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## Legal Education and Training: November 2024

This is the 3rd Monthly issue of the Council of Legal Education Newsletter.

In this issue we look into the Administration of the Advocates Training Programme, that took place on 14th November 2024 to 26th November 2024.

Further, this issue provides a sneak peak of the various engagements that CLE has undertaken.



### **Vision**

*Innovative Legal Professionals Transforming Society*

### **Mission**

*To ensure quality legal education through responsive regulation and administration of Bar Examination*





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## Supreme Court Celebrates 12 years since inception



From the left Prof. Collins Odote, Chairman Council of Legal Education, Hon. Rtd. Justice (Dr.) Willy Mutunga, Chief Justice & President, Supreme Court of Kenya, (2011-2016), Hon. Justice Martha K. Koome, Chief Justice & President, Supreme Court of Kenya, (2021- to-date), Hon. Rtd. Justice David Maraga, Chief Justice & President, Supreme Court of Kenya, (2016-2021), and Lady Justice (DR) Nancy Baraza, Deputy CJ (2011-2012) Supreme Court Of Kenya



From the right Prof. Collins Odote, Chairman Council of Legal Education, Hon. Justice Isaac Lenaola, Judge of the Supreme Court of Kenya · Mr. Protas Saende, Chairman, ICJ (K), Prof. Githu Muigai, Senior Counsel & Dr. Fred Ojiambo, President, Senior Counsel Bar

Prof. Collins Odote, Chairman of the Council of Legal Education moderated a Town Hall Engagement during the celebration of 12 years anniversary of the Supreme Court. The sub-theme for the engagement was *“Fostering an Open Democracy: An Open Conversation on the Supreme Court’s Contribution to the Protection of Human Rights and the Civic Space”*

Over the past decade, the Supreme Court has played an critical role in shaping the judicial landscape of our nation, safeguarding the Constitution, and ensuring that justice is served for all Kenyans.

To commemorate this important milestones, the Supreme Court of Kenya hosted a conference from the 4th to 6th November 2024. The event brought together esteemed judges, legal scholars, practitioners, and other key stakeholders from across the country and beyond. The conference served as a platform to reflect on the journey, celebrate the achievements, and explore the future of administration of justice in Kenya.





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## Admission to the Roll of Advocates



*Her Ladyship Martha K. Koome with Ms. Jennifer Gitiri, Ag. CEO Council of Legal Education.*



She noted that the values of Professional Ethics have been eroded over time and urged the newly admitted advocates to treat colleagues and the court with courtesy, utmost professionalism, and civility.

Ms. Gitiri emphasised that Civility is not a study in manners, nor does its absence necessarily implicate unethical conduct. It is instead the atmosphere of courtesy that comes from a mutual respect for the position of advocate that each of us holds.

She urged the Advocates to take pride, in the profession and not succumb to pressure to denigrate the bench or their colleagues.

Chief Justice Martha Koome presides over the admission of 817 advocates to the Bar on 29th November 2024. CLE continues to play a pivotal role in ensuring that qualified Advocates are released to the market.

Ms. Jennifer Gitiri, the Ag. CEO represented CLE in the Admission Ceremony. Ms. Gitiri in her address to the Newly Admitted Advocates of the High Court of Kenya, noted the law is a noble calling and that their career journey had just began. She noted that being an Advocate is not about winning cases, although winning is good. It is about making sure justice is done.

Ms. Gitiri, stated that the law touches every aspect of our society, and it can and will lead them in many different directions and career paths and that they should be known for their honesty, integrity, conscientious and competent practice of the law.





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## The Grand Finale Bar Examination



The much-awaited November 2024 Advocates' Training Programme (ATP) examination commenced on Thursday, 14th of November 2024 to 26th of November 2024. The start of the examination came as a relief to the over two thousand (2000) candidates who have undergone over nine (9) months of rigorous training and preparation for the final written ATP examination. Indeed, as King Solomon quips in his ecclesiastical literature, the end of something is better than its beginning.

## Examination Venues

As expected, many candidates turned up in large numbers, every day for the examination, at their designated venues. In the November 2024 examination cycle and for the first time in the history of ATP examination administration, Council secured pristine examination administration facilities at the Kenya National Examination Council (KNEC).

CLE retained the Kenya School of Law and Cooperative University as examination centres.





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## Security Measures

Like any other National Examination, CLE engaged the services of the National police to offer security for the examination while in transit and out of the various examination centres.

Additional security measures were put in place at KNEC. Some of the key security protocols included the requirement for all invigilators and candidates who sat the examination at KNEC, to wear unique access badges. There was no incidence for breach of security that were recorded during the examination period. CLE appreciates all the Candidates for their cooperation and ensuring a smooth process.

## Release of the November 2024 results

CLE has embarked on the marking exercise. Good news to the November 2024 ATP examination candidates as Council intends to release the November 2024 ATP examination results before this Christmas! To make this a reality, Council has engaged professionals of repute in the marking exercise. Once the results are ready, the Examination Committee of the Council shall consider and recommend to the full Council for approval to release.





