



ECCMIS EXPECTATIONS FROM THE BAR

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INTRODUCTION

S.3 (e) of the Uganda Law Society Act Cap 276 places an obligation on the society to assist the Government and the courts in all matters affecting legislation and the administration and practice of law in Uganda. The ULS has a membership of 3700 advocates and its upon this background that I would like to convey my sincere gratitude to the Hon. Chief Justice for extending this invitation to me as well as according me the platform to present to you the expectations from the Bar regarding ECCMIS.

WHAT IS ECCMIS? (THE BAR PERSPECTIVE)

- ▶ ECCMIS is a product of business process reengineering known as the Electronic Court Case Management Information System. In other words it can be referred to as the digitised court process system.
- ▶ This is a system that is primarily aimed at being one of a kind that delivers a 360 degree impact on Court Processes that is to say;
- ▶ E- filing
- ▶ E- notification
- ▶ E- payments
- ▶ E- execution

EXPECTATIONS FROM THE BAR

- ▶ **Data Privacy and Protection** : Data privacy is focused on defining who has access to data while data protection focuses on applying those restrictions. In this regard we hope that access will strictly be limited to the stakeholders in a particular case without chances of data base edits or manipulations without flag offs or notifications to parties in a matter or even a judicial officer.
- ▶ **Capacity of System Process Administrators to efficiently handle successfully submitted entries.** As the bar, it is our humble desire that system process administrators such as the registry clerks or court clerk, process servers among others will be in a position to handle files in a timely manner so as to meet set schedules.
- ▶ **System readiness to handle a plethora of multiple server requests and responses in real time.** We hope that at the time when ECCMIS is fully rolled out in all courts, the server core competence will enable entry, archival and retrieval of data in real time by all users at any single time t.

Expectations from the Bar Continued...

- ▶ **Flexibility from the Bench in accepting traditional methods of court practice where circumstances permit as advocates fully adapt to the new system.** As the bar, we envisage a situation where circumstances like internet shutdown or any other technical glitch can frustrate one ability to use the system. It is our humble prayer that some room be created for the advocates to proceed in the traditional way upon satisfying court.
- ▶ **Continued Intensive country wide training programs for advocates and other officers of court on how the system works both in the civil and criminal matters.** As the bar it is our expectation that we can engage in strategic partnerships to ensure that there is proper and effective hands-on training for all court users.
- ▶ **Inclusion and mass sensitisation of the general public.** It is our expectation that there is going to be mass sensitisation about eccmis through the media and even where possible translation of the messages into local languages.



THANK YOU VERY MUCH