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The Official LSK Weekly Newsletter

WEEKLY PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE: SERVICE TO THE PROFESSION

Dear Colleagues.

The power of the legal profession lies in our individual & collective capacity to serve our clients as well as our profession and the Society. In areas such as mentorship, fundraising, pro-bono legal work, public interest litigation & advocacy, law reform initiatives, education & training, and input into law reform, Advocates possess a tremendous power to influence, impact and transform. As a Council, we seek to recognise, appreciate and promote these diverse aspects of service to the profession. To facilitate this, we intend to develop a voluntary merit points system, and to reward the most merited annually during the Legal Awareness Week.

One of the merit-worthy ways to serve the Society is through the LSK Committees. After the call for applications to join Committees, we received over 2,300 applications to join the 34 Committees set up so far by Council, including 100+ applicants respectively for 6 Committees and 70 to 100 applicants respectively for another 10 Committees. We appreciate you all for the overwhelming response to our request to serve. To ensure effectiveness of Committees, we reviewed the applications, considered aspects of diversity based on the profiles you supplied and shortlisted a number of you. We will keep looking for other ways to promote your strong desire to serve your society, which we greatly applaud.

As we continue focusing on urgent issues of practice & welfare of Advocates, as we upscale the fight for accountability & integrity in Courts & Registries, we also remain committed to the fight for the rule of law. This week, we engaged on issues involving the fuel prices increase and protests, incidents of femicide & violence against women, arbitrary administrative actions within the Police Service, law reform proposals on the Finance Bill and assistance to other professional bodies. Importantly, we are focused on ways of assisting Chapter 15 Constitutional Commissions & Independent Offices (CCIOs) to be more effective in safeguarding Constitutionalism.

Lots needs to be done, and every Advocate has a role to play. Best wishes.

Charles Kanjama, SC- LSK President

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LSK ENGAGES PARLIAMENT ON THE FINANCE BILL 2026





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On 21st May 2026, the Law Society of Kenya appeared before the National Assembly Finance and National Planning Committee chaired by Hon Kimani Kuria to present its memorandum on the Finance Bill, 2026, as part of its statutory mandate to support legislative development and the administration of justice.

The Society's delegation comprised Teresia Wavinya, Vice President; Vivienne Eyase, Council Member; Ruth Nyaberi-DCEO and members of the Tax Committee: Alex Kanyi, Ann Waithira, Nelly Maina, Ken Mugambi, Ken Kingori and Angelica Mecha.

In its presentation, the Society observed a recurring pattern in this Bill of reintroducing proposals that Parliament and stakeholders have previously rejected including the removal of weekend and public holiday exclusions in computing appeal timelines and the expansion of agency notice powers. This approach undermines legislative integrity and public trust. Additionally, the reduction of the annual tax return filing deadline from six months to four months, this creates unrealistic compliance pressure and administrative impossibility for nil returns.

Key recommendations advanced by the Society include a proposal to revise the current Pay As You Earn (PAYE) structure to reduce the rate from 35% to 30%, increase the personal relief to KES 3,000 per month, setting the tax-free threshold at KES 30,000. Rationalising the tax bands improves fairness and strengthens voluntary compliance

The Society reiterated its commitment to constructive legislative engagement and to supporting the development of laws that uphold constitutional values, the rule of law, and principles of good governance.



JUDICIARY REAFFIRMS COMMITMENT TO COLLABORATION WITH LSK

On Monday, 27th April 2026, the Law Society of Kenya Council paid a courtesy call to the Judiciary at the Milimani Law Courts, during which it presented a detailed memorandum outlining key concerns affecting the administration of justice.

The meeting, chaired under the leadership of the Council led by the President, Charles Kanjama SC was marked by candid and constructive dialogue, highlighting the importance of continued collaboration between the Bar and the Bench in strengthening Kenya's justice system.

In its response dated 20th May 2026, the Judiciary acknowledged the issues raised, noting that they touch on critical aspects of judicial administration, professional practice, access to justice, judicial independence, and the broader functioning of the courts. The Judiciary emphasized its commitment to integrity, accountability, and transparency, while highlighting ongoing reforms and initiatives across areas such as judicial staffing, conduct and ethics, case management, the Small Claims Court, court-annexed mediation, and the integration of Artificial Intelligence in judicial processes.

The memorandum also prompted discussions on the Advocates Remuneration Order, pro bono services under the National Legal Aid Service, and operational efficiency within bodies such as the Auctioneers Licensing Board and the Process Servers Committee. In each case, the Judiciary outlined steps already taken, proposed mechanisms for structured feedback, and invited the Law Society of Kenya to continue lending its voice to calls for enhanced funding and reforms that safeguard public confidence in the justice system.

