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Welcome to the 5th Monthly Issue of the Council of Legal Education Newsletter!

As we start 2025, we are excited for the new year and the many opportunities it holds. We look forward to the continued growth and success of CLE as we work to fulfill our mission and deliver on our mandate. We hope that you will be part of our success this year.

## Vision, Mission & Core Values

### Mission

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



### Core Values

- Accountability
- Excellence
- Integrity
- Inclusiveness
- Innovation



### Strategic Goal

Transformative legal education and training in Kenya



### Vision

Innovative Legal Professionals  
Transforming Society



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## CLE's Mandate



- Regulate legal education and training in Kenya offered by legal education providers;
- Licence legal education providers;
- Supervise legal education providers; and
- Advise the Government on matters relating to legal education and training.
- Recognise and approve qualifications obtained outside Kenya for purposes of admission to the Roll.
- Administer such professional examinations as may be prescribed under section 13 of the Advocates Act.





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## Standards, Licensing, Supervision & Compliance Directorate (SLSC)



On this issue, we focus on one of the Core Directorate in CLE, the Standards, Licensing, Supervision, and Compliance Directorate.

SLSC is a core mandate directorate and the primary driver and implementer of the Council's mandate under Section 8 Legal Education Act, Chapter 16B Laws of Kenya (LEA). The directorate's primary objective is to support and promote the highest possible standards in legal education & training in Kenya.

The Directorate facilitates and supports legal education providers through rigorous quality assurance and licensing processes to ensure continuous improvement in legal education in Kenya.

Specifically, SLSC's main work and responsibility covers five (5) out of six(6) functions of the Council prescribed in Section 8(1) LEA which are;

- 1.Regulate legal education and training in Kenya;
- 2.License legal education providers;
- 3.Supervise legal education providers;
- 4.Advise the Government on matters relating to legal education and training; and
- 5.Recognize and approve qualifications obtained outside Kenya for purposes of the Bar (ATP) Programme.

Under the Council's current Strategic Plan 2023-2027, SLSC is the primary implementer of two (2) out of four (4) Key Result Areas: innovative curricula in legal education and legal education regulatory framework.

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Directorate has the following Quality Commitments:

- Process applications for licensing or renewal of license and provide relevant information to prospective legal education providers;
- Conduct quality audits and inspections and originate draft reports;

Inspection at Kenyatta University School of Law

- Act and respond on applications for recognition and approval of foreign qualifications in law;
- Conduct research on matters relating to legal education and training in Kenya and submit reports to the Government as required;
- Disseminate licensing information packs to institutional licensing applicants.



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## After Gazettement,

To a qualified ATP candidate, publication of one's name in the Kenya Gazette comes with a big sigh of relief! It marks the end of a long, rigorous academic and professional journey. Upon gazettelement, a quick glance at the various social media platforms like Facebook and X, takes one to the world of unparalleled jubilation and excitement as the qualified candidates take time to pour out the memories and excitement of their journey and pursuit of excellence to become members of the legal profession.

Gazettelement is the final leg in a lawyer's quest for admission as a bona fide member of the legal profession. It is only after this that the strong power of the timeless phrase 'to read and do all that appertains to the law degree' takes effect.





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## 2nd Quarter 2024/2025 FY Gazettement

