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EDITOR'S NOTE

This edition highlights CLE's continued commitment to strengthening legal education and training in Kenya through strategic leadership, regulatory development, stakeholder collaboration and institutional excellence.

The engagements and milestones featured reflect CLE's efforts to advance quality assurance, promote professional standards, enhance stakeholder experience and contribute to a responsive justice sector.

From strategic partnerships and curriculum development to staff capacity building and public service values, these initiatives demonstrate the importance of collective responsibility in fulfilling CLE's mandate.

As we reflect on this progress, we remain focused on innovation, accountability and excellence in service delivery.

Enjoy the read!



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Leadership Teams from CLE, UoN and Co-Impact



Candidates during a past Admission to the Bar Ceremony



CLE, UoN and Co-Impact members during a group discussion

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THE NAIROBI DIALOGUE ON GLOBAL TRUST

CLE participated in the Trust Summit – Nairobi Dialogue on Global Trust, held in Nairobi, which brought together leaders, policymakers and experts to explore the role of trust in addressing complex global challenges.

A key highlight of the Summit was the Climate Baraza session on Climate and Ecological Fragility, facilitated by Prof. Collins Odote. The session examined the critical question of how trust influences collective action on climate change and environmental sustainability.

The discussions highlighted the role of trust and collaboration in addressing climate change and ecological challenges.

CLE's participation reinforces its commitment to sustainable development.



Prof. Collins Odote, Chairperson of the Council of Legal Education, moderating a panel discussion.

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REAPPOINTMENT OF PROF. COLLINS ODOTE AS CLE CHAIPERSON

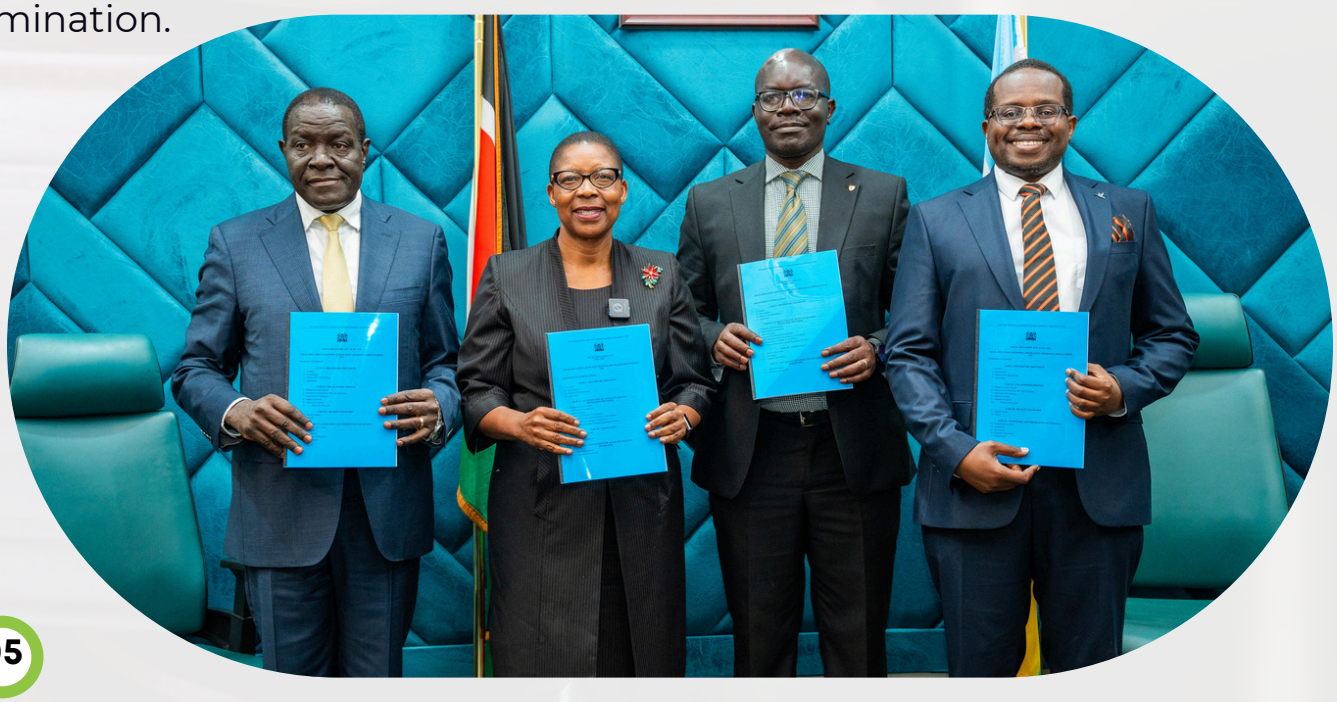
Congratulations!