In reaffirming its commitment to constructive engagement, the Judiciary expressed confidence that through professionalism, goodwill, and sustained dialogue, meaningful progress will be achieved in addressing issues of common concern and advancing the shared constitutional responsibility to uphold the rule of law and ensure access to justice for all.



PRESS STATEMENT BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ON THE ARBITRARY ENERGY PRICING AND REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY

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PRESS STATEMENT

Our Ref: S/26

Date: 18th May 2026

PRESS STATEMENT BY THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA ON THE ARBITRARY ENERGY PRICING AND REGULATORY ACCOUNTABILITY

The Law Society of Kenya, pursuant to its statutory mandate under Section 4 of the Law Society of Kenya Act, is obligated to protect and assist the public in matters touching on the law, promote the rule of law, and advance the administration of justice. In fulfillment of this mandate, the Society issues this statement concerning the recent escalation of petroleum retail prices and electricity tariffs within the Republic of Kenya.

The current economic strain arises from a series of administrative and regulatory decisions undertaken by the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA), the Ministry of Energy and Petroleum, and the National Treasury. Following significant fuel pricing increases in April 2026, the National Treasury temporarily reduced Value Added Tax (VAT) on petroleum products to 8% through Legal Notice No. 70 of 2026. However, on 14th May 2026, EPRA published revised maximum retail pump prices for the period running from 15th May to 14th June 2026 pursuant to Section 101(y) of the Petroleum Act, 2019. The revised framework increased the price of Diesel by KSh 46.29 per litre to KSh 242.92 in Nairobi, while Super Petrol increased by KSh 16.65 to KSh 214.25 per litre.

Concurrently, Gazette Notices No. 6002, 6003, and 6004 introduced additional electricity pass-through adjustments amounting to approximately KSh 4.72 per kilowatt-hour (kWh), comprising Fuel Energy Cost Charges, Foreign Exchange Fluctuation Adjustments, and statutory levies. According to publicly available sector data, these adjustments were partly attributed to increased thermal generation costs and foreign exchange losses within the energy sector. These developments arise against the backdrop of continued concerns regarding the sustainability, transparency, and operational structure of the Government-to-Government (G-to-G) petroleum importation framework involving foreign petroleum suppliers.

The Society is deeply concerned that the cumulative effect of these measures has imposed a disproportionate and economically unsustainable burden on Kenyan households, businesses, manufacturers, transport operators, and other productive sectors of the economy. State regulation of essential commodities must, at all times,

Charles Kanjama, SC (President), Teresia Wavinya (Vice-President)
Tom K'Opere, Vivienne Eyase, Wanjohi Wambugu, (General Membership Representatives)
Effie Sheila Achieng, Muthoni Gachara, Wycklife Oyoo (Nairobi Representatives)
Hiram Kiriimi, Faith Jappann, Hezekiah Asego, Sharon Oyoko (Upcountry Representatives)
Titus Mukanzi (Coast Representative)

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CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. E490 OF 2025



LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA

CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. E490 OF 2025



The Petition challenged the constitutionality of applying Sections 8, 9, 11 and 43 of the Sexual Offences Act to adolescents in consensual, non-coercive and non-exploitative sexual relationships. The Court considered whether such blanket criminalisation violates constitutional rights.



The High Court held that the blanket criminalisation of consensual peer-to-peer sexual conduct among minors is unconstitutional. It found that such application violates the rights to equality, dignity and privacy under the Constitution. The Court directed the Director of Public Prosecutions to review guidelines to prevent the charging of minors in such circumstances.



The Law Society of Kenya welcomes this decision as a progressive step in the advancement of constitutional rights and child-sensitive justice.



**GENDER
COMMITTEE**

The Gender Committee continues to monitor and promote gender equality and rights-based approaches within the justice system.





BRIEF ON FEMICIDE AND GENDER BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



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BRIEF ON FEMICIDE AND GENDER-BASED VIOLENCE (GBV)



The Law Society of Kenya expresses grave concern over the rising cases of femicide and gender based violence. These acts violate constitutional rights and inflict devastating harm on women and girls.



LSK unequivocally condemns all forms of violence and impunity, and calls on the Government to urgently provide a public update on the implementation of the Presidential Technical Working Group on GBV recommendations, chaired by Dr. Nancy Baraza whose final report was formally submitted to the President on 26th January 2026.



