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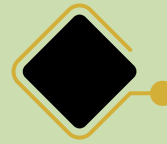
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EDITORS NOTE



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Welcome to the 23rd Edition of the CLE Newsletter.

As the legal education landscape continues to evolve, the Council remains steadfast in its commitment to strengthening standards, fostering innovation, and delivering responsive regulation that supports a dynamic legal profession. This edition captures the progress made in advancing quality assurance, institutional excellence, and stakeholder collaboration in pursuit of our statutory mandate.

Inside, you will find highlights of key initiatives undertaken during the period, including quality assurance audits and inspections, strategic engagements within the justice sector, efforts to modernise the administration of the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) Examination, digital transformation initiatives, and programmes promoting national values and constitutional governance.

This edition also reflects our growing emphasis on stakeholder engagement and customer-centred service delivery. By strengthening partnerships with legal education providers, candidates, government institutions, and justice sector actors, the Council continues to build a legal education system that is credible, inclusive, and responsive to the needs of a changing society.

Beyond highlighting CLE's achievements, this edition underscores our shared responsibility to shape the future of legal education through collaboration, innovation, and adherence to the highest standards of professionalism. As the regulatory landscape continues to evolve, CLE remains committed to embracing best practices, strengthening institutional resilience, and delivering value-driven services that inspire public confidence and support the continued transformation of legal education and training in Kenya.

As you explore these pages, we invite you to reflect on the collective progress made and the opportunities ahead. We remain grateful to our Council Members, Management, staff, legal education providers, partner institutions, and stakeholders whose continued collaboration enables us to uphold excellence in legal education and training.

Thank you for your continued support, and enjoy the read.

CLE NEWS BULLETIN

CLE Participates in 38th NCAJ Meeting

The Council of Legal Education (CLE) participated in the 38th Meeting of the National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ), where Hon. Chief Justice Martha K. Koome launched five landmark justice-sector reform instruments to strengthen coordination, collaboration and access to justice. Represented by Prof. Jack Mwimali, CLE reaffirmed its commitment to supporting justice sector reforms and advancing the rule of law through strategic institutional collaboration.



Prof. Jack Mwimali with the Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome during the 38th NCAJ Meeting



Prof. Jack Mwimali (left) during the Launch of FY2027/28 Budget Preparation Process

CLE at FY2027/28 Budget Launch

Prof. Jack Mwimali attended the launch of the Financial Year (FY) 2027/28 Medium-Term Budget Preparation Process at KICC. The event marked the commencement of the national budget cycle, with CLE reaffirming its commitment to sound planning, accountability, and prudent management of public resources.

CLE Benchmarks with KNEC

CLE's Directorate of Examination conducted a benchmarking visit to the Kenya National Examinations Council (KNEC) to support the automation of examination processes. The visit facilitated the exchange of best practices in technology-driven examination management, reaffirming CLE's commitment to efficient, secure, and credible examination administration.



Officers from Directorate of Examination during the benchmarking exercise

CLE NEWS BULLETIN

Egerton Law School Audit

CLE Team led by Ms. Annah Konuche, Director of Standards, Licensing, Supervision and Compliance, conducted a quality assurance audit of Egerton University School of Law. The audit assessed the Faculty's curriculum, infrastructure, governance, staffing, library, and learning resources to ensure compliance with the Legal Education (Accreditation and Quality Assurance) Regulations, 2016.



Directorate of Standards, Licensing, Supervision and Compliance during the audit

Kabarak Law School Audit

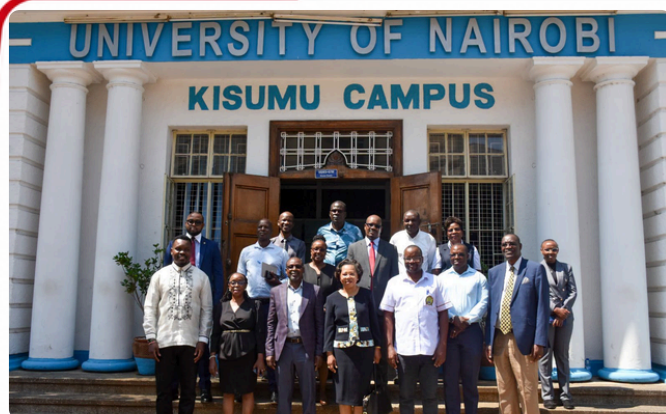
The Council of Legal Education conducted a quality assurance audit at Kabarak University School of Law as part of the University's LL.B. license renewal process. The audit assessed academic programmes, quality assurance systems, faculty, student support services and learning facilities to ensure continued compliance with the Council's accreditation standards.



