

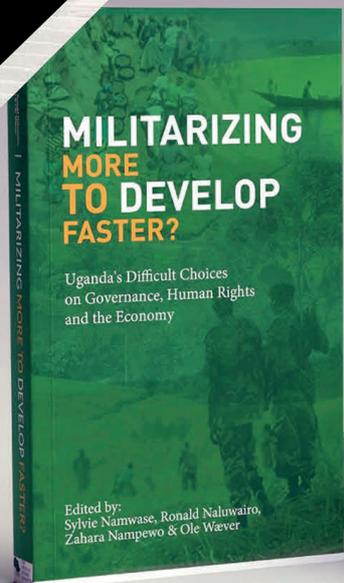


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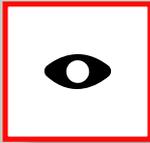
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Our Vision

To become Africa's pre-eminent Law School that promotes social justice, rule of law and development



Our Mission

To impart transformative quality legal knowledge and skills within an inter-disciplinary framework through: teaching & learning, research, mentorship, outreach and strategic partnerships



Core Values

- Excellence
- Academic and Intellectual Freedom
- Respect and Collegiality
- Transparency and Accountability
- Equality and Non-discrimination



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Message from the Principal

I am delighted to present to you the Makerere University School of Law 2023 Annual report. The report highlights the major activities undertaken and the major outputs in light of our core mandate of teaching, research and community outreach. It also highlights the challenges the School is facing and future plans.

With respect to teaching and learning, we successfully implemented all the scheduled activities including teaching, examinations, orientation for new freshers, field attachment, graduate admission exams and graduation. At the 73rd graduation ceremony of Makerere University, the School presented a total of 249 graduands of which 23 were awarded Master of Laws degrees and 226 awarded Bachelor of Laws degrees. To make our graduate programmes more relevant and competitive, we revised the Master of Laws programme and the Doctor of Laws programme. Additional to these revised programmes, in the course of next year, we expect to launch two new specialized Master of Laws degree programmes which are currently before the National Council for Higher Education for accreditation.



Students' participation in moot court competitions is one of the major methodologies we employ in teaching our learners. Besides the learning, participation in moot competitions gives our learners exposure and provides them great opportunities for net-working. I am happy to report that in 2023, our students excelled in all the national and international moot court competitions they participated in. They won the Phillip Jessup International Moot Court Competitions national rounds and were supposed to represent Uganda at the international rounds but failed to secure visas in time. Our students also won the inaugural Gender and the Law moot competition. We emerged first runners-up in the Great Lakes International Humanitarian Law moot court competitions.

In the area of research, our faculty undertook a number of research projects and published many scholarly journal articles, books and reports on different subjects. I congratulate them for these research outputs. Among our major research outputs for 2023 is the edited book volume on Militarization and Development in Uganda. This publication unravels how militarization is taking place in the different sectors, the implications, and the hard choices Uganda has to make with respect to governance, human rights and economic development.

With respect to community outreach, our faculty and students participated in a number of initiatives and activities that were undertaken by our different units in particular, the Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC), the Refugee Law Project (RLP) and the Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC). Among these include: training of University staff and other stakeholders on refugee rights and duties; training of police officers on disability rights and the law; legal aid camp for students and staff of Makerere University; participation in the Uganda Law Society (ULS) pro bono day; and conducting the Administrative Law short course in various parts of the country. In addition to providing learning opportunities to students who participate in them, our community outreach activities are very important for making our School more relevant in terms of empowering the local communities and addressing some of their legal-related challenges and needs.

I thank the Government of Uganda, Makerere University Council, Makerere University Top Administration and all our partners and well-wishers for your support that enabled us to implement numerous activities and achieve the highlighted outputs. I also thank colleagues in the administration at our School, staff and students for participating in the different activities.

As We Build for the Future


Ronald Naluwairo, PhD
Associate Professor

College Leadership



Principal (Ag.)
Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo



Deputy Principal (Ag.)
Dr. Zahara Nampewo



Dr. Busingye
Kabumba
**Ag. Head - Human
Rights and Peace
Centre**



Dr. Dan Ngabirano
**Ag. Head -
Environmental
Law Centre**



Dr. Daniel Ruhweza
**Ag. Head - Law and
Jurisprudence**



Dr. Anthony Kakooza
**Ag. Head -
Commercial Law**



Dr. Benson Tumasirwe
**Ag. Head - Public and
Comparative Law**

Heads of Administrative Units



College Bursar
Mr. Abdul-Majid Sserunjogi



College Registrar
Ms. Josephine Namubiru



College HR Officer
Ms. Janet Nabukeera



College Communication Officer
Ms. Zaam Ssali

List of Acronyms

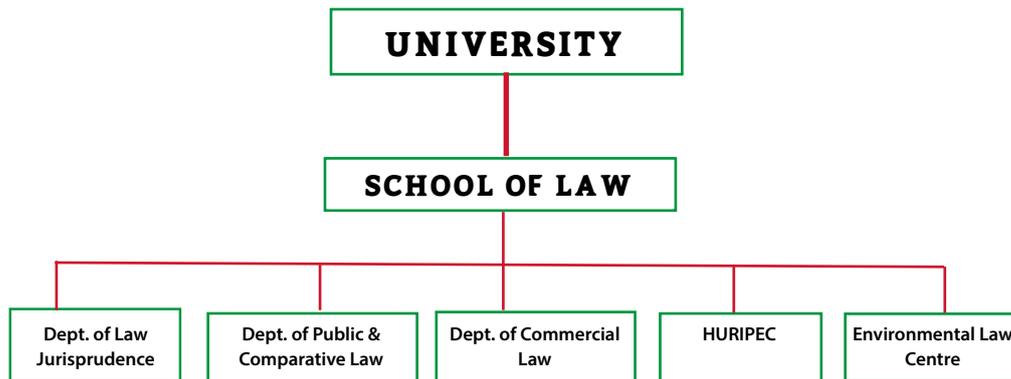
BLC	–	Business Law Clinic
CLET	–	Centre for Law and Emerging Technologies
DEPT	–	Department
EAJHR	–	East African Journal for Human Rights
ELC	–	Environmental Law Centre
HURIPEC	–	Human Rights and Peace Centre
LLB	–	Bachelor of Laws
LLD	–	Doctor of Laws
LLM	–	Master of Laws
MLS	–	Makerere Law Society
NCHE	–	National Council for Higher Education
PhD	–	Doctor of Philosophy
PILAC	–	The Public Interest Law Clinic
RLP	–	Refugee Law Project
SoL	–	School of Law
SJD	–	Doctor of Juridical Science

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About the School of Law

Structure of the School of Law

The School of Law is one of the 10 colleges of Makerere University. The school is run under a three-tier collegiate system i.e., the University, School of Law, and the constituent departments.



The School has five departments i.e., the Department of Law & Jurisprudence, Public & Comparative Law Department, Commercial Law Department, Human Rights & Peace Centre (HURIPEC) and the Environmental Law Centre (ELC).

In addition to the five departments, the school has ongoing research initiatives in the different departments and Centres through which staff and student realise research output, engage communities and convene stakeholders to discuss important developments. The Human Rights and Peace Center (HURIPEC) is a semi-autonomous department under the SoL as the first human rights center of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa. The centre will celebrate 30years later this year since establish. HURIPEC produces a journal titled East African Journal of Human Rights (EAJHR) with two issues each year, in June and November. The Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) established in 2012 celebrated 10years in 2022; as the first Clinic established at a University in Uganda, PILAC seeks to promote hands-on experiential learning as well as exposing students to 'live' cases of individuals who have been confronted by the law in its varied manifestations through the Clinical Legal Education (CLE) programme, which is hands-on learning programme, intended to equip law students with public interest lawyering skills. Another initiative is the Center for Law and Emerging Technologies (CLET) established in 2019 as an initiative for the Department of Law and Jurisprudence. CLET provides legal and policy solutions for the responsible adoption of the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) technologies. The Business Law Clinic (BLC) established in 2019 works to enhance the relevance of legal education and practice in addressing the legal needs of indigent persons, low-income earners, and not-for-profit business ventures. The Disability Law and Rights Centre (DLRC) contributes to influencing reforms in legal education which is expected to result into law graduates and eventually a judicial system which is committed and skilled to promote and protect the legal rights and needs of PWDs.

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Teaching and Learning

The School runs three mainstream programmes: The Bachelor of Laws degree programme, the Master of Laws degree programme and the Doctor of Laws degree programme. In addition to these three programmes, the School runs short-courses including its flagship Administrative Officers's Law Short Course Programme for mainly public servants.

2.1 Students Enrollment 2022/2023

The SoL registered a total enrollment of 1126 students, with 994 students at undergraduate level and 132 students at graduate level as presented in the table below.

Table 1: Student Numbers at SoL

YEAR OF STUDY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
4 TH YEAR	107	162	269
3 RD YEAR	91	146	237
2 ND YEAR	114	157	271
1 ST YEAR	67	150	217
SUB-TOTAL	379	615	994
LLM STUDENTS			
2 ND YEAR	24	44	68
1 ST YEAR	17	35	52
SUB-TOTAL	41	79	120
LLD STUDENTS			
	2	10	12
GRAND TOTAL	422	704	1194

2.2 End of Semester I Exams AY2022/2023 and best performing students

The end of semester I exams were conducted successfully for all programmes (undergraduate and graduate) from the 16th January May to 3rd February 2023.

The School of Law (SoL), Makerere University finalized consideration of examination results for Semester-I, Academic Year-2022/2023. The Principal, Associate Professor Ronald Naluwairo congratulated the best performing students on the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Programme (Years 1-4). The best performers on the list below includes those on the Vice Chancellor's List with CGPA of 4.40 to 5.00 while those on the Principal's List have a CGPA of 4.0 to 4.39.

VICE CHANCELLOR'S LIST

	Name	Registration Number
1.	Ainomugisha Julius	22/U/22136/PSA
2.	Nuwamanya Raymond Jerry	21/U/19258/PS

PRINCIPAL'S LIST

	Name	Registration Number
1.	Iya Israel	19/U/29648/EXE
2.	Tumwesigye Robert	19/U/22396/PS
3.	Alado Lawrence	20/U/17594
4.	Kahiigi Calvin	20/U/17580
5.	Nakalema Stella Maris	20/U/15634
6.	Ahimbisibwe Innocent	22/U/20531
7.	Chemiat Ian Weyaula	22/U/21101/PSA
8.	Sanya James	22/U/21923/PSA
9.	Bazirake Aggrey	22/U/5878
10.	Nakawuka Claire	22/U/3544/PS
11.	Mbabazi Leah Uwase	22/U/5111/PS
12.	Katsigazi Nobert	22/U/5086/PS
13	Kirunda Ramadhan	22/U/6159
14	Owiny David Clinton	22/U/21117/PS
15	Okuku Phillip Gordon	22/U/6801
16	Mukisa Elly	22/U/6368
17	Mukundane Conrad	22/U/6373
18	Katungye Edmond	22/U/21108/PS
19	Kakaire Japhes	22/U/21898/PS
20	Hunghuna Edmond	22/U/5981
21	Hamega Miria	

2.3 Presentation of Graduates at Makerere University's 73rd Graduation Ceremony

On 13th February 2023, A total of 249 graduands from Makerere University School of Law (SoL) successfully graduated on the first day of Makerere University's 73rd Graduation Ceremony held at the Freedom Square.

Twelve (12) females and Eleven (11) males were conferred with Master of Laws whereas the Bachelor of Laws awardees were Ninety Four (94) females and One Hundred Thirty Two (132) males.



Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Principal – SoL presenting graduands at the 73rd Graduation Ceremony of Makerere University

Table 2: Aggregation of Graduates presented at 73rd Graduation

Programme	Female	Male	Total Graduands
Bachelor of Laws	94	132	226
Master of Laws	12	11	23
Total	106	143	249



SoL graduands in a group photo with Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Principal - SoL at the School of Law

2.4 End of Semester II Exams AY2022/2023 held successfully:

The end of semester II exams were conducted successfully for all programmes (undergraduate and graduate) from the 29th May to 16th June 2023.



Students in an end of semester exam

2.5 Graduate Admission Test (GAT):

The GAT is a requirement for students that apply to study from LLM at SoL. The test was held on the 17th June 2023. A total of 189 applications for LLM in AY2023/2024 were received and sat for the test. A total of 91 candidates passed the GAT and were admitted to the LLM programme.

2.6 Freshers' Orientation 2023: Law Students given advice on how to excel

The first-year law students (Academic Year 2023/2024) were welcomed to Makerere University School of Law (SoL) at an orientation meeting held on the 22nd and 23rd August 2023. The students were advised to work hard and keep focused during their time at SoL.

The SoL invited eminent lawyers as guest speakers to the orientation to orient, motivate our LLBI students as well as share their experience in the profession. The guest speakers were Moses Okwalinga, CEO – Uganda Law Society; Andrew Kibaya, Partner – Shonubi, Musoke & Co. Advocates; and Lilian Byarugaba Adriko, CEO – FIDA Uganda.



In his remarks, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo (Associate Professor), Ag. Principal –SoL welcomed the students to Makerere University and the School of Law. He congratulated them on being the lucky 280 who passed the law pre-entry exam and admitted to the LLB programme. He pledged maximum support to the students to have an enriched study experience and completed their studies on time. He added, ‘don’t hesitate to ask for help, all staff are available to offer the required support because no one should fail’.

The Ag. Deputy Principal Dr. Zahara also welcome the students to Makerere University and SoL. She told the students that the law profession is one where networks are important and they should value the partnerships of SoL and those assembled here to speak to them.

Mr. Kibaya commended the students on choosing to study law, he said ‘the course calls for self-motivation, a lot of reading and avoid pass degrees’. He added that students should be careful with what they share in this age of internet and social media which could affect their careers, where information about someone can be weaponized. He also recommended that students distinguish themselves through short courses, internship and voluntary service.

The CEO – FIDA Uganda, Ms. Lilian Byarugaba Adriko encouraged students to live intentionally, develop their vision boards and keep themselves informed through reading. She particularly advised the girls to be confident and form friendships for support and future networks. ‘Live a responsible life, don’t miss classes and keep time’, she added. Ms. Adriko also explained that FIDA Uganda is working on establishing chapters at law schools and she looked forward to engaging and mentoring student lawyers.

Mr. Okwalinga reiterated the welcome message of the previous speakers noting that this is a start of a journey and advised students to stay focused for best results from law school. ‘I hope you are inspired by the speakers here today, all of whom have experienced this journey. We look forward to you joining ULS when you eventually qualify’, he said.

2.7 Doctor of Laws Theses Defence



Nakibuule Gladys Kisekka defended her Doctor of Laws Thesis

Nakibuule Gladys Kisekka successfully defended her Doctor of Laws thesis on 19th December 2023. Her thesis titled, ‘An Accused’s Self-Conviction to end Trial? Please bargaining and the right to a Fair Hearing in Uganda’ was supervised by Professor Ben Kiromba Twinomugisha and Assoc. Professor Damalie Naggita Musoke. Nakibuule’s doctorate will be conferred at Makerere University’s 74th Graduation Ceremony to be held in January 2024.



Oscar Kamusiime defended Doctor of Laws Thesis

Oscar Kamusiime Mwebesa successfully defended his Doctor of Laws thesis on 13th September, 2023 at a public defense held at the School of Law (SoL) auditorium. Oscar presented before a panel of experts including Dr. Asa Mugenyi who was the opponent, Dr. Gerald Kasigwa and Dr. Dianah Ateenyi Ahumuza. Oscar's doctoral thesis titled, 'A Political Economy of Revenue Reforms in Uganda: Business Interest Groups' Influence', was supervised by Professor David Justin Bakibinga and Dr. Emmanuel Bagenda.

2.8 Moot Court Competitions

School of Law Team Won the Inaugural Gender and the Law Moot Competition

The Makerere University School of Law (SoL) team won the Inaugural National Inter-University Gender and Human Rights Law Moot competition held on the 24th November 2023 at Cavendish University, Kampala – Uganda. Namale Alyce, Soki Hildah and Ahebwa Simon Peter comprised the SoL team. The team also won best memorial and Alyce was awarded as best oralist of the competition.



L-R: Ahebwa Simon Peter, Soki Hildah and Namale Alyce

The moot themed, '***Underscoring the State's Due Diligence Obligation to End Violence Against Women and Girls***', was organised by the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA, Uganda) in association with the International Association of Women Judges, Uganda (AWJ-U).

The universities competing in the moot competition included Makerere University, Cavendish University, Kampala International University and Uganda Christian University. The moot was judged by Justices Susan Okalany, David Batema, Jane Alividza and Henrietta Wolayo.

Phillip C. Jessup International Moot Court

Our Students participated in the Phillip C. Jessup International Moot court competitions national rounds held on 3rd and 4th March 2023. Victor Taremwa was recognised as the best orator at the moot. The SoL team won and was selected to represent Uganda at the final in Washington D.C. in the United States of America in June 2023. However, the team failed to secure travel visas on time, so they missed the finals. Our students are participating in a number of other moot court competitions and excelling. We are challenged by the very limited financial resources available to support participation of our students in these competitions. These moot court competitions are not only important as learning events, but they also provide exposure for our students and give profile to our School and University.



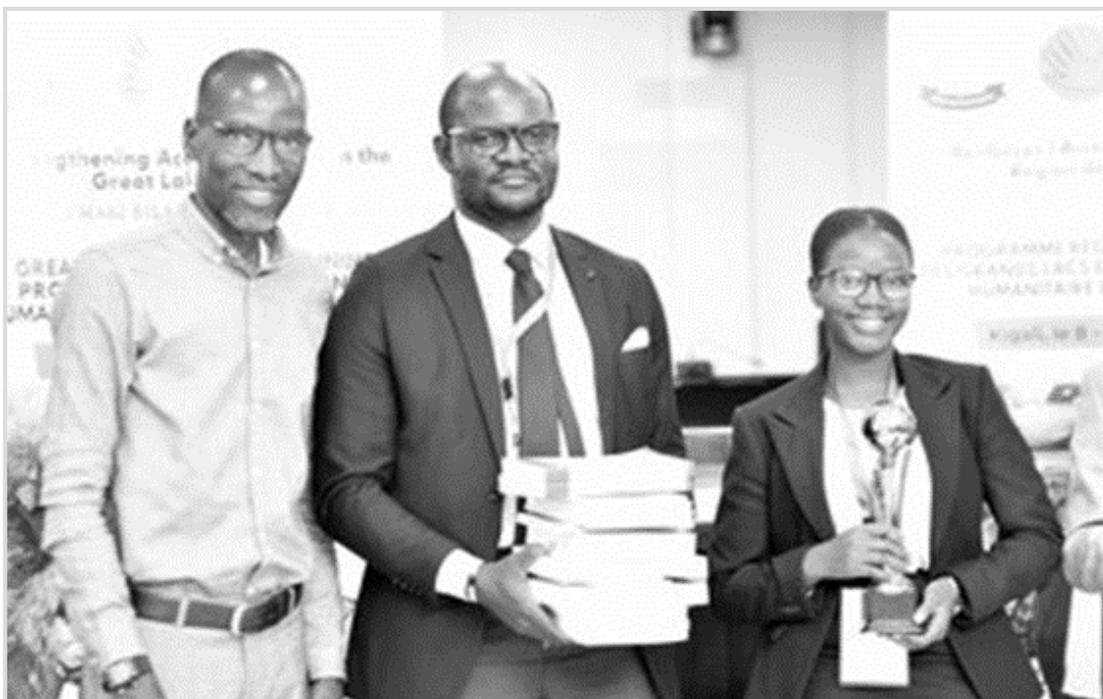
SoL team L to R: Kevin Nakimbugwe, Victor Taremwa and Edwin Sabiiti



Victor Taremwa, won Best Orator Award at the Jessup Moot Competition national rounds

Great Lakes IHL Moot Court Competition

Birungi Primah Elizabeth & Mukisa Joshua, represented SoL at the Great Lakes IHL Moot Court Competition in Kigali and they performed exceptionally well. The team secured the first runners-up position, while Mukisa emerged best oralist with an impressive 91% score. Additionally, the team received recognition for the best Respondent Memorial, achieving an outstanding score of 93%. Special recognition to Nasser Konde and Howard Mwesigwa for their tireless dedication and coaching efforts of the team.



Primah Birungi (1st right) receiving awards on behalf of the SoL team

PILAC partners with Unwanted Witness for the 2nd edition of Privacy Moot Court Competition

On the 2nd March 2023, Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC), School of Law (SoL), Makerere University together with Unwanted Witness launched the 2nd edition of the Privacy Moot Court Competition.

Privacy Moot Court Competition is a competition between University Law Schools that provides law students and young law professionals with an opportunity to showcase their skills and knowledge in privacy law and technology

The 2nd edition of the competition themed around, ‘Balancing Privacy Rights and National Security: Navigating the Impact of Surveillance Laws on Individual Freedoms’ from 21st to 22nd September, 2023 at SoL. At this launch, Ms. Dorothy Mukasa, Executive Director – Unwanted Witness highlighted uniqueness of the privacy moot court competition around Navigating the Impact of Surveillance Laws on Individual Freedoms

In her remarks at the Launch, Dr. Diana Ahumuza, a Lecturer at SoL and Coordinator-Clinical Legal Education (CLE), PILAC expressed delight in the legal capacity building relationship with Unwanted Witness as she had this to ‘This is a strategic partnership for SoL with Unwanted Witness which also helps cement relationships with other law schools in the country’.



Dr. Diana Ahumuza, Lecturer at SoL and Coordinator-Clinical Legal Education (CLE) speaking at the launch

9th CLE Moot held at High Court of Uganda

The 9th Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Moot Court Competition was held on the 20th April 2023 at the High Court Buildings, Kampala-Uganda. The Court was presided over by Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, Justice Florence Nakachwa Dollo and Justice Dr. Douglas Singiza.

A total of 35 students divided into Plaintiffs, Respondents and Amicus teams participated in the competition themed: Fiscal Policy, Economic Justice and Human Rights.

During the event, CLE Coordinator's Dr. Diana Ahumuza Ateenyi, noted that the 9th moot competition consisted of mainly of 3rd year students offering Clinical Legal Education (CLE), and some from the Business Law Centre.

'We use the moot to enhance the capacity of judges on contemporary legal issues. The Judges over the years have expressed their appreciation of these engagements', Dr. Ahumuza further stated. To crown up the competition, The respondents team (Angela Apica Area, Muhumuza Mellissa Ankunda and Ainerugaba Joseph Bill, Adee Prudence Lodou, Alado Lawrence, Okoth Kenneth, Namutamba Gift Teresah, Ayebare John Vianny, Nuwe Marvin Ahereza, Kato Joram, Tubirinde Julius, Namakoye Joyce) were declared winners .