In the interim, the Law Society of Kenya, through its Gender Committee will continue to monitor institutional responses, advance accountability, and champion access to justice. The Society remains steadfast in its constitutional mandate to uphold the rule of law and protect women and girls from violence.

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NEWS SEGMENT


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BUILDING THE FUTURE: PRESIDENT SUPPORTS WAKILI TOWERS PROJECT



The Law Society of Kenya President, Charles Kanjama, SC presented his personal contribution towards the LSK's Wakili Tower Project to the LSK Secretary/ CEO Florence Muturi. He emphasized that Wakili Towers represents more than a physical development, describing it as an investment in the institutional future, independence, and long-term sustainability of the legal profession in Kenya.

The President further encouraged members and stakeholders across the profession to continue supporting initiatives that strengthen the Society's capacity to serve advocates and uphold the administration of justice.



COUNCIL DECISIONS ON THE 20TH APRIL 2026

The Council Decisions on applications taken on 20th April 2026 for admission to the Roll of Advocates, Practising Certificates, Notary Public and Commissioner for Oaths and Admission petitions can be accessed on the link, [Click Here](#) .

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NYAMIRA CONSTITUTIONAL PETITION NO. E007 OF 2026: LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA V. ENERGY AND PETROLEUM REGULATORY AUTHORITY & OTHERS EXECUTIVE NOTICE: LSK CHALLENGES CONSTITUTIONALITY OF PETROLEUM PRICING AND LEVIES

The Law Society of Kenya moved to the High Court to challenge the legality of the current petroleum pricing regime, asserting that the Energy and Petroleum Regulatory Authority (EPRA) and the Ministry of Energy are in breach of the mandatory constitutional principles governing public finance and administrative justice.

The Petition, https://drive.google.com/file/d/1wCVymwPaBMmy90Dm5fHOdqX8IINGr_ch/view?usp=sharing, argues that the imposition of various petroleum levies lacks a valid legal and consultative foundation, violating Article 10 on national values of transparency and accountability, and Article 201 which requires openness and public participation in all financial matters. Furthermore, the Society contends that the Respondents have failed to provide the "comprehensive and independently verified risk assessment" required under Article 35, effectively denying Kenyans their right to information regarding the economic burden of fuel costs.

The matter was placed before Lady Justice T. Cherere on 19th May 2026, where the court took immediate cognizance of the significant public interest involved. The Court has issued urgent directions requiring the Petition and the Notice of Motion to be served upon all Respondents immediately, with a strictly abridged timeline for the filing of responses.

A mention to confirm compliance and secure further conservatory orders is scheduled for 28th May 2026, marking a pivotal moment in our quest to ensure that executive policy remains subordinate to the Constitution.

The Society extends its gratitude to Wilkins Ochoki for his selfless commitment in representing the LSK in this Public Interest Litigation on a pro bono basis.



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2. Alternative or Appropriate Dispute Resolution? Revisiting the Basics



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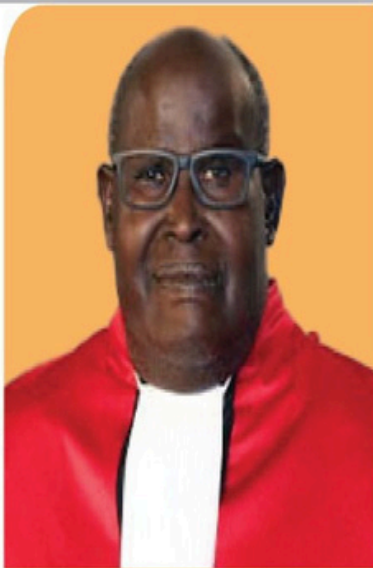


Court Annexed Mediation in Practice: Bridging Judicial Efficiency, Advocacy and Authentic Consensus Building



Date: **28th May 2026** at
2pm - 4pm

Webinar Moderator
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Dear Florence,

 **The deadline for nominations has now been extended to Monday 1st June – don't miss your chance to nominate the legal leaders making a change!**


You have just two weeks left to complete your nomination for the **African Legal Awards 2026**. If you haven't yet submitted your entries, now is the perfect time to recognise and celebrate the exceptional legal professionals, teams, and initiatives that are driving meaningful change across the region.

 **Don't miss the chance to champion yourself or peers who truly deserve recognition!**

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Submissions deadline is Monday 1st June.

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Education Assistance Programme



Education support is given to children of deceased Advocates aged between 4 years and 23 years at the time of application. The Board however reserves the right to determine the support of the children who do not fall within this age bracket.

The assistance begins from kindergarten level to Tertiary level subject to set limits.

Current maximum limits per year are:

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