CLE Team and Kabarak Law School Team during the audit

UoN Kisumu Campus Inspection

CLE inspected the University of Nairobi, Kisumu Campus Faculty of Law following the expiry of its LL.B. training licence. Led by the Quality Assurance, Compliance and Licensing Committee, the inspection assessed the Faculty's compliance with CLE's licensing and quality assurance standards, reaffirming the Council's commitment to maintaining excellence in legal education.



CLE Team and UoN Law School Team during the inspection



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THE GAZETTEMENT PROCESS EXPLAINED

From ATP Examination to Gazettement

1



Pass ATP Examination and Complete Pupillage

2

Clear with Kenya School of Law



3



KSL submits to CLE the lists of candidates cleared

4

CLE conducts final verification to confirm compliance with section 13 of the Advocates Act, Cap. 16



5



CLE gazettes qualified candidates

For more information:

Visit: www.cle.or.ke

Email: support@cle.or.ke

Call/Whats App: +254 719 150 000

FAQS ON GAZETTEMET PROCESS

What is gazettelement?

- Gazettelement is the official publication by the Council of Legal Education in the Kenya Gazette of compliant ATP Candidates.



When does CLE gazette qualified candidates?

- CLE gazettes every quarter

How can I confirm my gazettelement?

- Your name will be published in the Kenya Gazette and communicated through CLE's official communication channels.

Does passing the ATP Examination automatically qualify me for gazettelement?

- No. Passing the ATP Examination is only one of the requirements. Candidates must also complete pupillage and fulfil all statutory requirements before they can be considered for gazettelement.

Why must a candidate obtain clearance from the Kenya School of Law?

- The Kenya School of Law (KSL) verifies that a candidate has completed the required training, including pupillage, and has met all institutional obligations before submitting the list of cleared candidates to CLE.

What happens after KSL submits the list of cleared candidates?

Upon receiving the list, CLE conducts a final verification to confirm that each candidate complies with the requirements of Section 13 of the Advocates Act, Cap. 16 before approving the names for gazettelement.

Can CLE gazette a candidate whose name has not been submitted by KSL?

- No. CLE can only process candidates whose names have been formally submitted by the Kenya School of Law after all clearance requirements have been satisfied.

Where can I get more information on gazettelement?

- Visit www.cle.or.ke or send an email to support@cle.or.ke or Call/What's App +254 719 150 000



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Congratulations to all the Gazetted Candidates

GAZETTE NOTICE NO. 11430

THE LEGAL EDUCATION ACT

(Cap. 16B)

PASSING EXAMINATIONS AND PUPILAGE

PURSUANT to section 8 (1) (f) of the Legal Education Act, Cap. 16B of the Laws of Kenya, it is notified for general information that the following thirty-four (34) persons have complied with the provisions of section 13 of the Advocates Act, Cap. 16 of the Laws of Kenya as to passing examinations and pupillage subject to such exemptions as may have been granted under subsection 13 (2) of the Advocates Act, Cap. 16 of the Laws of Kenya:

TAKE further notice that this gazette shall not, of itself, confer eligibility for admission as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. every person seeking admission as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya is required to satisfy all the eligibility requirements set out under section 12 of the Advocates Act, Cap. 16 of the Laws of Kenya."