Prof. Collins Odote has been reappointed chairperson of the Council of Legal Education (CLE) for another three-year term, effective October 23, 2026.

Prof. Odote's reappointment comes as the Council continues to implement its 2023–2027 strategic plan, which has focused on regulatory reforms, quality assurance in legal education and improvements to the administration of the Advocates Training Programme (ATP) Examination.

During his previous term, the Council developed two draft regulations aimed at strengthening the oversight of legal education and training in Kenya.

The Draft Legal Education (Licensing and Quality Assurance) Regulations, 2026, and the Draft Legal Education (Advocates Training Programme) Regulations, 2026, were handed over to the Attorney General for further consideration.



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ALL HANDS-ON DECK

PREPARATIONS FOR THE NOVEMBER 2026 ATP EXAMINATION

BY PETER KIPYEGON

"Upholding the integrity of the ATP Examination is our collective responsibility."

The ATP Examination is a critical milestone in the professional journey of all aspiring advocates.

It is therefore imperative for CLE to ensure its effective and successful administration.

This requires adequate preparation, adherence to examination regulations and the collective commitment of all stakeholders to uphold the integrity and credibility of the examination.

Examination Dates

The November 2026 ATP Examination will run from Thursday, 12th November to Tuesday, 24 November 2026.

Candidates are expected to familiarise themselves with the examination dates for their respective units and make the necessary arrangements to report to their allocated examination centres in good time.

Examination Card

To be eligible to sit the ATP Examination, a candidate must be duly registered for the specific examination unit.

In addition, all candidates are required to present the requisite authorisation documents at the examination venue.

Examination Centres



KNEC, New Mtihani House, South C



·The Co-operative University of Kenya



·Kenya School of Law



·JKUAT, Karen Campus

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A MILESTONE IN LEGAL EDUCATION GAZETTEMENT OF 1,047 CANDIDATES

BY PETER KIPYEGON

The journey from legal education to professional practice is one marked by dedication, perseverance, discipline and a commitment to excellence.

For 1,047 candidates, that journey has reached a significant milestone following their successful completion of the Advocates' Training Programme (ATP) examination and pupillage requirements, culminating in their gazettement by CLE.

This achievement is more than a numerical milestone.

It represents years of academic preparation, rigorous professional training and practical exposure aimed at equipping aspiring advocates with the knowledge, skills and ethical grounding required to serve in the legal profession.

It also reflects the collective efforts of CLE, the Kenya School of Law (KSL), legal practitioners involved in training and other stakeholders in advancing the quality of legal education and training in Kenya.

STEP BY STEP GUIDE ON GAZETTEMENT

- Pass ATP Examination and Complete Pupillage
- Clear with the Kenya School of Law
- KSL submits to CLE the lists of candidates cleared
- CLE conducts final verification
- CLE gazettes qualified candidates

CLE reaffirms its commitment to nurturing a competent, ethical and professional legal fraternity and congratulates all the candidates as they prepare to transition into legal practice.

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CONSULTATIVE MEETING WITH DEANS OF SCHOOLS OF LAW



Prof. Jack Mwimali addressing the Deans



Ms. Eri Mathers, Chief, Child Protection Section at UNICEF

CLE, in collaboration with NCAJ and UNICEF, convened a two-day Consultative Deans Meeting to deliberate on integrating emerging legal issues into Kenya's legal education and training curriculum.

The engagement sought to build consensus on curriculum review and strengthen the relevance and responsiveness of legal education to evolving justice sector needs.

The consultations brought together Deans of Schools of Law and key justice sector stakeholders to exchange perspectives and identify priority areas for reform. The initiative reinforces CLE's commitment to collaborative engagement and continuous improvement in legal education and professional training in Kenya.

