compensation or reimbursement not exceeding five million shillings.

FOR ANY FURTHER INQUIRES, CONTACT US AT

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NOTICE

APSEA X SPACE SESSION



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ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL SOCIETIES IN EAST AFRICA

BREAKING DOWN THE FINANCE BILL 2025: WHAT IT MEANS FOR PROFESSIONALS



APSEA X SPACE SESSION

THURSDAY 15th MAY 2025 - 8:00 PM

[HTTPS://X.COM/APSEAKENYA](https://x.com/APSEAKENYA)

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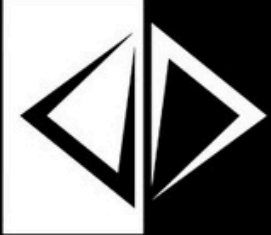
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The Lift

Season One, Episode Seven


PROFESSIONALS : CORRUPT BY CHOICE OR DESIGN?

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In Attendance



Law Society of Kenya

May 15th | from 4PM | Crown Paints Showroom, Mustek Building
Parklands Road, opp MP Shah Hospital

The Architects Alliance is an association whose membership is open to all architects. We are dedicated to creating a better society for all by promoting excellence in architecture, town, and urban planning.

Is corruption a personal failure or just the cost of surviving a broken system? In this episode, we dive into the messy middle—where individual responsibility meets institutional rot. Are professionals knowingly playing dirty, or are they trapped in a setup that rewards the corrupt and punishes the honest? We talk to insiders, whistleblowers, and ethics experts to unpack whether the system is producing the problem—or just revealing it.

Register via
<https://forms.gle/7PKEAEC19ySnUQz67>



NOTICES

STATISTICAL QUESTIONNAIRE: ASSESSING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING RISK - LEGAL PROFESSIONALS



Scan the QR
code to
access The
statistical
questionnaire



ASSESSING MONEY LAUNDERING AND TERRORISM FINANCING RISKS FOR LEGAL PROFESSIONALS

The Society is conducting a sectoral risk assessment to gather information to enable it analyze the structure, inherent risks and controls present within law firms which is vital for assessing money laundering and terrorism financing risks within the legal sector.

<https://forms.gle/sErhujGJfcIJYLkz5>





UPCOMING EVENTS

INVITATION TO THE PAN AFRICAN LAWYERS UNION'S 15TH ANNUAL CONFERENCE AND TRIENNIAL GENERAL ASSEMBLY FROM 25 TO 27 JUNE 2025, IN ABIDJAN, CÔTE D'IVOIRE

+255 (68) 507- 8794 events@lawyersofafrica.org

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Dear Members of the PALU Council

Greetings from the Pan African Lawyers Union (PALU), the premier continental membership forum of and for lawyers and lawyers' associations in Africa.

We are pleased to invite you to the PALU Annual Conference and Triennial General Assembly, which will be held in Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire, from 25 - 27 June 2025, under the theme "Justice through Reparations".

As we have done in the past, we encourage the leadership and Secretariat of national lawyers' associations to organize group travel for their members. This can be done through your usual Travel Agent, or, even better, you can do a small tender amongst a few Travel Agents so that they can compete to give you the best deal for your members.

We also encourage you to consider the importance of the CLE points for your participating members.

For More Information regarding the conference and the registration rates, please visit our event portal at: <https://events.lawyersofafrica.org/>.

We acknowledge receipt once again of your Bar Association membership payment of the Year 2025 and we thank you.

We look forward to welcoming you and your members to Abidjan for what promises to be an engaging and impactful gathering.



UPCOMING EVENTS

INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (IBA) 2025



IBA 2025 TORONTO
2-7 NOVEMBER
ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION



OFFICIAL CORPORATE SUPPORTER





UPCOMING EVENTS

38TH LAWASIA CONFERENCE 2025



38th LAWASIA Conference 2025

11 - 13 October 2025 | Hanoi, Vietnam



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38th LAWASIA Conference 2025 in Hanoi, Vietnam!***



NOTICE

LSK DEPARTMENTAL CONTACTS



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- 0110 459 555 / 0799 595 819

Practice Standards - 0705- 110253

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.

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