The Applicants Team consisted of (Sheldon Aine Bosco, Nayiga Tracy Hilda, Apuun Deborah Nangiro, Birungi Primah Elizabeth, Musinguzi Reagan Siima, Akankwatsa Viera, Kabigumira Arnold, Mulwanyi Nagenda Edwin Calvin, Omona Mark, Lorna Nagawa, Mwesigwa)

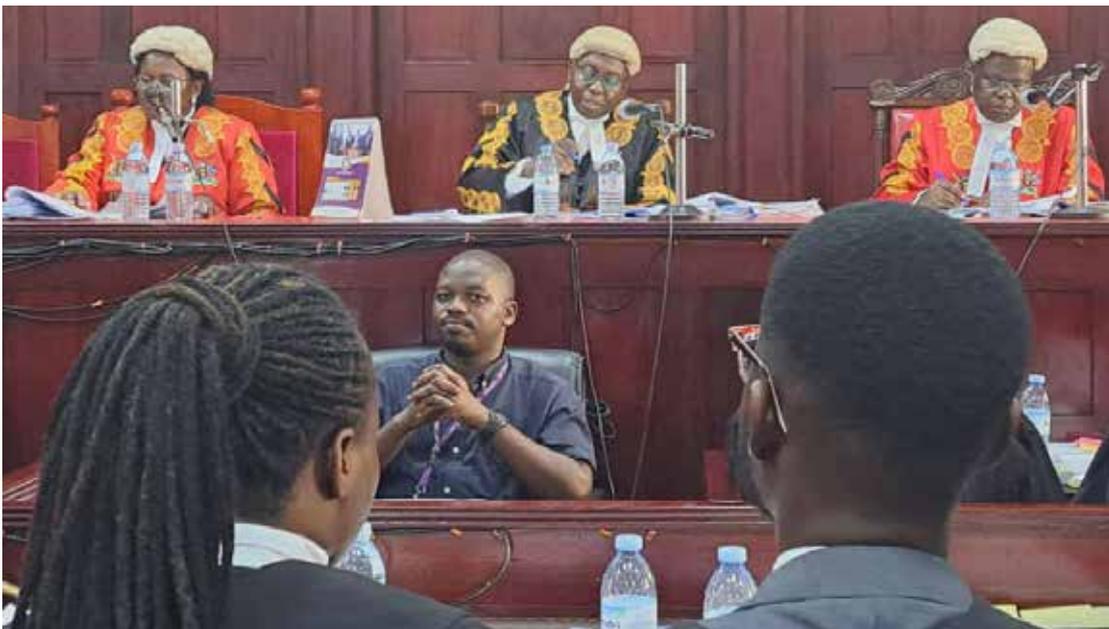
The Amicus Team had (Dalton Kisuule, Amumpiire Mercy Mulumba, Nakalema Stella Maris, Kaijamaha Walter Hillary, Mamata Nictor Kaweesi, Kaguta Susanne, Ssembatya Razak Ali, Jamada Kalinda Musa, Busula Julius, Nuwagaba Prilla, Martina Najjumba Luyinda)

In his remarks, Justice Kiryabwire who is also the Patron of the Makerere Law Society (MLS) advised law students to use their free time to visit courts, sit in and observe proceedings for better learning



The Respondents Team during presentation. Mwesigwa Harry on the applicant team was declared the best oralist.

Justice Florence Nakachwa Dollo encouraged all students to enroll and pass the bar course at the Law Development Centre (LDC) whether they intend to join private practice or not. 'You never know when you need that qualification. She added, 'May be your interests could change, may be one day it could be a requirement for most of the jobs.' She commended the students' humility and discipline and underscored the importance of these in their training and in the legal profession.



The Judges presiding over the 9th CLE Moot Court Competition L-R: Justice Florence Nakachwa Dollo, Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, and Justice Dr. Douglas Singiza

In his remarks, Justice Kiryabwire who is also the Patron of the Makerere Law Society (MLS) advised law students to use their free time to visit courts, sit in and observe proceedings for better learning.

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The Amicus Team (*Dalton Kisuule, Amumpiire Mercy Mulumba, Nakalema Stella Maris, Kaijamaha Walter Hillary, Mamata Nicter Kaweesi, Kaguta Susanne, Ssembatya Razak Ali, Jamada Kalinda Musa, Busula Julius, Nuwagaba Prilla, Martina Najjumba Luyinda*)

3rd Edition of the Sir Dawda International Human Rights Moot Competition

SoL Students: Mpindi Percy Christopher and Apica Angella Area won the 3rd edition of the Sir Dawda Kairaba (SDK) Jawara International Human Rights Moot Competition. The competition held on the 5th to 10th December 2022 was organized by the University of Gambia. Mpindi Percy Christopher was awarded as the overall best oralist in the moot competition.

The SDK Moot is a flagship program of the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), Gambia that targets undergraduate law students to argue human rights issues before a regional human rights court using African human rights mechanisms and norms. The 2022 competition involved 12 African Universities competing in the preliminary rounds of the Moot and 8 went to the Gambia for the quarter, semifinal and final rounds. The trophies and other awards were given out in March 2023.



Apica Angella Area and Mpindi Percy Christopher



Percy Christopher Mpindi presenting trophy to Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Principal - SoL

2.9 Makerere Law Society Careers Day 2023

Makerere Law Society Careers Day 2023 Makerere Law Society Career Day 2023 was held on the 17th March 2023 under the Theme: Becoming a multi-disciplinary lawyer; strategies & success stories Professionals in the legal arena talked to students about varied subjects in succeeding in the profession. Students were advised to learn things outside the skills and capabilities picked from Law School. They were encouraged to “Always invest in what is unique and unknown. Be cautious of their language, invest in soft skills, learn how to speak and communicate effectively, develop emotional intelligence, and be disciplined.”

MAKERERE LAW SOCIETY CAREER DAY 2023

SPEAKERS

PETER MULISA
Chief Legal Officer and Corporate Affairs, Uganda National Oil Company

DHEONA WALL NABASSA
ULS President, Emeritus

BERNARD MUKASA
Partner, Ortus Advocates

IAN MUTIBWA
Managing Partner, Signam Advocates

SARAH RIBETE
Executive Director, Center for Constitutional Governance

ASMAHANEH SAAD
Managing Partner, KTA Advocates

CLAIRE RUKUNDO
Managing Partner, C.R Amanya Advocates

AUGUSTINE OBUIL IDOOT
Partner, KAA

TONY OTOA
Chief Executive, Stanbic Business Incubator Ltd

FESTUS AKUNOBERA
Partner, ABMAK Associates

JOHN KENNEDY KAGOZI
Project and Partner Relations Manager, Barefootlaw

THEME
"BECOMING A MULTI-DISCIPLINARY LAWYER: STRATEGIES AND SUCCESS STORIES"

17TH MARCH 2023

LOWER AUDITORIUM 9:00AM - 4:00PM

The legal professionals that presented at the Careers Day

2.10 Guest Lectures

Owek. Apollo N. Makubuya: Protection, Patronage or Plunder?

On the 18th March, 2023, SOL Students through their union, Makerere Law Society hosted a guest lecture titled; PROTECTION, PATRONAGE OR PLUNDER? This Lecture was presented by Owek. Apollo N. Makubuya at Sol

To crown off the day, Owek. Makubuya who is also a SOL alumnus and partner at MMAKS Advocates donated copies of his book, 'Protection, Patronage or Plunder' to the School of Law Library.



Owek. Apollo N. Makubuya (R) handing over books donated to Mark Omona, student leader at SoL

His Lordship Justice Lawrence Gidudu

His Lordship Justice Lawrence Gidudu, Head of the Anti-Corruption Court was at the SoL to deliver a guest lecture on Criminal Procedure to the LLB Year III students. The lecture was an opportunity to receive tips of what happens in the courts from a Senior Judge of the Courts of Judicature of Uganda. After the lecture the students were given opportunity to ask questions to which Justice Gidudu gave answers and he encouraged them to work hard. Mr. Ivan Engoru, faculty at SoL organised and coordinated the visit.



His Lordship Lawrence Gidudu, Head of the Anti-Corruption Court



LLB Year III students listen attentively to Hon. Mr. Justice Gidudu Lawrence

2.11 Administrative Officers' Law Short Course Programme

Alongside the three mainstream degree programmes, the SoL offers the Administrative Officers' Law Short Course leading to the award of a Certificate in Administrative Law. The duration of study is 2 months and the minimum admission requirement is A 'Level certificate or its equivalent. This is recognized by the Public Service Commission for purposes of entry, confirmation and promotion of administrative cadres of staff. Training is conducted at Makerere University for the Kampala Centre and in a number of outreach stations in Arua, Jinja, Mukono, Tororo, Masaka, Hoima, Gulu, Lira, Mbale, Soroti, Luweero, Kiboga, Kiryandongo, Mbarara, Kabale, Rukungiri, Kyenjojo and Fort Portal.

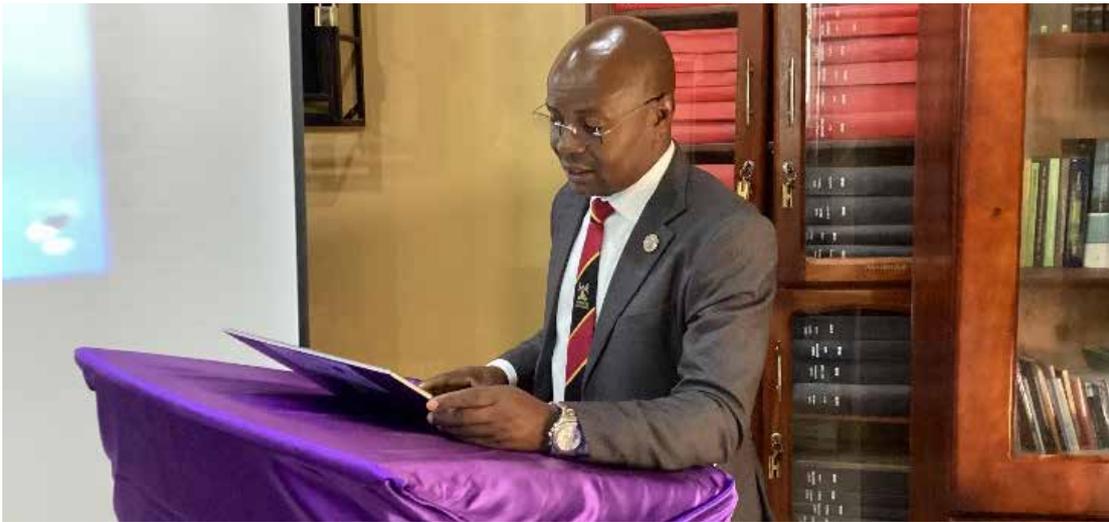


Participants from the Fort Portal Centre at their certificate award ceremony, Ms. Rachel Kigozi (3rd left), represented SoL

2.12 Enhancing Research and Graduate Training

Leadership of Directorate of Research & Graduate Training (DRGT) of Makerere University i.e. Professor Edward Bbaale, Director and Assoc. Professor Julius Kikooma, Deputy Director (Administration) visited SoL on the 10th May 2023. The Committee of Research and Graduate Training and leadership of SoL attended the meeting which was aimed at discussing how colleges can centre research and graduate training in alignment with Makerere University' strategy of becoming a research-led institution. Some of the issues discussed in the meeting included:

- i) Shift to increase graduate enrolment which supports quality knowledge generation
- ii) Packaging and marketing our research products/output and its impact on communities and population
- iii) Clinical legal education at SoL was commended in preparing students
- iv) Intensify research as seen at other universities on the continent with whom we compete
- v) Review of research and graduate training policies, some of them were reviewed 5 years ago
- vi) Students delays in finishing graduate studies



Professor Edward Bbaale, Director – DRGT giving remarks at the meeting



Group photo: SoL and DRGT staff

2.13 FIDA Student Chapter launched at Mak School of Law

The first student chapter of the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA) was launched at Makerere University School of Law (SoL) on 14th September 2023.