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CONSULTATIVE DEANS MEETING PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. Felix Odhiambo,
Director Examination,
Council of Legal Education



Ms. Annah Konuche,
Director SLSC,
Council of Legal Education



Ms. Victoria Wahu,
Principal Legal Officer,
Council of Legal Education



Mr. Zaddock Amboko,
Ass. Director, Test Development
Council of Legal Education



Prof. Ruth Anyango,
Egerton University School of Law



Prof. Sarah Kinyanjui,
The University of Nairobi

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CONSULTATIVE DEANS MEETING PHOTO GALLERY



Dr. Agnes Meroka,
The University of Nairobi



Deans Meeting Ongoing



Dr Suleiman Mwangi,
Director, Quality Assurance,
St. Pauls University



Deans Meeting Ongoing



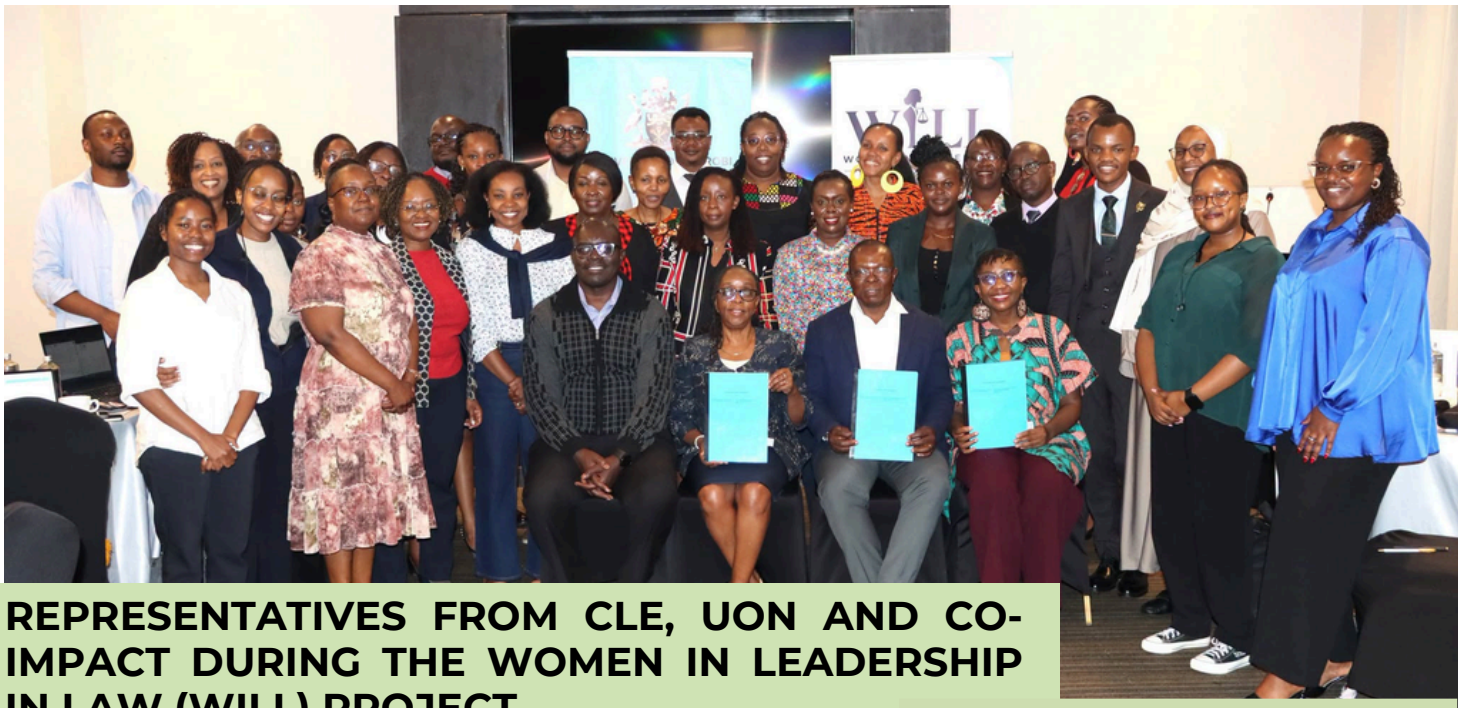
Dr. Johana Kambo Gathongo
Dean,
Embu School of Law



Dr Eric Kibet,
Dean,
Zetech University School of Law

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REPRESENTATIVES FROM CLE, UON AND CO-IMPACT DURING THE WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP IN LAW (WILL) PROJECT.