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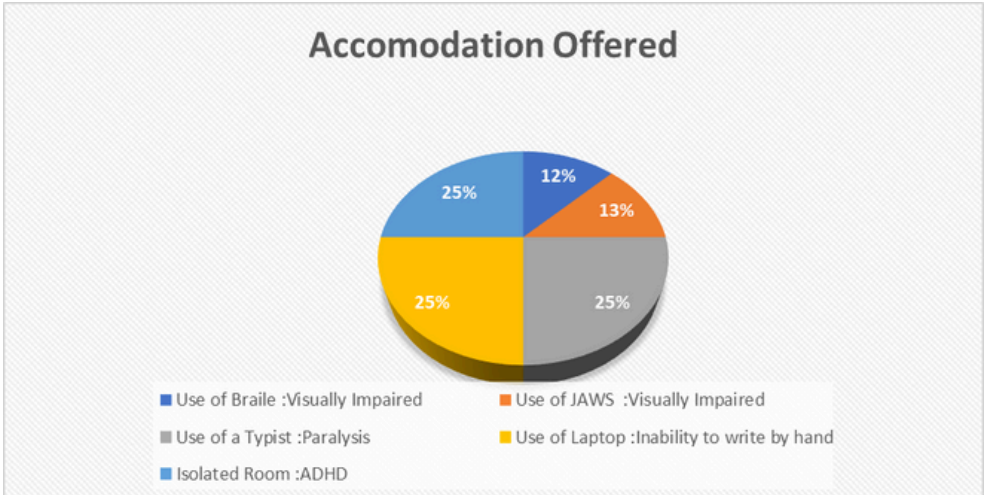
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## Accommodation of Candidates with Special Needs

During the registration for all examination, CLE requests candidates who may have any special needs, to indicate their requests for accommodation, for purposes of planning and facilitation. All requests are carefully evaluated together with any evidences provided prior to acceptance and subsequent facilitation. In the November 2024 ATP examination, CLE approved twelve (12) requests and ensured that they were accommodated to sit for the bar examination.

To assure that our candidates are facilitated appropriately, CLE partners with specialized institutions and personnel such as the Kenya Institute for the Blind in order to offer the best accommodation that meets the needs of the special needs' candidates.



Graphical Presentation of the Various forms of Accommodation.



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## National Disability Inclusion Conference 2024



Participants at the Conference, Mr. Martin Mugendi on the far right

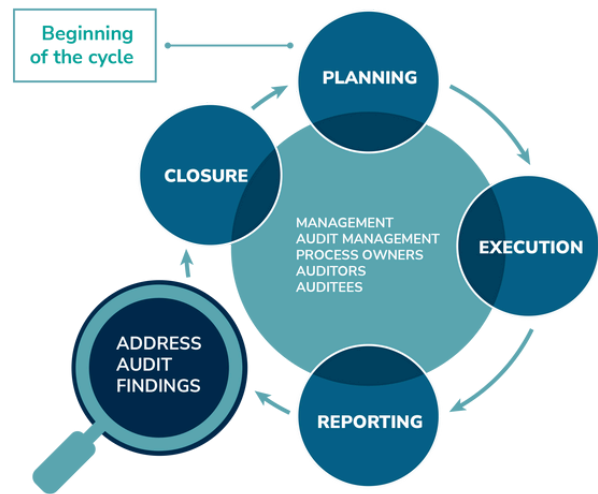
CLE through its representative, Mr. Martin Mugendi, was delighted to have participated in the National Disability Inclusion Conference which took place from 27th - 28th November 2024 at Kenya Institute of curriculum development (KICD), Nairobi Kenya.

The theme of the Conference was "Celebrating 20 years of Diversity and inclusion in Kenya".



## Development of the Internal Audit Strategy

### Internal Audit Cycle



The Institute of Internal Audit defines Internal auditing as an independent, objective assurance and advisory service designed to add value and improve an organization's operations. It helps an organization accomplish its objectives by bringing a systematic, disciplined approach to evaluate and improve the effectiveness of governance, risk management, and control processes.

The Internal Audit Division at CLE is established in compliance with the provisions of Section 73(1) of the Public Finance Management Act, 2012 (PFMA).





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which requires all National government entities to establish Internal Audit functions. National Government Public Finance Management Regulations (PFMR) Regulation 161 require these Internal Audit functions to conduct Internal Audit in accordance with the International Professional Practices Framework (IPPF) and with policies and guidelines issued by the Public Sector Accounting Standards Board (PSASB) to ensure uniformity and consistency as stipulated under section of the PFMA s194 (1) (c).

The Internal Audit Division recently reviewed its Internal Audit Strategy with the aim of establishing a clear roadmap that aligns the objectives of the Internal Audit Division and the Strategic Plan of the Council.



## Graduation Ceremony at Kamiti Maximum Prison

The Ag. CEO, Ms. Gitiri, at the invitation of Justice Defenders, attended the graduation ceremony at Kamiti Maximum Prison on 27th November 2024 celebrating the achievements of 29 individuals who successfully completed their Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree under a transformative partnership with the University of London.

The graduates included:

- 11 inmates.
- 12 prison officers.
- 6 ex-inmates.



Two (2) ex-inmates have been admitted to the Bar.

This milestone is part of a project launched in 2013 through a collaboration between the Kenya Prisons Service, Justice Defenders, and the University of London. The initiative focuses on training inmates and prison staff as paralegals, equipping them with legal skills to represent themselves and others in court.

We congratulate all the graduants.





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