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THE LEGAL INSIGHT

The Official LSK Weekly Newsletter

PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY MESSAGE: SOLIDARITY IN THE LEGAL PROFESSION

On March 25, 1965, Martin Luther King Jr joined protesters completing a 5-day 87-kilometre march from Selma to Montgomery in Alabama, undertaken to demand voting rights for African Americans in the United States. A few months later, the Voting Rights Act was passed, first by the US Senate, then the US House of Representatives, and eventually signed into law. On that 25th March, on the steps of the Alabama State Capitol in Montgomery, Alabama, Martin Luther King Jr delivered a reknown speech to 25,000 people at the conclusion of the 5-day march.

Martin Luther King's speech, titled "How Long? Not long," addresses the question of why we march, why we engage in peaceful civil protest, so as to accomplish social, political & legal change.

King reflected, "I know you are asking today, 'How long will it take?' Somebody's asking, 'How long will prejudice blind the visions of men?' ...

I come to say to you, however difficult the moment, however frustrating the hour, it will not be long, because truth crushed to earth will rise again.

How long? Not long, because no lie can live forever.

How long? Not long, because you shall reap what you sow.

How long? Not long.

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How long? Not long, Because the arc of the moral universe is long, but it bends toward justice."

This week, in the face of threats, intimidation, violence and unfortunate deaths to our colleagues, who have stood for the rule of law and against impunity and lawlessness, we went to the streets to march. We presented a memorandum of protest to the Inspector General of Police. And we reaffirmed the Advocates Creed & the Advocates Oath.

Like Luther King Jr sixty years ago, our commitment is to march, to protest and to engage in advocacy, so as to pass a message. That we want justice for our colleagues who have been victims of the pursuit of Justice. That we want justice now. That as Advocates, we affirm that we shall not relent, we shall not pause, in our solemn pledge to pursue justice for our clients and the rule of law for all.

How long will it take? Not long, because we truly believe, that the arc of the moral universe may be long, but it bends toward justice. And we commend all those among us who continue to inspire us by their continued fight, in the courtrooms, in the boardrooms & offices, in the classrooms & the streets, and everywhere else, for justice, democracy, human rights and respect for constitutional values.

Let's be strong. Let's resist lawlessness, impunity & corruption. And may the souls of our departed colleagues rest in peace.

Charles Kanjama, SC- LSK President

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LSK HOLD PURPLE RIBBON MARCH OVER DEATHS OF TWO ADVOCATES

On 10 July 2026, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) held the #PurpleRibbonMarch to protest and demand justice for the deaths of two advocates, Edward Muthee Kariuki and Esther Wairimu Keige.

The march began at the Milimani Law Courts, where LSK President Charles Kanjama, SC, led participants and called for swift, independent, and transparent investigations into the deaths of the two advocates.

Other speakers included Senior Counsel Bar Chairperson Philip Murgor, SC; Martha Karua, SC; East Africa Law Society (EALS) President Ramadhan Abubakar; LSK Nairobi Branch Chairperson Eric Kivuva, former LSK President Faith Odhiambo and George Wajackoyah amongst other prominent advocates and guests. They echoed the LSK President's sentiments that an attack on an advocate is not merely an attack on an individual but on the administration of justice itself. They noted that such acts are intended to instill fear among those who represent the vulnerable, defend constitutional rights, and uphold the rule of law.

LSK Vice President Teresia Wavinya Nicholas led advocates in reciting the recently adopted Advocates' Creed, which states that advocates are guardians of the rule of law whose solemn duty is to uphold the Constitution and defend justice without fear or favour.

The procession marched from the Milimani Law Courts to the city centre, chanting the slogan #WeWillNotBeSilenced. Along the way, they stopped at the Supreme Court building, where they reaffirmed their oath as officers of the court, defenders of the Constitution, protectors of the rule of law, and champions of justice. The advocates then proceeded to the National Police Service Headquarters, where they presented a memorandum to the Inspector-General of Police outlining their concerns, before continuing to Vigilance House.

In the memorandum, the LSK expressed concern that the deaths of the two advocates threaten the independence and security of legal practitioners, erode public confidence in the justice system, foster a culture of impunity, and undermine the administration of justice.

The Society called for the immediate establishment of a high-level multi-agency team to investigate the deaths and bring all those responsible to justice. It also urged enhanced security measures for advocates who may be at risk because of their professional duties and requested regular and transparent updates from investigative and prosecutorial agencies on the progress of investigations, arrests, prosecutions, and measures taken to address threats against advocates.