The Council of Legal Education, the University of Nairobi and Co-Impact convened a Partnership, Induction and Alignment engagement under the Women in Leadership in Law (WiLL) Project.

The meeting provided an opportunity to formalise the partnership, align implementation priorities and clarify institutional roles and responsibilities. The partners endorsed the agreement, reaffirming their commitment to advancing women's leadership in the legal profession through strategic collaboration.

The initiative seeks to strengthen leadership development and promote greater representation of women in the legal profession.



Prof. Collins Odote during the WiLL Project Engagement



Prof. Mwimali and Prof. Kamau after signing the agreement

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WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP IN LAW (WILL) PROJECT GALLERY



The Women in Leadership in Law (WiLL) Project Leaders

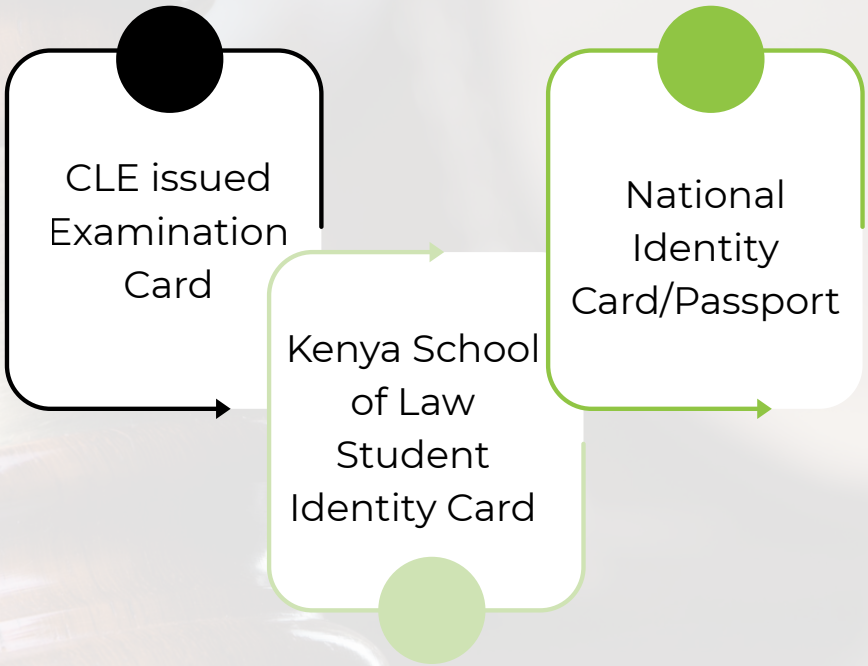


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EXAMINATION AUTHORIZATION CARD

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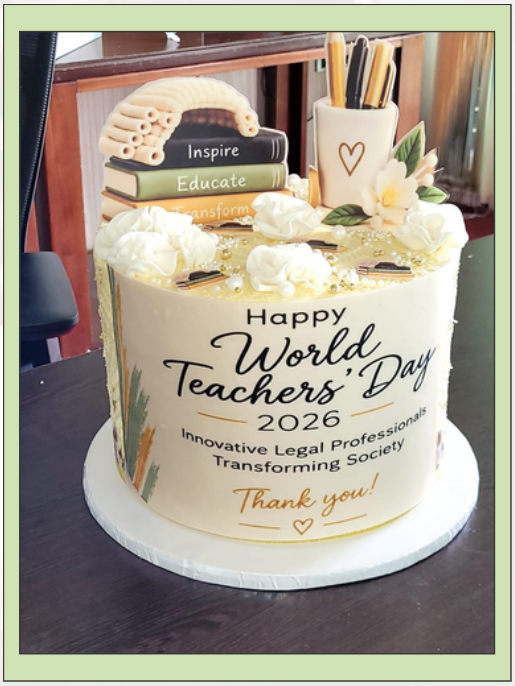
NOVEMBER 2026 ATP EXAMINATION TIMETABLE

DAY	DATE	UNIT NAME	UNIT CODE
Thursday	12th November 2026	Civil Litigation	ATP 100
Friday	13th November 2026	Professional Ethics	ATP 105
Monday	16th November 2026	Criminal Litigation	ATP 101
Tuesday	17th November 2026	Trial Advocacy	ATP 104
Wednesday	18th November 2026	Probate and Administration	ATP 102
Thursday	19th November 2026	Legal Writing Drafting	ATP 103
Friday	20th November 2026	Conveyancing	ATP 107
Monday	23rd November 2026	Commercial Transactions	ATP 108
Tuesday	24th November 2026	Legal Practice Management	ATP 106

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CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK 2026



CLE marked Customer Service Week 2026 from 5th to 9th October under the theme “The Extra Mile”, reaffirming its commitment to service excellence and enhanced stakeholder experience.