S/No.	Cle No	Name	Nationality	Exam	Pupillage
1.	CLE20120201	Janice Wanjiku Kabugi	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
2.	CLE20161950	Konir Martin Kimutai	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
3.	CLE20180968	Kyendwa Faith Kavutha	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
4.	CLE20191030	Mwangemi Wambere Esthersally	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
5.	CLE20191395	Musyoka Lorraine Nzula	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
6.	CLE20201577	Emmanuel Mark Kimathi Kathare	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
7.	CLE20201705	Brian Onyango Oduor	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
8.	CLE20201823	Nilcon Samora Asomba	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
9.	CLE20210318	Martin Muturi Njue	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
10.	CLE20211380	Ruth Wanjiru Kimiaru	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
11.	CLE20211697	Rita Hadida Jilo	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
12.	CLE20211838	Millicent Achieng Koga	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
13.	CLE20220831	Jonathan Masongo Lengaina	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
14.	CLE20221191	Mohamed Abdalla Kisinyo	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
15.	CLE20221464	Zipporah Chebichii	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
16.	CLE20230516	Ian Makambu Mong'are	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
17.	CLE20230626	Regina Wanjiku Mathu	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
18.	CLE20231094	John Steven Balah	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
19.	CLE20231100	Tricy Gathoni Kariuki	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
20.	CLE20231220	Jemurgor Mercy Boen	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
21.	CLE20240035	Alusa Elvis Manyasa	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
22.	CLE20240193	Evance Ouma Onyalo	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
23.	CLE20240300	Tessie Adhiambo Nyakoi	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
24.	CLE20240523	Ogoti Cynthia Mwango	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
25.	CLE20241012	Gilbert Ruto Tukei	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
26.	CLE20241018	Irene Mwende Mutuku	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
27.	CLE20241024	Kottowa John Otieno	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
28.	CLE20241058	Nathaniel Thiong'o Kimani	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
29.	CLE20241183	Noble Mwabini	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
30.	CLE20241250	Joy Shirley Murugi Njururi	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
31.	CLE20241346	Elsa Nyakio Gitau	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
32.	CLE20241350	Jacklyne Mwikali Mutinda	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant
33.	CLE20241505	Ange Gladys Urubuto	Rwandese	Pass	Compliant
34.	CLE20241589	Cindy Tracey Awuor Otieno	Kenyan	Pass	Compliant

Dated the 15th July, 2026.

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B. J. MWIMALI,

Secretary/CEO, Council of Legal Education.

MISSED THE LAST GAZETEMENT?

Good News

CLE gazettes eligible candidates every quarter

July

October

January

April

LICENSED LEGAL EDUCATION PROVIDERS FAQs

How do I know if a university offering a law degree in Kenya is licensed by CLE?

- You can verify whether a university is licensed by checking the official list of Licensed Legal Education Providers published on CLE website and My Gov

What should I do if the university I want to join is not on the list of licensed institutions?

- You should seek clarification from the institution and confirm its licensing status with the Council of Legal Education before enrolling.

How often does CLE update the list of licensed legal education providers?

The Council publishes the list twice a year.

Can a law school's licence expire or be withdrawn?

- Yes. A license may expire, be suspended, or be withdrawn if an institution fails to comply with the standards and requirements prescribed by the Council.

Does studying at a licensed university automatically qualify me to become an advocate?

- No. Graduating from a licensed institution is only one requirement. You must also meet all statutory requirements for admission to ATP and subsequently qualify for admission to the Roll of Advocates.

Whom should I contact if I have questions about a law school's licensing status?

- You can contact CLE through its official communication channels for clarification on the licensing status of any legal education provider.

Why is it important to study at a licensed law school?

- Studying at a licensed institution ensures that the programme meets the required quality standards and that your qualification will be recognized



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STRENGTHENING PARTNERSHIPS THROUGH A FEASIBILITY ASSESSMENT AT THE KENYA INSTITUTE OF MASS COMMUNICATION

By Peter Kipyegon

The Council of Legal Education conducted a feasibility assessment at the Kenya Institute of Mass Communication (KIMC) on 22 July 2026 to evaluate the institution's suitability as a venue for administering the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) Examination.

The exercise reflects CLE's commitment to ensuring that examination centres provide secure, accessible and conducive environments for high-stakes professional examinations.

Assessing Examination Readiness

CLE Team inspected lecture halls, examination rooms and supporting facilities to determine their readiness for the ATP Examination. The assessment covered room capacities, seating arrangements, accessibility for persons with disabilities, lighting, ventilation, sanitation, security measures and emergency preparedness.

These evaluations are essential in maintaining the integrity, fairness and credibility of the examination process while ensuring a positive experience for candidates.

Building Strategic Partnerships

Beyond assessing infrastructure, the visit provided an opportunity to strengthen collaboration between the Council of Legal Education and Kenya Institute of Mass Communication.

Discussions focused on operational requirements, logistical arrangements and future cooperation in the administration of professional examinations.

The engagement reaffirmed CLE's recognition of examination venues as strategic partners whose contribution is vital to the successful delivery of the ATP Examination.

Advancing Excellence in Examination Administration

The feasibility assessment reflects the CLE's commitment to quality assurance, stakeholder engagement and continuous improvement.

It strengthens institutional partnerships and ensures ATP examinations are conducted in secure, accessible and professional venues, reinforcing public confidence in the integrity of the examination process.



File photo of a prototype examination room. Ambience and general room layout are critical components of efficient examination administration.