The LSK reiterated its commitment to protecting advocates, defending the rule of law, and ensuring accountability through due process. The Society further urged the nation to stand united in safeguarding justice and preserving the independence of the legal profession.



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LSK DECLARES NATIONAL DAY OF SOLIDARITY FOLLOWING THE DEATHS OF TWO ADVOCATES



On 8 July 2026, LSK President Charles Kanjama, SC, flanked by Vice President Teresia Wavinya Nicholas and members of the LSK Council, addressed the press at the Society's offices in South C, Nairobi. During the briefing, the President announced that the Law Society of Kenya would hold a peaceful march on 10 July 2026 in honour of Advocates Esther Wairimu Keige and Edward Muthee Kariuki, who were killed within a span of one week.

The Law Society of Kenya mourned the loss of Advocate Esther Wairimu Keige, who was found dead after weeks of searching, and Advocate Edward Muthee Kariuki, who was murdered in Athi River on 5 July 2026. The Society extended its condolences to their families, friends, and colleagues, while expressing concern over the safety and security of legal practitioners in the country.

The LSK called for the immediate establishment of a high-level multi-agency investigation into both deaths, a forensic audit of Kenya Forest Service land transactions linked to Advocate Keige's work, enhanced security measures for advocates serving in public institutions, and regular, transparent updates from investigative and prosecutorial agencies. Emphasising the gravity of the incidents, President Kanjama stated that "an attack on an advocate is an attack on the administration of justice itself."



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The President further declared 10 July 2026 a Day of National Solidarity for the Legal Profession, during which advocates across the country would participate in a nationwide March for Justice. The march was scheduled to assemble at the Milimani Law Courts Parking Grounds at 9:00 a.m., with the procession commencing at 9:30 a.m. Participants were encouraged to dress in formal attire and wear a purple ribbon as a symbol of solidarity, while simultaneous marches were to be held across all LSK regional branches.

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LSK STRENGTHENS PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION CAPACITY THROUGH PILA WORKSHOP

On 8 July 2026, the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) commenced its two-day Public Interest Litigation and Advocacy (PILA) Workshop in Naivasha, bringing together members of the Society for an intensive capacity-building and strategic engagement programme. The workshop was officially opened by LSK President Charles Kanjama, with remarks from Vice President Teresia Wavinya Nicholas and PIL Conveners Wycklife Oyoo and Wambugu Wanjohi. The programme featured practical learning sessions and discussions on strategic litigation, access to justice, civic space, business and human rights, trauma-informed lawyering, and the role of advocates in advancing constitutionalism, human rights, and the rule of law.

The second day of the workshop focused on Trauma-Informed Lawyering, equipping advocates with the knowledge and practical skills necessary to represent clients affected by trauma with empathy, professionalism, and a deeper understanding of how traumatic experiences can impact legal proceedings. Interactive sessions explored the influence of trauma on memory, behaviour, and decision-making, while highlighting approaches that foster client trust, preserve dignity, and promote meaningful access to justice. Participants also reflected on the importance of lawyer well-being and resilience when handling emotionally demanding public interest litigation. Through the workshop, the Law Society of Kenya reaffirmed its commitment to strengthening the capacity of advocates to deliver people-centred legal services and to advancing justice through informed, compassionate, and effective legal representation.





LSK PAYS A COURTSEY CALL TO THE NCA

On 7th July 2026, the Law Society of Kenya held a productive engagement with the National Construction Authority (NCA) centred on strengthening collaboration in advancing the public interest through a safer, more accountable, and legally compliant built environment. Our discussions explored several key areas of convergence between the legal profession and the construction sector. A major focus was the implementation and public awareness of Kenya's National Building Code, 2024, and the role the Law Society of Kenya can play in promoting legal compliance, policy advocacy, and public education on building standards and regulatory enforcement. We also discussed land governance and the expanding practice areas for advocates, particularly in matters involving compulsory acquisition (eminent domain), valuation disputes, compensation, planning approvals, and development control. There was consensus that these emerging areas require closer collaboration between legal practitioners and construction professionals. Further, we explored the Authority's role as an expert resource in litigation. The National Construction Authority can provide expert witnesses and technical expertise in disputes involving construction defects, building failures, professional negligence, compliance with statutory standards, and land and development matters where specialised technical evidence is required. The engagement reaffirmed the importance of sustained institutional collaboration between the Law Society of Kenya and the National Construction Authority in promoting the rule of law, professional excellence, public safety, and the dignity of every Kenyan through improved standards in the built environment.