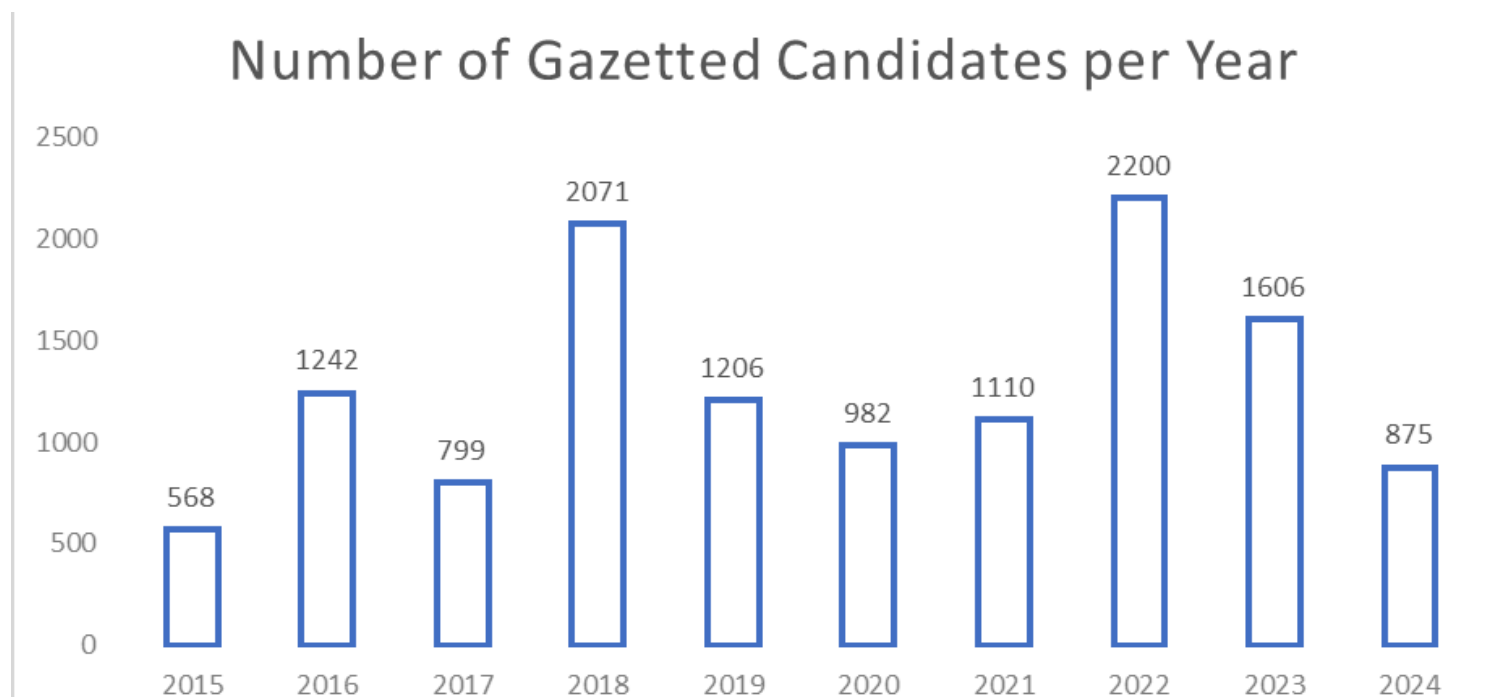
CLE gazettes qualified candidates each quarter. In the 2nd Quarter of the 2024/2025 Financial Year, CLE received a total of Eighty-Six (86) candidates for purposes of gazette. Upon application of the qualification criteria, as set out in Section 13 of the Advocates Act, CAP 16 of the Laws of Kenya, all Eighty-Six (86) candidates were found to be compliant.

The candidates' gazette could not have come at a better time. In fact, the names were published on 27th December 2024, just after Boxing Day, hence making it a double Christmas for the Eight-Six (86) qualified candidates.

### The Numbers so far...

Looking at the arithmetic, with the number of recently gazetted candidates, Council has so far gazetted a total of Thirteen Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Six (13, 476) since 2015.

### Number of Gazetted Candidates per Year



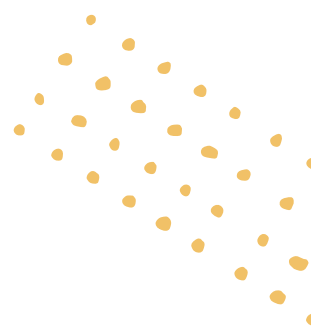


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## Pass or Fail? Don't worry there is always some way out

In any examination, there are two(2) possible outcomes: Pass or Fail. For those who pass, it is a good outcome which enables them to proceed to the next level of their academic and professional development. For anyone who fails, all is not lost. Other than re-sitting an examination, one can actually choose to remark. As much as a pass is not guaranteed, re-marking is one of the available avenues through which candidates can have their work reviewed by an independent marker.



## Re-marking versus re-sitting an Examination

Remarking is the process that allows candidates to request a re-evaluation of their examination papers. Candidates may request to re-mark if they want a re-assurance of their grade. If a first-time (regular) candidate is remarking an examination, the final score will be computed by adding the oral and project marks. On the other hand, re-sitting an examination means that a candidate loses the regular status, hence oral and project scores are not included in the computation of the final score.





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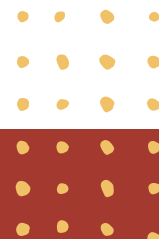
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## Notice Number 1 of 2025

Council published General Notice Number One (1) of 2025 on 6th January 2025. The notice invited candidates to commence application to remark the November 2024 ATP Examination. The notice, among other details, informed candidates of the timelines within which candidates are expected to register to remark the November 2024 ATP Examination. Usually Council allows candidates a period of one (1) month to apply for remarking. Thus, in the notice published, the application for remark commenced on the 6th of January to the 5th February 2025.

## Remark Results as the final scores

Remarking does not guarantee one a pass. In fact, there are three (3) possible outcomes. In some cases, the remark score could turn out to be lower than the original score, it can go up or remain the same. Once remark results are approved by Council, they shall be released to individual candidate's portal.





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