MODERNISING THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE BAR EXAMINATION

By Peter Kipyegon



Prof. Jack Mwimali and Participants in the Retreat to Align Regulatory and Operational Frameworks with Emerging Best Practices

CLE is undertaking a comprehensive reform of the administration of the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) Examination to enhance its integrity, efficiency and credibility. As the final gateway to admission into the legal profession, the Bar Examination must continually evolve to reflect advances in assessment practices, technology and stakeholder expectations.

The reform, a flagship initiative under Key Result Area 1 of the CLE Strategic Plan 2023–2027, aims to modernise examination governance and administration by strengthening regulatory frameworks, operational procedures and quality assurance systems.

The objective is to establish a secure, transparent and technology-enabled examination process aligned with international best practices.

As part of this initiative, the Directorate of Examination held a document review retreat from 6–10 July 2026 to evaluate and harmonise key examination governance instruments.

The review focused on every stage of the examination lifecycle, including candidate registration, examination development, administration, marking, moderation, results processing and certification.

Once implemented, the reforms will provide a robust governance framework that promotes consistency, transparency and operational excellence, reinforcing public confidence in the ATP Examination and supporting CLE's mandate to uphold the highest standards of legal education and professional training in Kenya.



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JULY PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. Felix Odhiambo with the Cabinet Secretary for Education, Hon. Julius Migos Ogamba, during the Kenyatta University Graduation Ceremony.



The University of Nairobi School of Law Mombasa Campus Library and Library resources Inspection by Council members



The University of Nairobi School of Law Mombasa Campus Moot Court Facilities Inspection by Council members



Group photo of delegates of the 38th NCAJ Council Retreat. The Retreat was chaired by the Hon. Chief Justice Martha Koome



Kabarak University Law School audit by the Directorate of Standards, Licensing, Supervision and Compliance



The University of Nairobi School of Law Kisumu Campus inspection by Council members



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HRIS MIGRATION SETS STAGE FOR FASTER AND MORE EFFICIENT HR SERVICES



Prof. Jack Mwimali and Participants in the HRIS Migration Retreat

CLE continues to strengthen institutional efficiency by implementing a Human Resource Information System (HRIS), a key initiative aimed at modernising human resource management and supporting digital transformation across the organisation.

To facilitate this transition, the Human Resource and Administration Directorate convened an HRIS Migration Retreat, bringing together officers from relevant Divisions to validate, clean and migrate employee data into the new system.

The retreat provided a structured platform to review existing records, verify data accuracy and ensure consistency before migration to the digital platform.

The migration exercise focused on key human resource functions, including employee records, establishment data, leave management, performance management, training records and other core HR processes.

Participants also reviewed system requirements and data governance measures to ensure compliance with public service standards and institutional policies.

The HRIS is expected to automate routine human resource processes, improve data integrity, enhance reporting capabilities and strengthen decision-making through real-time access to accurate information. Once fully operational, the system will reduce manual processes, improve service delivery, enhance operational efficiency and support evidence-based human resource management.



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PROMOTING NATIONAL COHESION AND NATIONAL VALUES



Members of the National Cohesion and National Values Committee

CLE continues to promote national cohesion and uphold the national values and principles of governance enshrined in Article 10 of the Constitution.

Through transparent governance, ethical leadership, stakeholder engagement and equitable service delivery, the Council strengthened accountability and fostered public confidence in its regulatory mandate.

These efforts reaffirm CLE's commitment to building an inclusive, professional and values-driven institution while advancing quality legal education and training in Kenya.

CLE also continued to enhance integrity, inclusivity, responsiveness and citizen-centred service delivery through strengthened institutional governance, effective partnerships, compliance with constitutional obligations and continuous stakeholder engagement, thereby contributing to a just, accountable and resilient legal education sector.

NATIONAL VALUES AND PRINCIPLES OF GOVERNANCE

ARTICLE 10 OF THE CONSTITUTION OF KENYA, 2010



INTEGRITY

We uphold the honest, ethical and truth, and aspire to be reputable in all our dealings.



RULE OF LAW

We shall abide by all laws, human and our constitution and defend all that.



ACCOUNTABILITY

We shall appreciate that we are answerable to the people and the law in our actions.



TRANSPARENCY

We shall open up our decision making processes and adhere to clear procedures.



GOOD GOVERNANCE

We practice effective leadership, efficient management and appropriate use of resources.