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PROTECTING THE PROFESSION: COUNCIL'S EFFORTS TO ENHANCE ADVOCATE WELFARE AND PRACTICE CONDITIONS

Upon assuming office in March 2026, the Council of the Law Society of Kenya prioritized member welfare as a central part of its leadership agenda. It emphasized that welfare goes beyond remuneration to include professional dignity, safety, fair treatment within justice institutions, efficient court systems, and a supportive environment for legal practice.

In its inaugural statement, the Council pledged to protect advocates from intimidation, harassment, and insecurity. It also committed to strengthening accountability within justice sector institutions, ensuring that advocates can practice in an environment that respects their rights and professional standing.

Guided by this vision, the Council initiated structured engagements with the Judiciary and other stakeholders. These efforts aim to address long-standing challenges faced by advocates across the country, reinforcing the Society's role as a defender of its members and a champion for reforms in the justice sector.

On 27th April, 2026, shortly after assuming office, the Council paid a courtesy call to the Honourable Chief Justice and President of the Supreme Court of Kenya, Hon. Justice Martha Koome, EGH, and presented a comprehensive memorandum on matters affecting advocates and the administration of justice.

Key Issues Raised by the Council

- Judicial staffing shortages causing delays and backlog
- Registry inefficiencies affecting service delivery
- Delays in hearings, rulings, judgments, and release of court-deposited funds
- Judicial integrity, accountability, and professional standards
- Small Claims Court operations and costs
- Court-Annexed Mediation reforms
- Welfare and career progression of advocates serving within the Judiciary
- Need for structured engagement between the Bench and the Bar

Key Commitments from the Judiciary

I. Institutionalised Engagement Framework

The Judiciary committed to strengthening structured and predictable engagement mechanisms with the Law Society of Kenya to ensure continuous dialogue on issues affecting court users and legal practitioners.



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II. Advocate Feedback Mechanisms

Agreement was reached on the development and strengthening of formal feedback channels through which advocates may raise concerns relating to judicial conduct, registry performance, and service delivery efficiency.

III. Enhanced Transparency in Administrative Actions

The Judiciary undertook to improve openness and communication in administrative decisions, including judicial postings, transfers, and related human resource actions that affect court operations.

IV. Small Claims Court Reform Consultation

The Chief Justice's response affirmed ongoing consultation with stakeholders, including the LSK, in the refinement and operational strengthening of the Small Claims Court framework.

V. Court-Annexed Mediation (CAM) and Practitioner Inclusion

The Judiciary committed to sustained engagement on Court-Annexed Mediation, with a focus on expanding and clarifying the role of advocates within mediation processes.

VI. Recognition of Legal Researchers and Advocates within the Judiciary

The response acknowledged concerns regarding advocates and legal researchers serving within the Judiciary, with a commitment to further internal review and structured dialogue on their working conditions and professional progression.

Impact on Advocates and the Practice of Law

- Promotion of institutionalised accountability and enhanced collaboration between the Judiciary and the LSK.
- Establishment of clear and direct channels through which advocates can raise practice-related concerns.
- Promotion of transparency in judicial administration and strengthened stakeholder participation in ongoing justice sector reforms.
- Enhanced responsiveness within the justice system.
- Affirmation of shared commitment to the efficient, accessible, and professional delivery of justice.



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COUNCIL DECISIONS ON THE 15TH JUNE 2026

The Council Decisions on applications taken on 15th June 2026 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](#).

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2. Alternative or Appropriate Dispute Resolution? Revisiting the Basics

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Theme:
**WINNING CASES,
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**"A Conversation on Modern Responsibility,
Provision and Masculine Leadership"**

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THE MODERN YOUNG LAWYER:
Navigating AI, Building Reputation and Modelling
Future of Legal Practice.

SUB THEME

THRIVING NOT SURVIVING:
Mental Resilience in Legal Practice

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Protecting Constitutional Democracy,
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Date: 23rd June, 2026

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to Rule 21 of the Advocates' Benevolent Association Rules, that a SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING of the Association is convened and shall be held virtually on Friday, 31st July 2026 at 11.00 am.

AGENDA

1. Secretary to read the Notice Convening the Meeting;
2. Adoption of the Agenda;
3. Consideration of the Advocates' Benevolent Association (ABA) Rules, 2026, pursuant to the Resolution passed by the Membership at the ABA Annual General Meeting held at Sisu Hotel, Machakos County, on Friday, 27th March 2026 at 8.00 am, and, if members deem it fit, to approve by a Special Resolution the ABA Rules, 2026, in accordance with Rule 26 of the ABA Rules, 2018. (Copy of the ABA Rules 2026 can be accessed on this [Link](#))

N/B. Registration and other details/documents regarding the SGM will be provided in due course.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD

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