The five-day programme featured media relations and crisis communication training, the CLE Open Day, staff recognition and cultural celebrations, providing opportunities for learning, stakeholder engagement and institutional interaction.

HAPPY CS WEEK 2026!

The programme reinforced a shared commitment to professionalism, teamwork and continuous improvement in service delivery, while fostering a stakeholder-centred culture focused on responsiveness, accountability and service excellence.

It also provided an opportunity to strengthen internal communication, enhance staff awareness of CLE's mandate and promote a collective institutional responsibility in addressing stakeholder needs.



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CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK GALLERY



Creative Vintage Wear



World Teachers Day



Patriotic Day



Creative Cultural Wear



Creative Vintage Wear



Dr. Mikwaa facilitating a Ttraining



Mr. Ali Mwalewa facilitating a training

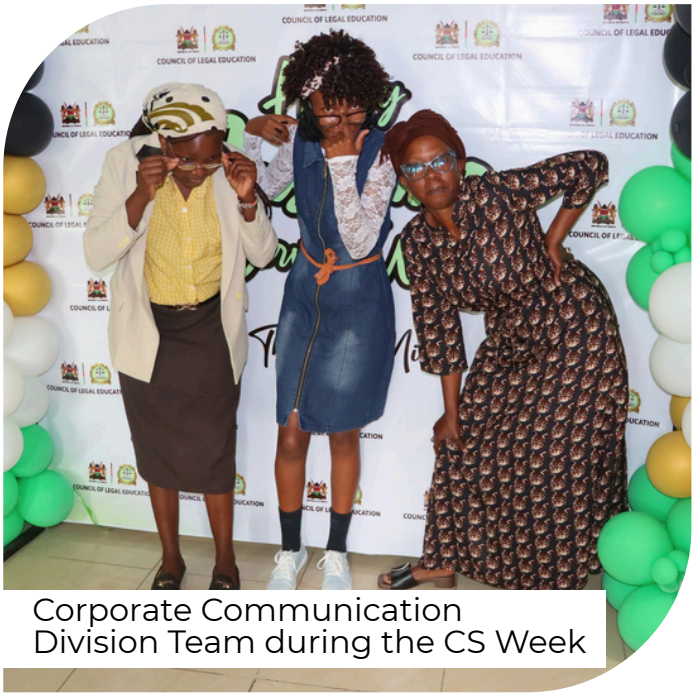
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CUSTOMER SERVICE WEEK GALLERY



Directorate of Examination Team during the Customer Service Week

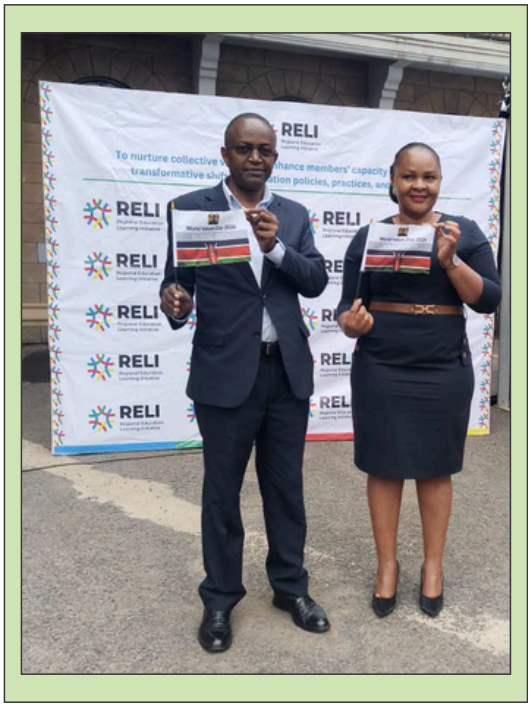


Corporate Communication Division Team during the CS Week



Creative Vintage Wear

WORLD VALUES DAY 2026



CLE, represented by Mr. Josphat Waithaka and Ms. Caroline Njeru, Chairperson and Secretary of the National Cohesion and Public Service Values and Principles Committee, respectively, participated in the World Values Day 2026 awareness walk through Nairobi CBD.