HUMAN DIGNITY

We recognize the inherent worth and treat all persons with respect and compassion.



HUMAN RIGHTS

We shall respect, protect, promote and fulfil fundamental freedoms of all persons.



EQUITY AND EQUALITY

We shall treat all persons with equity and fairness to achieve just, balanced and fair outcomes.



CONSERVATION AND PARTICIPATION OF THE PEOPLE

We engage all people in the sustainable development, management and utilization of resources.



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We shall pursue economic, social and environmental well-being for the present and future generations.

REMARK EXPLAINED

- A remark allows a candidate to request a review of their examination scripts
- The process verifies that all responses were marked and marks were correctly awarded, totalled and captured.
- A remark enhances transparency, fairness and accountability in the administration of the ATP Examination.
- Candidates must submit their applications within the prescribed timelines and in accordance with CLE's examination guidelines.



FACTS

- Only the papers requested by the candidate are subjected to the remark process.
- The integrity of the examination process is maintained through structured quality assurance and verification procedures.
- Candidates are officially notified of the outcome once the remark process has been completed.
- The remark process provides an additional quality assurance mechanism, reinforcing public confidence in the credibility of the ATP Examination.
- A remark does not automatically increase marks. Following the remarking process, a candidate's marks may increase, decrease, or remain unchanged



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CANDIDATE ENGAGEMENTS



Prof. Jack Mwimali engaging Advocates Training Programme candidates at the Kenya School of Law

The Council of Legal Education regularly engages candidates to enhance communication, promote transparency, and improve service delivery throughout the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) examination process. These engagements provide candidates with accurate information on examination procedures, registration, results, remarking, appeals, and other regulatory requirements.

By engaging candidates, the Council addresses emerging concerns, clarifies policies and procedures, gathers valuable feedback, and promotes compliance with examination regulations. The engagements also strengthen public confidence, foster mutual understanding, and support the Council's commitment to accountability, fairness, and continuous improvement in the administration of legal education and professional examinations.

Virtual Engagement with 2026 ATP Candidates



Thursday
20th Aug 2026



From
11 am to 1 pm



Virtual
Meeting link will be shared





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REPAY YOUR BEL LOAN, EMPOWER ANOTHER CANDIDATE



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BAR EXAMINATION LOAN REPAYMENT

The Bar Exam Loan [BEL] is available for the Advocate Training Program Examination Registration fees only. It earns an interest rate of 4% per annum and matures 1.5 years after disbursement.

BEL Repayment

1. Repay BEL using USSD Code *642#, HELB Mobile App, Loanee Self-Serve Portal, and
2. Employers Portal for those being deducted through payroll deductions.
3. For Kenyans in diaspora, repay through Sendwave, World Remit and/or Bank deposit.
4. Upon completion of loan repayment, clearance is done by HELB.

For inquiries and repayment support:

1. **HEL B Portal:** www.helb.co.ke
2. **Call:** 0711052000
3. **Email:** support@cle.orke
4. **Visit:** www.cle.orke
5. **Email:** contactcentre@helb.co.ke

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PREPARING FOR THE HARVEST

by Peter Kipyegon

The harvest awaits beyond the hill,
For those whose hearts are steady still.
It is not found by chance or fate,
But earned by those who persevere and wait.

Each sunrise brings another page,
Another lesson, another stage.
Each case you read, each law you learn,
Becomes a lamp whose light will burn.

The seed is sown in silent hours,
In disciplined and hidden powers.
While others rest, you choose to grow,
For greatness blooms where diligence will sow.

The field is wide, the road is long,
Yet faith will keep the spirit strong.
Let every setback make you wise,
For stronger dreams through trials arise.

Do not fear the testing day;
It merely measures what you lay.
The mind prepared, the heart made true,
Will find that every dream breaks through.

Soon the season will arrive,
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May wisdom guide your every choice,
May courage be your constant voice.
May excellence become your art,
With knowledge rooted in your heart.

When the final papers all are done,
And every battle has been won,
May your names with pride be called,
As every faithful effort is recalled.

So prepare with purpose, study with grace,
Run your own determined race.
For those who labour with resolve today
Will reap a harvest that no storm can take away

To every 2026 ATP candidate:
May your preparation be disciplined,
Your confidence unwavering and your harvest
one of distinction.
May your results reflect the dedication you have
sown and open the gates to a fulfilling career in
the legal profession.



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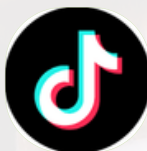
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