



MAKERERE SCHOOL OF LAW

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Foreword

The Universities and Other Tertiary Institutions Act 2001 stipulates that all Units in the University prepare an annual report as a way of taking stock of the achievements realized over the period, the challenges encountered and how to forge a way forward in the management of the affairs of the Unit.

The School of Law as one of the ten Colleges of the University has indeed made a number of strides in as far as the realization of the mandate, the vision and the objectives of the University is concerned. Effort has been put on the teaching and learning, research, student centered approaches to service delivery as well as taking cognizance of the needs of the communities that we serve that have over time been harnessed through the outreaches undertaken as one element of knowledge transfer.

Albeit the challenges that are recurrent in nature year after year like inadequate infrastructure and the ever-increasing financial strain, a lot has been realized in the teaching and learning core function. Effort has been intensified in sourcing out alternative funding through mobilization of the alumni and other networks. Strategies have been laid aimed at further supporting the research output as well as the infrastructure and with the increased resilience by the alumni leadership, a lot will be realized in the near future.



Dr. Christopher Mbazira
Principal, School of Law

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ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
CDLP	East African Centre for Disability Law and Policy
CLAPMOC	Community Law Programme and Mobile Clinic
CLE	Clinical Legal Education
CSOs	Civil Society Organizations
DGF	Democratic Governance Facility
ESCR	Economic Social and Cultural Rights
FRHI	Foundation for Human Rights Initiative
HURIPEC	Human Rights and Peace Centre
IFAC	International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants
IT	Information Technology
LDC	Law Development Centre
MAK	Makerere University
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
NETPIL	Network of Public Interest Lawyers
NUDIPU	National Union of Disabled Persons of Uganda
PILAC	Public Interest Law Clinic
PR	Public Relations
RLP	Refugee Law Project
SHUREA	Strengthen Human Rights Research and Education in Sub-Saharan Africa
UCU	Uganda Christian University
UBLAC	University Based Law Clinics
DIRC	Disability Law & Rights Centre

A. INTRODUCTION



Introduction

This is a presentation of the annual report of the School of Law for the year 2019, covering progress and activities implemented within the year. During the year a lot has been achieved in all units of the School of law as well as student activities, albeit the challenges that include inadequate space and other infrastructure, teaching aids, vis avis the ever-increasing number of students to be attended to.



Vision of the School of Law

The School of Law is a constituent college of Makerere University and therefore its Vision is;

To become Africa's pre-eminent Law School with a rich tradition of excellence in the teaching of law, legal training and research.

Mission

To impart quality legal knowledge and skills within an inter-disciplinary framework inspired by legal scholarship, outreach and a commitment to justice for all, and produce graduates well equipped to deal with new and emerging legal problems who will serve their clients and the community with integrity and excellence.

Core Values

Excellence:

The School of Law seeks to excel in all it undertakes and to positively inspire its students to excel in their academic and career pursuits with integrity and the highest ethical standards. It strives to produce legal professionals who are well equipped to deal with new and emerging legal problems.

Academic and Intellectual Freedom:

The School of Law is committed to upholding and protecting its faculty's autonomy to conduct research and freely share their findings. It also believes in the inalienable right of its faculty and students to hold, seek, receive, express and disseminate ideas and information from all view-points without restriction.

Equality & Non-discrimination:

The School believes in treating everyone with dignity and respect regardless of their age, sex, class, ethnic origin, race, religious affiliation, sexual orientation, and disability.

Transparency & Accountability:

The School is committed to put in place systems to avail information regarding performance expectations, assessing results, internal operations and resource management to all its potential and current stakeholders. It strives to cultivate a culture of personal accountability in all its students and staff

Public Responsibility:

The School recognizes its obligation to the community and the greater public. It strives to stand up for the rights of citizens and all marginalized groups and encourages its students to do the same.

Leadership:

The School seeks to lead in scholarship and professional ethics. It engenders leadership qualities and critical thinking skills in its students.

Objectives of the School of Law

The objectives of the School of Law are;

- To promote and engage in cutting-edge legal research on contemporary legal topics and issues as well as legal scholarship in interdisciplinary and analytical spheres,
- To develop and impart legal knowledge necessary for practical applications in national development, democratic governance and integrity in public and private institutions,
- To establish and maintain state-of-the-art infrastructure to facilitate effective legal teaching, training and research,
- To mobilize and secure adequate financial, human and other resources necessary for attaining the vision of the School of Law.

Organization and Management

B: Staffing Levels

The School Board

The School of Law is headed by the Principal assisted by one Deputy Principal and Five Departmental Chairs namely;

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The School Board is comprised of academic members of staff of the school of Law.

Staffing Levels

The School of Law has a total enrollment of 39 Academic members of staff and 16 administrative staff. A system has been initiated to undertake Staff appraisals to continuously assess staff performance as well as address the identified training and other needs based on the Staff performance targets set at the beginning the year

a) Student Enrollment in 2019

The School of Law has a total student enrollment of 1,272 students. At Graduate level, The School of Law has an increase in the number of LL. D program uptake with 11 students on board. In the LLM class, there are 61 students in the 1st year – 61 and 40 students are in their second year. At undergraduate level, the 1st year students total 323, second years is 206, while the third- and fourth-year students make 270 and 361 respectively.

C: Progress in meeting annual workplan targets

The School of Law set out to undertake a number of activities as laid out in the annual work plan and these have been largely realized.

Teaching and Learning

The main objective of the School of Law is to promote excellence in the teaching of law to produce law professionals well equipped to address new and emerging legal problems at National and International levels. The School of Law offers three Academic programs namely; Bachelor of Laws (LL. B), Master of Laws (LL. M) and a Doctoral of Laws (LL. D). The school of Law undertook to teach law students both at undergraduate and graduate levels using the contemporary and new innovations.



Staff of SoL pose for a picture with Mr. Tusasirwe Benson and family after the public defence of his Thesis