In her opening remarks, Dr. Zahara Nampewo – Ag. Principal, SoL welcomed FIDA(U) to SoL. She highlighted that this is an opportunity for female and male students to learn more about the work of FIDA(U). Dr. Nampewo encouraged students to be open minded and be willing to learn when they join FIDA. ‘FIDA(U) has been a training ground for many young lawyers through research activities, internship and continuing legal education (CLE) points for practicing lawyers’. She further said, ‘It is almost impossible to leave your mark as a woman lawyer without crossing paths with FIDA(U)’, mentioning senior judges and advocates who served the organisation in the past. She highlighted faculty at SoL like Associate Professor Damalie Naggita Musoke who served as Board Chairperson for FIDA(U), Dr. Maria Nassali also serving on the board and many others who are registered members. Dr. Nampewo advised that FIDA(U) should work with SoL leadership for smooth governance and accountability.



Assoc. Professor Damalie Naggita-Musoke (4th right), Dr. Maria Nassali (5th right) with students at the FIDA Student Chapter

Explaining why the chapter was launched, Ms. Patience Ayikoru – Membership Officer, FIDA(U) said, ‘we wanted to start a students’ chapter so that student lawyers can learn more about FIDA(U) as well as get access to the resources available to legal professionals which include: lectures and webinars, access to learning from experts like High and Supreme Court Justices through online and in-person learning and hands-on workshops and trainings’.

The Project Coordinator at FIDA(U), Ms. Deborah Okia noted that one of the aims for the FIDA(U) students’ chapter is movement building which provides space to cultivate and mobilize human rights and access to justice initiatives. She said “Under movement building we have what we call creative action: the younger generation is very innovative and creative so we are looking to you to assist us. Then we have lobbying efforts which also require creativity to push our agendas forward’.

Associate Professor Naggita welcomed FIDA(U) to Makerere University and SoL. ‘FIDA(U) has done a lot of work for vulnerable people and family. The work is not only for women but the wider society to access justice’, she said. She encouraged the students to get involved in the multiple opportunities available in FIDA.

The Advocacy Manager of FIDA(U), Ms. Elizabeth Kemigisha highlighted the thematic areas of the organisation including; Access to Justice, Economic Justice and Advocacy. She expressed that she looks forward to engaging and working with the students in the various activities. ‘We are not here to re-invent the wheel but support the work that Makerere Law Society does and more especially support better futures for women, children and wider society’, she added. Ms. Kemigisha explained that registration with the student chapter is free, however an annual fee of 20,000Ushs is required to access activities. In addition, while female students are registered as members, the male students are categorized as ‘friends of FIDA(U)’ and they will also partake in the activities.

2.14 Student Voices and Experiences – Clinical Legal Education (CLE)

Joining the CLE class is a dream for Bachelor of Law (LLB) students at the Makerere University School of Law (SoL). As soon as students join Year III of the LLB programme, they are on the lookout for the call for applications and prepare for selection for those that are eventually lucky to join the CLE class. The selection process is very competitive and members who join look back on the experience with fond memories, having learned so much from the opportunities they access. As part of the experiential learning offered at Makerere University School of Law (SoL), our students are sent out on externships in legal settings including courts of law, police, prisons, remand homes among others where they get to see what happens in the real world of legal professional work. Selected voices from CLE Class of 2023 presented below:



Apica Angela Area (second right) with team members

Apica Angela Area, a student of CLE class 2023 said ‘I am honoured to have been part of the team going to Mengo Chief Magistrates Court. The experience has been enlightening for me, especially in the area of criminal justice. During the first weeks of the externship, we were able to attend several court sessions and this exposed me to a lot of irregularities in practice in our court systems. Having freshly studied Criminal Procedure I was able to relate the theories learnt in class, that is, what is supposed to be taking place, vis a vis what the practice is, that is what is actually done in court. In line with this, we were able to realise that very many accused persons are ignorant of the simpler remedies that even they can employ to the end of achieving justice for themselves. These include self-representation and knowledge of the bail application. It is on this note that my team has undertaken to help raise awareness on bail applications for our project. I also learned to use the Electronic Court Case Management Information System (ECMIS), which is the electronic way of filing cases and management of court information being used in the Ugandan court system now. This is an upgrade of the manual system and it is surely a great improvement in the judicial arena of this country. All in all, the externship has been a great experience for my team and I, and we look forward to executing our project, with the hope that it will impact many lives in this country.’



Susanne Kaguta

***Susanne Kaguta:** My name is Susanne Kaguta, and my place of externship has been the Luzira Group of Prisons. This is a description of my experience in my own words. During my time at Luzira, I was given an opportunity to give legal advice on issues of bail, plea bargain, and self-representation. By doing this, I experienced a bit of what it is like to have clients and how to put all I’ve learned during my three years of study into the practical area. I got to understand the different prisons within the group of prisons, which include Kampala Remand, Murchison Bay Prison, Upper Maximum Facility, and Luzira Women’s Prison. I also learned the different dynamics in each of these prisons, especially when it came to differentiating the Upper Maximum Facility from the rest of

the prisons. There, we were not even allowed to speak to any of the inmates. We drew questions from our observations, and the officers tried to answer all the questions. One of the most important things I picked from my time there was how much the system of public defenders is overwhelmed. The inmates on remand are very many in comparison to the number of public defenders available, and this ratio has caused a big lag in the trial of every accused person. I appreciated the legal aid clinics within the prisons that have assisted the inmates with issues of bail applications, file tracing, educating inmates on conduct during trial, among other things. I worked with an amazing team of 9 people who brought their best from day one. I am also grateful for the supervisors who made this experience an amazing one through the guidance we received and to PILAC for the opportunity. Since we were not allowed to take any photos around the Prisons premises, below is one taken during transportation from the Prisons.



Basuula Julius



L-R: Basuula Julius, Nuwamanya Prillah, Jamada Kalinda Musa and Kabigumira Arnold

Julius says, ‘I recently participated in the 9th CLE Moot Competition where Dalton Kisuule, Jamada Kalinda Musa, Stella Nakalema & my team presented an Amicus Curiae application before Hon. Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, Hon. Justice Florence Nakacwa & Justice Dr. Singiza Douglas.

The application presented on 20th April via the High Court of Uganda dealt with Fiscal Policy, Economic Justice and Human Rights. It was a great opportunity to understand & apply the legal principles concerning tax justice. It highlighted the intersection of law and socio-economic rights, and the importance of upholding human rights in matters related to taxation. This experience has taught me the importance of research, collaboration, and legal advocacy. I’m grateful for this opportunity and look forward to continuing buttressing my knowledge in promoting fairness and equality in fiscal policies’.

2.15 Review of the LLM Programme

A stakeholders meeting to review the curriculum of the LLM programme was held on the 27th June 2023. In her remarks, the Deputy Principal, Dr. Zahara Nampewo delivered welcome remarks to the stakeholder fraternity and staff members of the School of Law and acknowledged the presence of the Director Quality Assurance Directorate of Makerere University and the Senior Higher Education Officer from National Council for Higher Education (NCHE). She Highlighted the purpose of the review of the curriculum of LLM Programme and stakeholder consultation to fulfill the directive of the University and meet the requirement of NCHE. Dr. Nampewo also shared the purpose of this consultative engagement to present undergraduate and postgraduate programs developed and those that have been reviewed to get feedback for final refinement ahead of approval the same. She stressed that the periodical review of the undergraduate and graduate programmes have been on-going and several processes and requirements have been so far met. She also clarified that the review of existing academic programmes and consultative engagements on developed ones are one of the requirements and part of the University regulations across programmes. The feedback from this engagement would make our programmes relevant and focus on the market needs.

The Principal recognized the stakeholders in their various capacities and reiterated that the review processes for LLB and LLM programmes have been on for quite some time; meeting the process requirements and inclusion of the feedback received from such review engagements. The reviews for existing programmes have been moving hand in hand with stakeholder engagements for the new developed programmes including Doctor of Laws (LLD). Cited several stakeholder engagements for new courses that were developed and reviews for existing programmes (LLB and LLM) at Jinja, Entebbe some of which are dated 5 years.

2.16 Graduate Supervision Training Workshop

On the 27th June 2023, a Graduate Supervision Training Workshop was held at SoL. The training was officially opened by the Deputy Principal, Dr. Zahara Nampewo who welcomed the staff and facilitators. She provided an overview of the training and explained that the number of graduate students supervisors at School of Law had grown, as evidenced through the most recent applications for the LLM programme at 204 candidates. She also noted with pleasure that the number of staff eligible to teach at the graduate level had grown from 8 to 25 staff members. It was therefore opportune timing to organise this workshop as part of building capacity of the School and also in furtherance of the university's goal to be research led.

Dr. Zahara also noted that the number of graduate students has equally been increasing from 30 – 80 LLM students. Participants of the training workshop were given tips on the Pedagogy of Supervision and the need to allow for independent thinking by students.

Highlights from the training:

- a) The aspect of pressure for graduate training and supporting students to complete in time including publication.
- b) Practice of handling graduate students the same way with undergraduate which affects graduate supervision.
- c) Pursuance of research-led agenda of Makerere University requires a shift from experience-based supervision to knowledge-based supervision as teaching and research.

- d) Staff were encouraged to schedule their graduate supervision (with drawn schedule for engagement with students, documenting every engagement, time spent be noted and shared with the with concerned authority).
- e) Encourage the students to engage with materials of the institutions where they carry out research for authenticity and quality assurance purposes. Make students appreciate the value of that material to their thesis.
- f) The need to set up a platform where supervisors share concerns and support each in relation to graduate supervision.
- g) Proposal that doctoral candidates be engaged as teaching assistants to give them more exposure, stimulate them to complete in time and keep them in academic circles.

2.17 Online Delivery of our Programmes at SoL

On 10th March 2023, we held an onboard meeting/training about online delivery of our programmes. It was a successful training. Timelines for developing the initial courses were agreed upon.



SoL Staff attending the Onlinisation Training

2.18 Field Attachment: Stories from the Field by Clinical Legal Education Students on Internship

Students were out in the field for their internship during the months of July – September 2023. Experience from some of students is shared below.

Okoth Kenneth' experience as intern at Platform for Labour Action (PLA), Lira District

'My internship experience with Platform for Labour Action (Lira) has taught me the importance of always having mediation and generally the importance of ADR, that aside it has been a good experience especially getting to acquaint myself with employment rights and a deep understanding of the aspect of labour law. This has been mainly through conducting mediations on matters of unfair and unlawful termination plus non payments, most of these cases were settled through mediations at the PLA offices and others with failed mediations were forwarded to the labour officer who has jurisdiction over such employment issues where we represented the clients and successfully concluded some of

the cases while others were referred to the industrial court. I appreciate the opportunity given to me and other colleagues by PILAC under CLE to help people and administer social justice and having an impact in the lives of people that could never afford legal fees or even those that are not aware of alternative settlements of disputes without court.’



Okoth Kenneth (2nd right) who represented the claimant after a concluded mediation at the district labour office attended by Lira City Labour officer, Mr. Muno Constatine and the parties.

John Vianney Ayebare interned at The Center for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHURD).