The event highlighted integrity, accountability, transparency and national cohesion, reaffirming CLE's commitment to upholding national values and ethical standards in legal education and training.





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PARALEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING



The Technical Committee during the Inaugural Meeting at CLE Offices

CLE has commenced the development of a Regulatory Framework for Paralegal Education and Training in Kenya, in line with its mandate under the Legal Education Act, Cap. 16B.

CLE convened the inaugural meeting of the Technical Committee to deliberate on the proposed framework and establish a roadmap for its development.

The initiative seeks to provide a structured approach to paralegal education and training through a consultative process involving key sector stakeholders.

The meeting, led by Ms. Annah Konuche, Director, Standards, Licensing, Supervision and Compliance, brought together representatives from the Paralegal Society of Kenya, Legal Resources Foundation Trust, Kituo Cha Sheria, National Legal Aid Service) and Kenya Law Reform Commission .

The initiative marks an important step towards strengthening the regulatory landscape for paralegal education and training

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ATP EXAMINATION GUIDELINES BY PETER KIPYEGON

CLE urges all candidates to read and comply with the Candidates' Guide to the ATP Examination for the November 2026 Cycle. The guide, available on the Council's official website, www.cle.or.ke provides important information on examination procedures, candidate responsibilities and the requirements for participating in the examination.

Integrity Is Non-Negotiable

The integrity of the ATP Examination is central to the credibility of legal education and the professional standards of the legal profession. All candidates must comply with the applicable examination regulations, rules and instructions issued by CLE.

Instructions to Candidates

All candidates must also comply with instructions concerning entry into examination rooms, the handling of examination question papers and answer booklets, the commencement and conclusion of examinations and the submission of scripts.

Role of Examination Officers

Examination officers are responsible for ensuring the orderly administration of examinations, verifying candidate identities, enforcing examination regulations and reporting any irregularities in accordance with CLE procedures.

