



THE JOURNEY SO FAR.....

RULE OF LAW



- ❖ **Written to the Electoral Commission to be added as election observers and carry out civic education.**
- ❖ **Signed the Judicial Scorecard on access to justice.**
- ❖ **Met with the Deputy Chief Justice Hon. Justice Richard Butera and discussed the following issues; -**
- ✓ **Co-existence of the Judiciary and the Uganda Law Society.**
- ✓ **Mediation at the Court of Appeal with H/W Dr. Mushabe.**
- ✓ **Personnel issue in the Judiciary vis-a-vis the administration of justice.**
- ✓ **Awards and costs to be awarded in Legal aid cases in civil matters.**
- ✓ **Issue of cause listing.**
- ✓ **Criminal Appeals to be handled in a discreet manner i.e. protecting the identity of victims.**
- ✓ **Issue of Gender Based Violence victims to be worked on promptly.**
- ✓ **Potential of out of Court Sessions. E.g. the Masaka sessions.**
- ✓ **Decentralization of the Court of Appeal Registry to regional Courts.**

RULE OF LAW CONTINUED



- ✓ Time spent on remand by inmates at Criminal Appeals.
- ✓ Training of lawyers about mediation at the Court of Appeal.
- ✓ Management of backlog created by COVID-19.
- ✓ The aspect of pretrial detention.
- ✓ Judiciary Scorecard and advocacy.
- ✓ The need for more lawyers.
- ✓ Amendment of the Civil Procedure Rules.
- ✓ Aspect of electronic filing.
- ✓ Challenge of service on lawyers.
- ✓ Quality of submissions by Counsel.
- ✓ Discussion of ongoing court cases by Counsel.
- ❖ Arrest and detention of Advocate Ambrose Tebyasa and Advocate Shaban Nkuutu.
- ❖ Meeting with Part of the JLOS stakeholders at the Austrian Embassy and discussed the following; -
 - ✓ Focus on the reduction of case backlog and what steps ULS can take.
 - ✓ Issue of Minor offenders during COVID-19.

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- ✓ Pre-trial detentions
- ✓ Violation of the 48 hour rule by the law enforcement agencies.
- ✓ Lack of a digitized tracking system of crimes for law enforcement agencies.
- ✓ Consultations with the Principal Judge on introduction of a time limit for those on remand.
- ✓ Sexual and Gender Based Violence issues.
- ✓ Institutionalization of an SGBV Court and Strict sentences for SGBV perpetrators
- ✓ Promotion of Rule of Law
- ✓ Boosting of the Cluster system i.e. Health and the Law.
- ✓ Issue of the Sexual offences Bill
- ✓ Creation of a survey monkey tool for lawyers to give feedback about conduct of Judicial officers.
- ✓ Discussion on Juvenile Remand Homes.
- ✓ Support of voter education for CSOs in the forthcoming elections period.
- ✓ Linking of SGBV to the Family Court due to its nature.
- ✓ Protection of Human Rights Defenders including

MEMBER'S WELFARE



- **Member support desk at upcountry stations. These are to have enrollment support as well as young lawyers support services.**
- **Membership satisfaction survey.**
- **Hotline assistance for membership**
- **Membership inclusiveness and accountability i.e. Webinar at Dentons**
- **membership offers with some institutions i.e.**
 - Uganda Airlines - 10% discount and 20% discount for 30+ members.**
 - Lifestyle - 10% discount at Ridars Lounge, 30% discount on beauty for members**
 - Ongoing discussions for offers of upcountry hotel discounts.**
- **Fuel discounts.**
- **Affordable housing**
- **Universal Multipurpose**

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

PRACTICE REFORMS

- Permission to give online trainings of CLE points by the Law Council.**
- Latest in the law series Dialogue for Lawyers.**

- Engagements with academic institutions to offer subsidized accreditations for members.**
- Reviewing parliamentary bills**
- Cluster systems are in place**
- Met with the Law Council and discussed some issues as follows; -**
 - ✓ **Centralized system of the Uganda Law Society, Law Council and Judiciary to eliminate Quack lawyers.**
 - ✓ **Change of duration for approval of chambers by Law Council.**
 - ✓ **Online Filing for Law Council Transactions**
 - ✓ **Waiver of CLE points requirement for the year 2020**
 - ✓ **Mandate to mediate certain cases through the committee on ethics and professional conduct.**
 - ✓ **Review the process of grant of remedials for CLE points.**
 - ✓ **Law Council to have an official Communication Channel.**

GOVERNANCE AT THE SECRETARIAT



- Ongoing Chief Executive Officer Recruitment.
- Systems Audit
- Financial review
- Payment Automation of Membership fees.
- Decentralization of the Membership affairs desk. (Pending)