John shares a major highlight from the internship, ‘during my internship period, I have been privileged to participate in and moderate the final day of the week long Annual Media Fellowship. The Media Fellowship is a unique approach to shape narratives in the media spaces on issues around Sexual Reproductive Health Rights. The Fellowship is designed to build the capacity of media practitioners across the country to be able to enhance their understanding of Sexual and Reproductive Health Rights (SRHR). This was a good learning experience for me to interact with the media practitioners and at the same time sharing knowledge with them on matters of Human Rights in SRHR.’



Ayebare moderating a session in a CEHURD workshop

Joseph Bill Ainerugaba shared experience on Community Engagement from his internship with the Refugee Law Project.

‘As part of the commemoration of the United Nations International Day Against Torture 2023, Refugee Law Project gave me an opportunity as part of my internship to engage in community awareness of the refugee - host communities on torture. We focused on sharing information about forms of torture especially in the refugee context, legal processes available for torture victims as well as legal remedies/penalties for victims and perpetrators of torture. The most important aspect is recognizing the troubled background members of these communities face in regards to torture and giving them hope.’



Joseph Bill facilitating at the United Nations International Day Against Torture 2023

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Research, Innovations and Publications

Research, innovations and publication is one of the core mandates of the SoL. The School takes pride in its research projects and outputs by faculty and students; this is directly in line with Makerere University' strategy to become a research-led institution. Below are highlights of major research projects, publications and other outputs for 2023.

3.1 Research Publications for 2023

Books

1. **Emmanuel Kasimbazi** (2023). *Energy Law in Uganda* (ISBN: 9789403534664), Wolters Kluwer, Netherlands.
2. **Emmanuel Kasimbazi** (2023). *Environmental Law in Uganda, 3rd edition* (ISBN: 9789403502076), Wolters Kluwer, Netherlands.
3. **James T. Gathii, Adebayo Majekolagbe, and Nona Tamale (eds) (2023). *Transforming Climate Finance in an Era of Sovereign Debt Distress*. African Sovereign Debt Justice Network, Sheria Publishing House, African International Economics Law Network.**
4. **Bakibinga David Justin** (2023). *Partnership Law in Uganda* (Revised Edition). Notion Press: India, Singapore & Malaysia.
5. **S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.) (2023). *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda's Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy*. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.**
6. **Bakibinga, David Justin** (2023). *Equity & Trusts* (Revised Edition). August Law Publishers, Kampala, Uganda.

Book Chapters

7. **Emmanuel B. Kasimbazi** (2023). *In Pursuit of Environmental sustainability: Protection of wild animal rights in wildlife trade in the East African Community*. In (J.C. N Ashukem and SM Sama Routledge eds), *Domestic and Regional Environmental Laws in Africa*, J.C.N Taylor & Francis Group London and New York.
8. **Emmanuel B. Kasimbazi** and Alex Nabwiso (2023). *In Pursuit of Environmental Sustainability: Legal responses towards climate change induced displacements in the Eastern African region*. In (J.C. N Ashukem and SM Sama Routledge eds), *Domestic and Regional Environmental Laws in Africa*, Taylor & Francis Group London and New York.
9. **Emmanuel B. Kasimbazi & Jean-Claude N Ashukem** (2023). *The emergence of a human right to a healthy environment and the pursuit of sustainability in Africa*. In (J.C. N Ashukem and SM Sama Routledge eds), *Domestic and Regional Environmental Laws in Africa* Taylor & Francis Group London and New York.

10. **Emmanuel B. Kasimbazi** (2023). *Environmental Law in Uganda: Constitutional Approaches, Human Rights and Biodiversity Management*. In (P. Kamari-Mbote, R. Kibugi N. Kabira eds) *Environmental Governance in Kenya Implementing the Constitutional Framework*, Faculty of Law, University of Nairobi.
11. **Zahara Nampewo** (2023). *Blue Gold and Guns on the Water: “Small Peoples” Fishing Rights and the Military in Uganda*. In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy*. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
12. **Zahara Nampewo** (2023). *Article 21, Right to Inheritance*. In Annika Rudman, Celestine Nyamu Musembi & Trésor Muhindo Makunya (eds), *The Protocol to the African Charter on Human and Peoples’ Rights on the Rights of Women in Africa: A Commentary*. Pretoria University Law Press, Pretoria, South Africa.
13. **Nona Tamale** (2023). *The Feasibility of Greening Debt Restructuring in Africa*. In James T. Gathii, Adebayo Majekolagbe, and Nona Tamale (eds), *Transforming Climate Finance in an Era of Sovereign Debt Distress*, African Sovereign Debt Justice Network, Sheria Publishing House, African International Economics Law Network.
14. **Daniel Ruhweza** (2023). *Constitutional Reform in Uganda*. In Luis Roberto Barroso and Richard Albert (eds), *The International Review of Constitutional Reform* (ISBN 978-1-7374527-4-4). Program on Constitutional Studies at the University of Texas at Austin and the International Forum on the Future of Constitutionalism.
15. **Sylvie Namwase** and Ole Waever (2023). *Should We Militarize a Little More? Questions, Definitions and Theories for this Volume*. In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy*. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
16. **Ronald Naluwairo** (2023). *Police Militarisation in Uganda*. In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy*. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
17. **Jackson Odong** (2023). *The Dynamics of Working with Soldiers in Wildlife Conservation*. In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy*. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
18. **Sylvie Namwase** (2023). *Militarising Agriculture in Uganda: Interrogating Stakeholder Participation under Operation Wealth Creation (OWC)*. In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy*. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
19. **Christopher Mbazira** (2023). *Parliamentary Oversight in an Age of Militarisation: The Case of Legislative Authority under the National Resistance Movement in Uganda*. In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s*

Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy. African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.

20. **James Nkuubi** (2023). **Between Resilience and Vulnerability: Gender and Age in ‘Little Peoples’ Coping Mechanisms to State-led Militarisation in Uganda.** In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy.* African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
21. **J. Oloka-Onyango** (2023). ***Beyond Militarisation? Critical Reflections on Uganda’s Recurring Conundrum.*** In S. Namwase, R. Naluwairo, Z. Nampewo & Ole Waever (eds.), *Militarising more to Develop Faster? Uganda’s Difficult Questions on Human Rights, Governance and Economy.* African Studies Bookstore, Kampala.
22. **Dan Ngabirano** (2023). ***Maximizing Tax and other Revenues for Strategic Rents in Uganda’s Petroleum Sector.*** In Anne Mette Kjær, Marianne S. Ulriksen, and Ane Karoline Bak (eds.), *The Politics of Revenue Bargaining in Africa: Triggers, Processes, and Outcomes.* Oxford University Press, London.
23. **Moses Khisa, Jamal Msami, and Ole Therkildsen** (2023). ***Campaign Financing and Revenue Bargaining in Tanzania and Uganda.*** In Anne Mette Kjær, Marianne S. Ulriksen, and Ane Karoline Bak (eds.), *The Politics of Revenue Bargaining in Africa: Triggers, Processes, and Outcomes.* Oxford University Press, London.

Journal Papers

24. **Nampewo, Zahara** (2023). ***Child’s Play or Sexual Abuse? The Efficacy of International Law in Dealing with Child-to-Child Sex: A Ugandan Perspective.*** South African Yearbook of International Law 47:29, UNISA Press, Pretoria, South Africa.
25. **Zahara Nampewo** (2023). ***Big Capital, the Military and Land Rights in Uganda.*** East Africa Journal of Peace and Human Rights Vol. 29 No1, June 2023. HURIPEC, Kampala, Uganda.
26. **Busingye Kabumba** (2023). ***Criminalising Indigenous Belief: The Constitutional Deficits of Uganda’s Witchcraft Act.*** Oxford Journal of Law & Religion, <https://doi.org/10.1093/ojlr/rwad014>
27. **J. Oloka-Onyango** (2023). ***What Have Guns Got To Do With It?: Deconstructing The Politics Of Militarisation And Gendered Exclusion In Contemporary Uganda.*** East Africa Journal of Peace and Human Rights Vol. 29 No1, June 2023. HURIPEC, Kampala, Uganda.
28. **Christopher Mbazira** (2023). ***Shaping Judicial Remedies in A Militarised Democracy: The Potential and Limits of Public Interest Litigation in Uganda.*** East Africa Journal of Peace and Human Rights Vol. 29 No1, June 2023. HURIPEC, Kampala, Uganda.
29. **Sylvie Namwase** (2023). ***Militarised Patriarchal Violence During the Covid 19 Lockdown in Uganda: A Feminist Critique.*** East Africa Journal of Peace and Human Rights Vol. 29 No1, June 2023. HURIPEC, Kampala, Uganda.
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31. **Dan Ngabirano** (2023). *Military Courts Are Not for Civilians: Implications of The Decision of the African Commission On Human and Peoples’ Rights in Communication 339/2007.* East Africa Journal of Peace and Human Rights Vol. 29 No1, June 2023. HURIPPEC, Kampala, Uganda.
32. **James Nkuubi** (2023). *Of Organized ‘Demonology’ Against Public Service Institutions and The ‘Construction’ Of Citizen Consent to Their Militarization in Contemporary Uganda.* East Africa Journal of Peace and Human Rights Vol. 29 No1, June 2023. HURIPPEC, Kampala, Uganda.

3.2 HURIPPEC launched report on Institutional Oversight in Crisis and Management of Uganda’s Covid19 Funds

The Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPPEC), School of Law (SoL), Makerere University launched its report analysing transparency and accountability concerns over the management and oversight of Covid19 funds in Uganda; the report is a result of a one-year research initiative by the centre. Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa, Deputy Speaker of Parliament of Uganda was the Chief Guest at the event held on the 26th April, 2023 at Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala-Uganda.



Rt. Hon. Deputy Speaker Thomas Tayebwa unveiling the report, looking on L-R Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director-HURIPPEC; Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal-SoL, Professor Henry Alinaitwe, Deputy Vice Chancellor – F&A, Makerere University; and Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Principal-SoL



Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal – SoL and project PI presenting report findings

Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal-SoL who was the Principal Investigator (PI) of the research presented highlights of the report. She explained that the academic-led research initiative was intended to enhance citizen engagement in promoting transparency and accountability in public expenditure. The initiative was also aimed at stimulating Parliament to oversee the use of public resources in times of crisis. She thanked Open Society, East Africa who funded the research. Some of the report findings include:

- 1) While Uganda has elaborate statutory instruments for oversight, the national response framework for Covid19 dealt with multiple challenges like lack of transparency, ambiguities in procurement to accountability deficits.
- 2) The rising need for transparency and accountability initiatives for Covid19 funds reflects limitations of institutional mechanisms to make government accountable for use and management of resources for health emergencies.
- 3) Uganda government's response to Covid19 has been overshadowed by instances of waste, mismanagement, and blatant corruption.
- 4) Issues like delayed disbursements, unlawful procurement, political use of monetary and other reliefs, diversion of funds, and information deficits have led many districts to deal of pandemics in their own ways in spite of the many guidelines.
- 5) Dr. Nampewo added that lessons from the Covid19 pandemic should be viewed as an opportunity to learn and adopt concrete measures for dealing with health and other related emergencies. Some recommendations from the report include:
- 6) Establish a Comprehensive Crisis Response Framework by government that helps to identify, assess, control risks and review crisis response mechanisms.
- 7) Development of simplified set of procurement guidelines for use during crisis.
- 8) Operationalisation of a Contingencies Fund by government to support a faster and swift response in times of crisis.