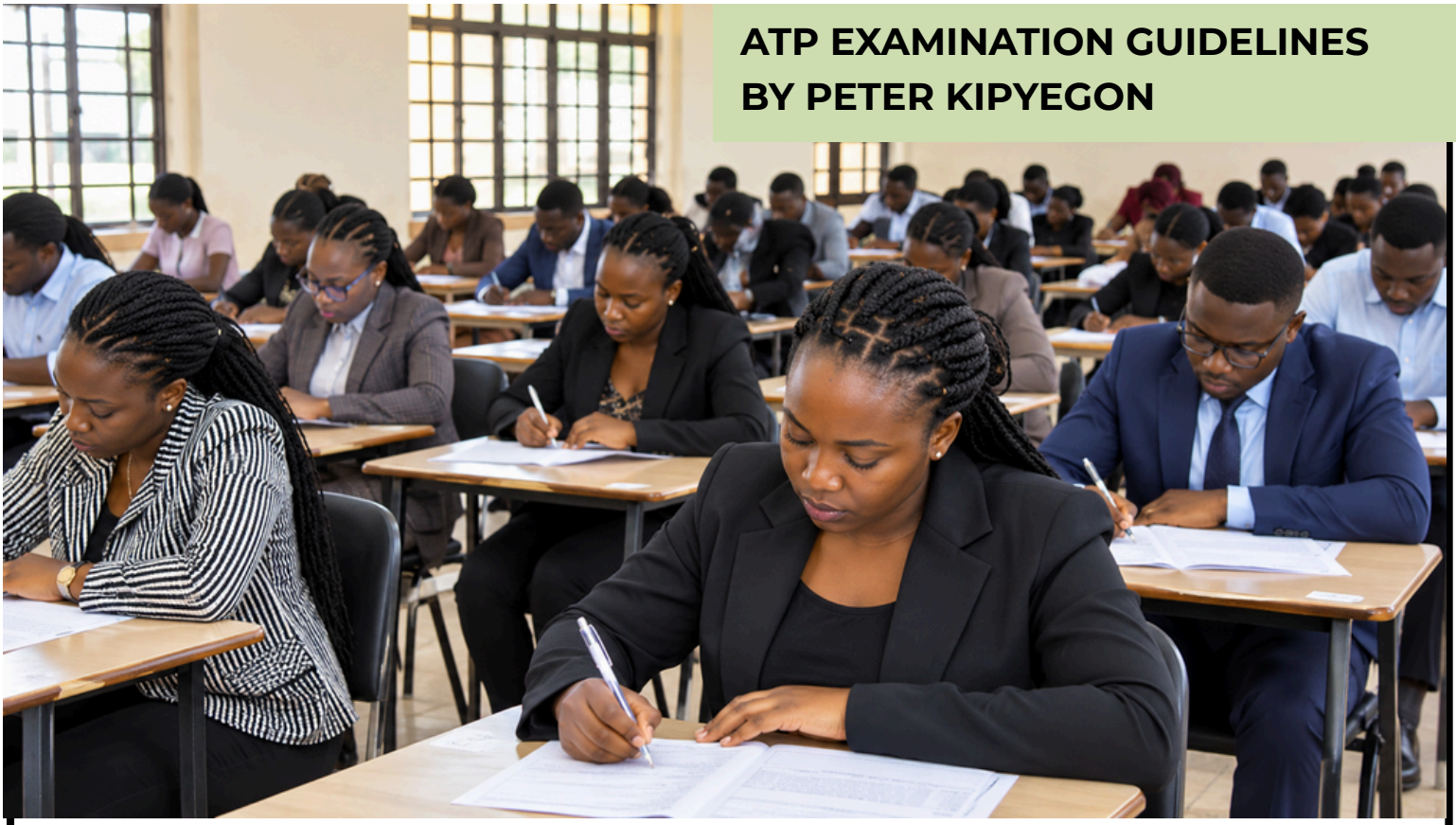
Examination Irregularities

Examination misconduct, including unauthorised communication, possession or use of prohibited materials, impersonation, collusion and any attempt to gain an unfair advantage, is unacceptable. Candidates must not engage in any conduct that compromises the fairness, security or integrity of the examination.

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Reporting time

Candidates should arrive at their allocated examination centres sufficiently early to allow for verification and other entry procedures before the examination begins at 9:00 a.m.

Examination Cards

Candidates must carry their examination cards and the required identification documents for verification by authorised examination personnel.

Examination Materials

Candidates should bring the permitted writing materials and any other items expressly authorised under the applicable examination instructions.

Examination Venue

Candidates must report to the centre and room indicated on their examination cards and confirm the dates for all registered units.

Special Needs Arrangement

Candidates requiring reasonable accommodation should ensure that their requests have been communicated to CLE.

CLE wishes all candidates the very best in the November 2026 ATP Examination

1,047 DREAMS, ONE DESTINATION

BY PETER KIPYEGON

Today, a thousand dreams take flight,
A thousand stars begin to shine so bright.
One thousand and forty-seven names,
Etched in history, deserving of acclaim.

Through countless hours of toil and strain,
Through sleepless nights and moments of pain,
They held their ground, they pressed ahead,
With hope and courage as their daily bread.

From lecture halls to examination rooms,
They nurtured dreams that now begin to bloom.
Through every challenge, every test,
They gave their all, they did their best.

The journey was long, the road was steep,
With promises made and dreams to keep.
Yet neither doubt nor fear could sever
Their determination to persevere.

And now the Gazette tells their story,
A moment of honour, a milestone of glory.
One thousand and forty-seven stand tall,
A testament to resilience that conquered all.

But this is not the end of the race,
It is the dawn of a greater place.
Beyond the pages, beyond the pen,
Lies the noble calling to serve fellow men.

For justice awaits, and the law calls,
To uphold the truth when injustice falls.
To defend the weak, to champion the right,
To let fairness prevail in the darkest night.

To the Kenya School of Law, we extend our praise,
To Council of Legal Education,
Whose efforts paved the way.
To every mentor, every hand that played a part,
Your contribution has touched each aspiring advocate's heart.

So raise your heads, let your spirits soar,
The world of justice awaits you at its door.
This milestone with pride and grace,
For you are ready to take your place.
1,047 names. 1,047 stories. 1,047 journeys of determination.

Today, we celebrate your achievement.
Tomorrow, we welcome service.
And always, we honour the pursuit of justice.



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