Rt. Hon Thomas Tayebwa giving remarks at the Covid19 report launch

Hon. Tayebwa further said, ‘Parliament is ready to work with CSOs, researchers and academicians in understanding national issues better. This is because as observers they are in position to offer critical and objective analysis than executive or legislature who are implementers’. He noted that absence of transparency and accountability by government institutions affects Uganda’s strategy to reach middle income status. Rt. Hon. Thomas Tayebwa commended HURIPEC and School of Law for the work that they do in protecting human rights of the people. Hon. Tayebwa who is an alumnus of SoL expressed his happiness to be back and excited to receive the recommendations of the report. The Deputy Speaker applauded the groundbreaking work and noted that this particular report is important because it is a useful contribution when Parliament reviews the Auditor General’s forensic audit of Covid19 expenditure.

3.3 Book on Militarization and Development in Uganda Launched

A book titled “Militarizing More to Develop Faster?: Uganda’s Difficult Choices on Governance, Human Rights and the Economy” was launched on 22nd November 2023 in Copenhagen, Denmark. The book is edited by Sylvie Namwase, Ronald Naluwairo, Zahara Nampewo, and Ole Wæver.



L-R: James Nkuubi, Mathilde Kaalund Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Dr. Sylvie Namwase and Dr. Ole Wæver

The book is the product of a 4 years' research collaboration between the Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), School of Law (SoL) at Makerere University and Centre for Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC), Department of Political Science, at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark funded by DANIDA.

Participants at the launch from Makerere University included: Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Principal –SoL, Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal –SoL, Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director – HURIPEC, Dr. Sylvia Namwase, Lecturer, SoL and James Nkuubi, PhD Candidate, SoL.

The book is the first comprehensive analysis of militarisation's permeation and consolidation within Uganda's economy and society. It details the loss of livelihoods, weakened civilian institutions, human rights violations, and widened patrimonial networks among other outcomes of deploying Uganda's military to the country's key development sectors such as fisheries, agriculture, land, and mineral resources. The book is published by The African Studies Bookstore (www.africanbook.shop) and can be ordered online.

3.4 New Initiative: The Makerere Law Review (MLR)

During the reporting period, all the departments at SoL resolved to start the Makerere Law Review (MLR) to support the wider visibility of Makerere University and its relevance to society. It will be a multi-disciplinary legal journal aimed at providing an avenue for both academic staff, post-graduate students at Makerere University as well as practitioners and policy makers to publish their groundbreaking work to inform contemporary global and national issues. The MLR will incorporate both empirical and theoretical research. The following is the leadership of MLR Editorial Board.

- i. Dr. Benson Tusasirwe: Chairperson
- ii. Dr. Daniel Ruhweza: Member: Representative Law and Jurisprudence
- iii. Associate Prof Winnie Tiranyeba Member: Representative, Commercial Law
- iv. Prof Christopher Mbazira Member: Representative HURIPEC
- v. Prof Emmanuel Kasimbazi: Environmental Law
- vi. Dr. Josephine Ndagire Member: Representative Public and Comparative Law
- vii. Dr. Maria Nassali: Managing Editor
- viii. Ms. Nona Tamale: Secretary

3.5 Research Grants and MoUs

HURIPEC wins Research Grant with Partners

Dr. Sylvie Namwase, Lecturer - SoL and Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Senior Lecturer and Deputy Principal – SoL have been successful in winning a major grant, which will involve a collaboration with the University of Copenhagen (Denmark) and St. Augustine University, Tanzania. The project is titled: 'Charcoal conflict in climate change's decarbonization dilemmas: Knots of livelihood, nutrition, communities, gender, migration and energy in East Africa'. The total grant amount for the entire 5-year project is about 10,399,621 Danish Kroner, estimated USD 1.5m. 3,082,584 Danish Kroner, estimated USD 450,000 is to be expended by activities and work on the Ugandan side of the project over the next 5 years. The grant will support one LLD in Uganda, one PhD in Tanzania, 2 Postdocs from Denmark, 1 Postdoc in Uganda and one Postdoc from Tanzania.

Dr. Dan Ngabirano wins research grant

In November 2023 - the HOD, Dr. Dan Ngabirano won a research grant from the International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTS) which is based at the Institute for Development Studies (IDS), University of Sussex, UK. As part of this grant he will develop a working paper on the role of tax instruments in combating the single use plastic waste pollution problem in Uganda.

ELC signs a Memo with Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS)

In June 2023, Environmental Law Centre (ELC) signed a Memorandum of Understanding with the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS), a reputable and one of the oldest conservation organisations in Uganda. WCS is also currently a USAID implementing partner under the Uganda Combating Wildlife Crime Activity.

Pursuant to the MOU, the Environmental Law Centre will organize a students moot court competition and develop a training manual for judicial officers on wildlife crime. The moot activities are designed to expose law students to contemporary wildlife crime challenges and to prepare them for a career in this area.

3.6 PILAC Research Report launched

Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC), SoL released a research report titled: Transforming Legal Education by Promoting Experiential Learning and Enhancing Access to Justice for Vulnerable Groups: A Pilot Project Research Report. The research project that produced the report was funded by the Government of Uganda through the Makerere University Research and Innovation Fund (MakRIF). Professor Christopher Mbazira was the Principal Investigator with Dr. Patricia Atim and Dr. Diana Ahumuza as Co-investigators. The aim of the Project was to enhance the transformation of legal education by using practical teaching methodologies to promote access to justice for all. The overall objective was to use the experiences of PILAC to determine the impact that selected clinical methods have had on students and the benefits that accrue to persons and communities that are targeted by the clinical activities. To realise the objective, the Project set out to implement the following activities: Establishment of a Legal Call Center, Court Annexed Mentorship, Juvenile Justice Support, Support to the Local Council Courts, and Research on the pilot activities.



Right to left:
Professor
Christopher Mbazira,
Project PI; Co-PIs
Dr. Patricia Atim
P'Odong and Dr.
Diana Ahumuza

3.7 Makerere Law Journal Breakfast Meeting

The SoL organized a breakfast meeting geared towards facilitating students with skills of becoming successful writers. Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director HURIPEC attended on behalf of the School. During the meeting, students presented their research topics, and were also allocated supervisors to help guide them during their research journey. The Makerere Law Journal was founded on 11 November, 1971 as a publication of the Makerere Law Society, and intended as a medium for discourse on the “immense problems of Law”. The Journal is manned by students of law and is independent of the SoL administration. Submissions are reviewed, edited and published by the student editors who are specifically selected, trained and equipped with the requisite skills. Through an intense editorial process, they work with authors to edit a submissions until they are ready for publication.

The project activities are further expected to deepen the SoL’s engagement with members of the bench/judiciary, particularly on the role of courts in combating wildlife crime.

3.8 HURIPECTalks Podcast

HURIPECTalks, a podcast hosted by HURIPEC was launched in November 2023. The podcast explores various issues shaping Uganda today and offers a platform where academics at the School of Law and beyond can share their research and reflections on a multitude of topics. This first HURIPECTalks series was on law, militarisation, peace and development defined militarism and militarisation and explored how these phenomena have manifested throughout Uganda’s history and present. It examined how militarism and militarisation are impacting rule of law, policy and politics as well as the economy and society, and how they are shaping gender relations, youth expressions and aspirations. The series also unpacked theories of Pan Africanism and decolonisation in relation to militarisation and militarism, and how they influence peace in Uganda and in the broader African context. The different episodes in the series suggested ways in which Uganda can balance the role of the military in operations other than war, such as development and security roles, while preserving democratic agendas and aspirations towards inclusivity, balanced civil military relations and sustainable peace in Uganda



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Community Outreach

SoL endeavours to undertake community outreach as one way to take the university to the population in support of research uptake and knowledge transfer for society transformation. Key activities of community outreach accomplished during the reporting period are presented here.

4.1 RLP Training of University Staff on Refugee rights and dynamics

The Refugee Law Project (RLP), a community outreach programme of the SoL, RLP empowers asylum seekers, refugees, deportees, IDPs and hosts communities to enjoy their human rights and lead dignified lives. From 21-22 February 2023 at the Golf Course Hotel in Kampala, the Refugee Law Project held a Training University Staff on Refugee Rights and Dynamics involved in Access to Higher Education for Refugees. This training focused on identifying the gaps, opportunities and generate collective actions for tackling gaps in access to Higher education for refugees in Ugandan Universities.

4.2 Taking the University to the People: Capacity Building Engagements

On 10th March 2023, the SoL through PILAC conducted a training of police officers on: Promoting Disability Rights through the Police. The training was hosted at the Police Headquarters in Naguru, Kampala. Under our Administrative Officers' Law Short Course, we have continued to train several officers across the country.

4.3 Legal Aid and Medical Camp

On 2nd and 3rd March 2023, Makerere Law Students in partnership with PILAC, the Students' Guild and Makerere University Hospital organized a legal aid and medical camp for not only students and staff of Makerere University but also for the general public.



Participants at the Legal and Medical Camp donating blood

4.4 Stakeholders at the 10th Annual National Conference on Economic, Social & Cultural Rights call for government intervention to control rising education costs

Stakeholders at the 10th edition of the national conference on economic, social and cultural rights called on government to intervene in controlling the rising education costs in Uganda. The conference themed, 'Human Capital Development: The cost of Education in the era of the National Development Plan (NDP III)' was held on the 14th September 2023 at the Makerere University. The conference was organised by Makerere University School of Law (SoL) Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) in partnership with Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Uganda Consortium on Corporate Accountability (UCCA) and Network of Public Interest Lawyers (NETPIL).



Panelists presenting at the 10th Annual ESCR Conference

The conference continued through the day with panel discussions and presentations, some the issues raised included:

- Although it's being cited that the education sector picks a huge chunk of the human capital development budget, if you critically look into the attendant expenditures, you'll notice a lot of wastage
- All hope is not lost. The government is discussing withdrawing funding from Government aided schools that are charging school fees comparable to private for-profit schools to boost public schools
- The ranking of schools according to performance in will end this year. Under the new curriculum, we are looking at the competence of the learner not UNEB ranking
- Even with a liberalized economy, if cost is not regulated, it will propagate inequalities. The question arose of regulators as actors in the same field. You can't be an education government official & own private schools
- School fees regulation is a question of equity. Privilege hates equity. When we are privileged we forget about equity' - Ms. Ruth Ssekindi, Uganda Human Rights Education
- It's disturbing that science teachers who are paid the most are the ones that don't

show up at work the most. They have frustrated the clock-in system’

- We can’t leave provision of education to the private sector. We need to protect the poor. Government shouldn’t leave the cost of education to be determined by the private sector - regulation is needed.
- Government embarked on a new curriculum for which resources & human capital wasn’t mobilized
- Government should look into introducing earmarked taxes for education to be paid largely by the rich and wealthy

4.5 14th Annual Probono Day

SoL students and legal aid unit under PILAC attended the 14th Annual Probono Day held on 1st September, 2023. The day is a community engagement initiative of the Uganda Law Society where lawyers offer advice and free service to the community. Pro Bono Project was launched this year in partnership with Judiciary of Uganda and supported by the Netherlands Embassy.



SoL students with ULS President, Mr. Bernard Oundo (5th right) at the Probono Day

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Other Events and Activities Undertaken during the Reporting Period

5.1 Makerere Council Visit to School of Law

The Makerere University Council visited the School of Law (SoL), Makerere University on Monday, 27th February 2023. Council members held a meeting with the School leadership including the Principal, Deputy Principal and Chairs of Departments.



Mak SoL Staff Heads of departments during meeting with Mak Council Members

Mrs. Lorna Magara (Chairperson – Council) was accompanied by Hon. Dan Kidega (Vice Chairperson – Council), Mr. Edwin Karugire (Chairperson – Appointments Board), Mr. Edward Sengonzi Damulira (Council Member), Mr. Bruce Kabaasa (Chairperson – Finance, Planning, Administration & Investment Committee), Dr. Sarah Ssali (Chairperson – Quality Assurance, Gender & ICT Committee), and Mr. George Bamugemereire (Chairperson – Legal, Rules, Privileges & Estates Committee).



Mrs. Lorna Magara, Chairperson Makerere University Council

In her remarks, Mrs. Lorna Magara who was recently re-appointed to serve a second term as Chairperson – Council said, ‘it is a delight to be back to the School of Law. The purpose of this meeting is to introduce the new Council members to the College, get to know what the SoL is doing as well as engage staff on how best to work together through this term’.

In his presentation, Associate Professor Ronald Naluwairo, the Ag. Principal SoL welcomed the Council members to the School and expressed optimism about the meeting. He said, ‘we don’t take this visit lightly, it is not every day that Council visits the colleges. The last time Chairperson and Vice Chairperson of Council were here, we got the new School of Law Building which we are slated to move into later this year. He shared the vision, mission and strategic direction that the School is taking towards implementing its strategic plan and the University Strategic Plan. He added that the Strategic Plan of SoL is aligned to the National Development Plan III to support human resource development, community development and mindset change and administration of justice.



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Principal SoL during a meeting with Mak Council

5.2 Ndejje S.S.S and Namilyango College Students visited School of Law for career guidance and mentoring

We hosted Namilyango College students at SOL for a familiarization tour . The group comprising of 60 Senior 4 and Senior 6 learners was accompanied by their teachers. The visitors were received by Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal, SoL. In their communication prior to the visit, the School management requested, ‘our students would like to have a guided tour and the learners need a word of encouragement from the facilitator (or facilitators) so that they can aim higher as well as a brief on what it takes to join the college.’

In her remarks, Dr. Nampewo presented a brief background about SoL explaining that the School established in 1968 and is a top law school in Africa adding that “Makerere University celebrated 100 years of excellence and service to humanity in 2022. On The institutional strategic direction of Makerere University, Nampewo said the institution is moving towards becoming a research- led and innovative University for solutions to societal challenges

She also highlighted the following to Namilyango College Students.

1. The LLB programme is an intensive course that requires a lot of reading and therefore students interested in the programme should be ready to read.
2. The law profession is a continuous reading profession, even when you are a judge, you are always reading to back up your judgments since the law is always changing, lawyers are always reading so you have to be ready to read hard, put in hard work
3. The two main avenues one can enroll on LLB is either thru direct-entry scheme (after A ‘Level) or mature-entry scheme (those who have completed other study programmes).
4. All applicants for the programmes have to sit and pass the preentry exam before admission. After completing LLB, students undertake the bar at Law Development Centre (LDC) and then apply to be admitted to the bar before practicing as an advocate



Dr. Zahara Nampewo receiving Namilyango College Students

In addition, students from Ndejje Senior Secondary School (S.S.S) visited Makerere University School of Law (SoL) for a familiarization tour and career guidance on Monday 27th February 2023. The group comprising of 77 students were accompanied by Mrs. Florence Namuyomba Sekamanya, Career Guidance Master, Ndejje S.S.S and Ms. Comfort Deborah Nazziwa, Class Teacher Senior 6 Arts, Ndejje S.S.S.

At SoL, the students were received by Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal – SoL; Dr. Kabumba Busingye, Director – Human Rights & Peace Centre (HURIPEC), SoL; Dr. Dan Ngabirano, Head of Environmental Law, SoL; Mr. Ivan Engoru, Lecturer, SoL.

Dr. Nampewo shared with the students a history of SoL. She explained that Makerere University new strategic direction is to become a research-led University; thus, a move towards admitting fewer undergraduate students. ‘When you are admitted to SoL, know you are the cream’, she added. Other staff present also gave the students words of advice. The students were also taken on a tour of the SoL premises.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal – SoL addressing Ndejje SSS Students



Students from Ndejje SSS

5.3 Principal's Meeting with SoL Student Leaders

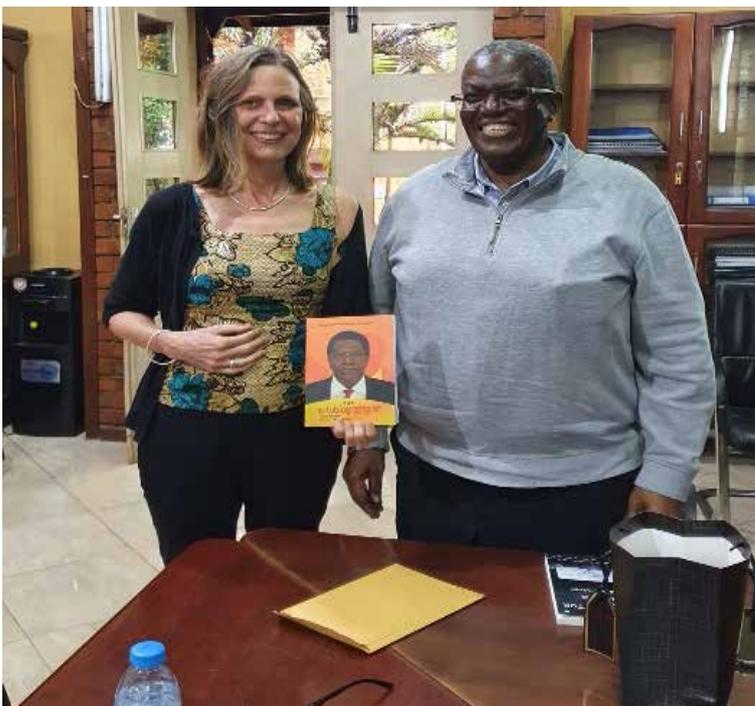
Principal and Deputy Principal SoL met class leaders and members of the SoL College Guild on different on different occasions to discuss various issues especially those related to teaching and learning and how they can help in monitoring the teaching and learning.



Student Leaders with Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo (5th right), Principal – SoL and Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal – SoL (3rd left)

5.4 Professor Kjaer Visited School of Law

On the 14th March 2023, Professor Anne Mette Kjaer visited the School of Law (SoL), Makerere University. She held a meeting with Professor David Justin Bakibinga with whom she had collaborated on a research programme titled, '**Political Settlement and Revenue Bargains in Africa**'.



Professor Bakibinga (right) gifted Professor Anne Mette Kjaer a copy of his autobiography

Professor Kjaer is based at Aarhus University, Denmark in the Department of Political Science. She served as Principal Investigator on the research project implemented from 2015 to 2022 by Aarhus University in partnership with SoL, and Research for Poverty Alleviation (REPOA). The research project financed by DANIDA facilitated Oscar Kamusiime, a doctoral student at SoL to complete his Doctor of Laws (LLD) studies. Kamusiime is slated to defend his thesis later this year (2023).

5.5 School of Law BLC Students at the Jenga Haki Lab Programme 2023

The Makerere University School of Law (SoL) Business Law Clinic (BLC) students were among several innovators who were selected to participate in innovating justice solutions for Uganda through the Jenga Haki Lab Uganda Programme 2023. The Jenga Haki Lab Uganda Programme 2023 is a 4-week ideation program organized by HiiL Innovation Hub - East Africa. The participants presented their ideas, engaged in training sessions on product development and project management, and refined their solutions. The goal of the training was to equip participants with the necessary skills and knowledge to tackle societal issues and create positive change through technology-based innovations.



SoL/BLC Team at Jenga Haki Lab Uganda Programme 2023 (L-R): Walter Hillary Kaijamahe



Mercy Amumpiire Mulumba and Arnold Kabigumira



Arnold Kabigumira and Walter Hillary Kaijamahe with the team poster at Jenga Haki Lab Uganda Programme 2023

The program focuses on justice innovation and using technology to address land justice problems in Uganda. Participants, including the BLC students, came together to develop innovative solutions through workshops and team collaborations. The program started with the Jenga Haki Weekend, a two-day event on Friday 12th May 2023 and Saturday 13th May 2023 at Innovation Village, Ntinda. The BLC team consisted of three third year students, Walter Hillary Kaijamahe, Mercy Amumpiire Mulumba and Arnold Kabigumira, who came first among 12 teams which will proceed to the next level of programme.

5.6 Dialogue: The Anti-Homosexuality Act, 2023: Protecting the Public or Oppressing Minorities?

On March 22, 2023, a dialogue was held at Makerere University's School of Law (SoL) to discuss the recently passed Anti-Homosexuality Act, 2023, and its potential impact on Ugandan society. The aim of this dialogue was to discuss whether the act is protecting the public or oppressing minorities. The dialogue was organized and hosted by Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), SoL. The panelists were Hon. Asuman Basalirwa who introduced the Anti-homosexuality Bill, 2023 at Parliament and Dr. Adrian Jjuuko, Executive Director – Human Rights Awareness & Promotion Forum (HRAPF) and a human rights activist against the bill now an Act of Parliament.



Participants at the Anti-Homosexuality Dialogue

The dialogue attracted participants attending physically and virtually ranging from law students, lawyers, religious leaders, civil society, international partners and media among others. Some of the issues arising from the discussion included: respect for human rights, religion and the law and challenges posed by the Act on privacy. At the event, it was agreed that another dialogue will be organised at a later date to continue with discussions around Anti-Homosexuality Act, 2023.

Hon. Basalirwa, the mover of the Anti-Homosexuality Bill, 2023 gave a brief background of the bill, citing the recruitment of children into homosexuality, financing, and public outcry about LGBTQ as some of the reasons behind the bill. When asked about the criminalisation of homosexuality, he said that it is not a new phenomenon and that colonialists introduced anti-sodomy law in Uganda citing section 145 of the Penal Code.



Panelist - Hon. Asuman Basalirwa speaking at the Anti-Homosexuality Dialogue

On the other hand, Dr. Jjuuko, stated that the spirit behind the law is unconstitutional and vague. He cited section 29(1) of the Constitution that provides for freedom of expression and association, noting that the criminalization of homosexuality would limit the freedom of expression of individuals if passed into law. Jjuuko also noted that the Act replicates existing laws that provide for the protection of all people against rape, defilement, and other forms of sexual violence. According to him, there is a need to implement these laws to deal with offenders. He also emphasized the need to respect, uphold and promote the rights and freedoms of individuals and groups enshrined in the Constitution.



Panelist - Dr. Adrian Jjuuko

5.7 MLS Annual Dinner

The Makerere Law Society's annual dinner was held on the 29th April 2023 at the Sheraton Hotel, Kampala. It is happening tonight at Sheraton starting at 4:00PM, 29th April 2023. The students said 'it was a night filled with fun, a night to create memories, music, in honour of the 51st Class of Law'. The MLS dinner was more than just fun it was a chance to be inspired. The patron of the Makerere Law Society, Hon Justice Geoffrey Kirywabire and Dr. Dan Ruhweza, Head – Department of Law & Jurisprudence shared their experiences and advice on how to succeed in the legal profession.



Percy Mpindi, former MLS President receiving a certificate from Dr. Dan Ruhweza



Justice Geoffrey Kiryabwire, patron of the MLS giving remarks at the MLS Dinner

5.8 EU Delegation Visit

The SoL hosted a delegation from the CIVIS- Hub European Union Consortium on 11th May 2023 to discuss possible areas of collaboration and partnerships. The CIVIS delegation was accompanied by Professor Edward Bbaale, Director-DRGT, Makerere University. Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal, SoL received the visitors together with staff of the college. The delegation had professors of law who initiated the visit to the school for an engagement with SoL staff.



The CIVIS-Hub delegation meeting with SoL staff

5.9 The Nguvu Poetry Show

The Makerere Law Society, a union which brings together all SoL students organised the Nguvu Poetry Show which was held on the 7th May 2023. The show included presentations by SoL students celebrating performances by renown and fine poets as well as music performances.

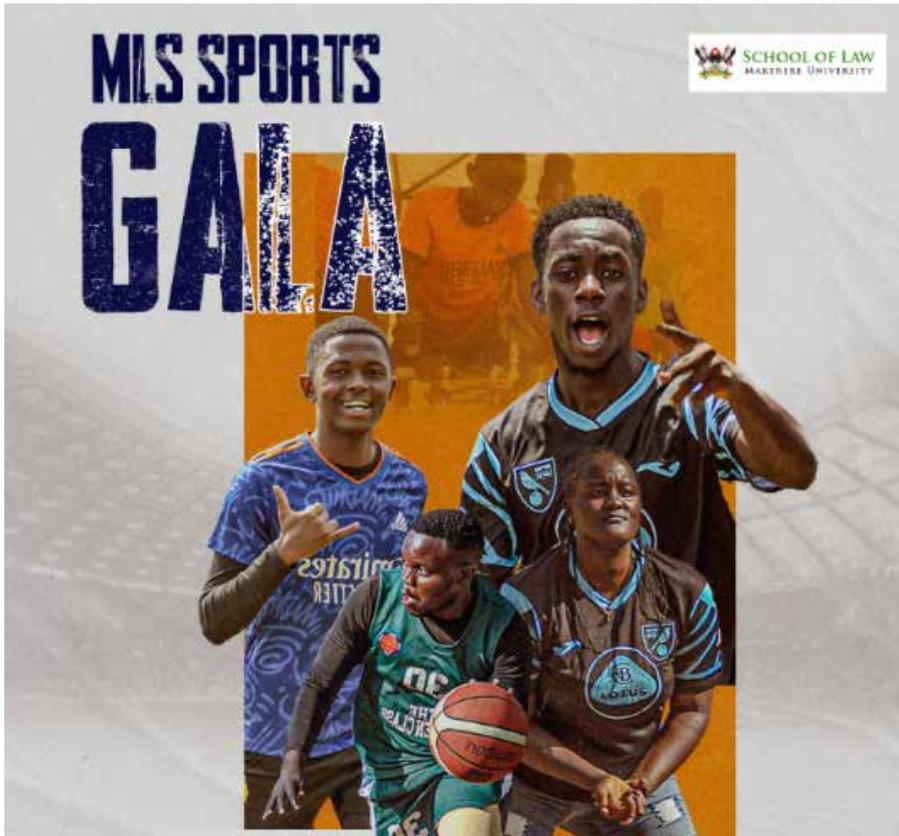


Students at the Nguvu Poetry Show

5.10 Students Sports Gala

On 4th March 2023, our students led by the College Guild Council successfully held their annual sports gala. Teams competed in sports activities like football, netball, racing among others.

The students under their Makerere University Law Society (MLS) organised the MLS Sports Gala on the 21st October 2023 at Makerere Main Sports Ground. Competition was in sports including football, netball, athletics, cricket, tennis, volleyball among others.



5.11 2nd Annual Nsibirwa Public Lecture: Makubuya calls for Decolonisation of our Systems



The 2nd Nsibirwa Annual Public Lecture themed ‘Situating the Role and Relevance of Cultural Institutions in Modern Uganda’ was held on 9th November 2023 at Makerere University. The annual public lecture hosted by Makerere University commemorates Martin Luther Nsibirwa, a two time Katikiro of Buganda, 1929-1941 and July - September 1945. Katikiro Nsibirwa is remembered for having assented the bill which enabled the Colonial Government to take possession of the land where Makerere University Main Campus stands today. The public lecture was moderated by Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal – SoL.

The distinguished speaker at the lecture was Owekitiibwa Apollo Nelson Makubuya, he is an alumni of Makerere University (School of Law) where he completed his Bachelor of Laws and also served as faculty at the School. He is a founding partner of MMAKS Advocates and a Senior Palace Advisor to Kabaka Ronald Muwenda Mutebi II.



Owekitiibwa Apollo N. Makubuya speaking at the 2nd Annual Nsibirwa Lecture



Professor Barnabas Nawangwe at the 2nd Nsibirwa Annual Public Lecture

Speaking at the lecture, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe – Vice Chancellor, Makerere University welcomed all to Makerere University and thanked everyone for honoring the invitation to the lecture. He said, ‘As far as education in Uganda is concerned, there are two important milestones which we treasure as Makerere University. 1. The letter written by Kabaka Mutesa I to Queen Victoria inviting missionaries to teach his people how to read and write, which was the beginning of modern education in the country. 2. 4th September 1944, when Katikiro Nsibirwa signed the document allowing the colonial government to take possession of Makerere land which many had feared.’

Owekitiibwa Makubuya thanked the University for organising the lecture in recognition of Katikiro Nsibirwa’s leadership in laying the foundation of Makerere University which has played a great role in nurturing many in Uganda and globally. He noted that Nsibirwa was self-educated, with no formal education and he achieved a lot. Makubuya called for decolonisation of our systems like naming our landmarks after Ugandans rather than colonial generals.

Using Buganda as a case study and what it has accomplished since cultural institutions were restored 30 years ago, Owekitiibwa Makubuya argued these institutions have a role to play in modern Uganda. He posed 4 questions to the audience and Uganda as a nation for considering in determining the position of cultural institutions: Do they provide solutions to service delivery?, Do they have dynamic adaptation to the new times?, Can these institutions blend both modern and traditional issues?

5.12 iGA Donated Furniture to School of Law

The International Governance Alliance (iGA) donated furniture and appliances to Makerere University School of Law (SoL). The furniture and appliances were handed over to the Ag. Principal, Dr. Benson Tusasirwe by Professor Fredrick Jjuuko, Dr. Maria Nassali and Justice Solome Bbosa (attended online).

The donation comprised: Office Centre Table, 2 Side Tables, 1 Dining Table, 8 Boardroom Chairs, 5 Wooden Chairs, 2 sets of Wooden Drawers, 1 Safe, Italian Dinner Set, Samsung Fridge, 1 Gas/Electric Cooker.

In his remarks, Dr. Tusasirwe said, ‘SoL is overwhelmed by the gesture, that of all the deserving people, iGA choose us. We have a new building but our furniture is yet to arrive therefore this gift is handy’. He added that the relationship that iGA has cultivated with SoL is much appreciated.



Dr. Benson Tusasirwe signing to acknowledge receipt of the donation from Professor Fredrick Jjuuko (3rd right) and Dr. Maria Nassali (1st right), Ms. Sarah Adero (2nd right) and Ms. Esther Rukundo (2nd left) witness the handover.

Handing over the donation, Justice Solome Bbosa acknowledged the work done by iGA and SoL over the years including joint publications which was a clear testament to partnership between academia and non-government organisations. She explained that iGA has decided to review its operations and will resume operations at a later date.



Dr. Benson Tusasirwe receiving the donation from Professor Fredrick Jjuuko

The International Governance Alliance [iGA] is an East African think-tank established in November 2012, operating at the regional and national levels headquartered in Kampala, Uganda. iGA works in Burundi, Kenya, Rwanda, Tanzania and Uganda. Through knowledge production and intellectual engagement, iGA worked to address critical governance issues affecting women, the media and resources with the aim of achieving equality, freedom and accountability. The organisation was committed to people-centred, social transformation that underlines human dignity.

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Human Resources: Status, Appointments, Transfers & Retirement

The School has the highest concentration of internationally recognised legal academics in the country. The table below summarizes the number of academic staff of SoL at different ranks.

Table 3: Academic Staff aggregated by Rank

Rank	Number
Professors	5
Associate Professors	3
Senior Lecturers	5
Lecturers	10
Assistant Lecturers	14
Total	37

Table 4: Academic Staff aggregated by Gender and Academic Qualifications

Qualification	Female	Male	Total
Doctorate	11	13	24
Masters	5	8	13
TOTAL	16	21	37

During the reporting period, The SoL registered changes i.e. appointments and transfer of staff.

Table 5: Human Resource Changes at SoL 2023

#	Name	Position
Appointments		
1.	Dr. Busingye Kabumba	Ag. Head - HURIPEC
2.	Dr. Dan Ngabirano	Ag. Head – Department of Environmental Law
3.	Dr. Anthony Kakooza	Ag. Head – Department of Commercial Law
4.	Dr. Benson Tusasirwe	Ag. Head – Department of Public & Comparative Law
5.	Dr. Adrian Jjuuko	Assistant Lecturer
Retirement		
1.	Mr. Kavuma Kabenge	Lecturer
Transfer to SoL		
1	Ms. Josephine Namubiru	College Registrar
2.	Ms. Edna Kasirye Nsubuga	Administrative Assistant (Examination Officer)
3.	Ms. Sarah Nakibuuka	Procurement Officer
Transfer from SoL		
1.	Mr. Vincent Abigaba	College Registrar
2.	Ms. Caroline Kwesiga Kirumira	Administrative Assistant (Examination Officer)
3.	Ms. Atwine Shivon	Procurement Officer

#	Name	Position
4.	Ms. Maureen Orikiriza	Administrative Assistant
Promotions		
1.	Dr. Damalie Nagitta-Musoke	Associate Professor
2.	Dr. Ronald Kakungulu Mayambala	Professor
3.	Dr. Daniel Ruhweza	Senior Lecturer
4.	Dr. Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga	Senior Lecturer
5.	Dr. Carol Adoch	Lecturer
Resignations		
	Dr. Faisal Mukasa	Lecturer



Mr. Abigaba Vincent, outgoing College Registrar handing over office to Ms. Josephine Namubiru witnessed by the Principal – SoL, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo

6.1 New Coordinator for the Administrative Officers’ Law Short Course

Dr. Patricia Atim P’Odong was appointed New Coordinator of the Administrative Officers Law Short Course (AOLSC) offered at the School of Law (SoL), Makerere University. Ms. Atim P’Odong replaced Dr. Kakungulu-Mayambala who had coordinated the course for 8years.



Dr. Patricia Atim P’Odong

The Administrative Officers Law Short-course started in 2009 as a collaborative initiative between the then Faculty of Law and the Department of Distance Education (DDE). In 2010, the School of Law Board began conducting the course independent of the DDE. In September 2011, SoL: AOLSC was endorsed by the President’s Office through the Permanent Secretary of the Ministry of Public Service as a requirement for entry, promotion and confirmation of Administrative Officers. Currently, SoL partners with districts to offer the course to their officers. The course is 2months with a minimum requirement of an A’ Level Certificate or its equivalent.

6.2 New Director at Refugee Law Project

Dr. Ojara De-Saxone Pius was appointed new Director of the Refugee Law Project (RLP) effective 1st April, 2023. Dr. Ojara replaced Dr. Christopher Gerald Dolan who left in 2022. The RLP is a community outreach project of the School of Law, Makerere University. The project empowers asylum seekers, refugees, deportees, IDPs and hosts communities to enjoy their human rights and lead dignified lives. The project is mandated to 1) Promote the protection, well-being and dignity of forced migrants and their hosts; 2) Empower forced migrants, communities and all associated actors to challenge and combat injustices in policy, law and practice; 3) Influence national and international debate on matters of forced migration, justice and peace and 4) Serve as a resource for forced migrants and relevant actors.



Dr. Ojara De-Saxone Pius

Dr. Ojara is an expert in humanitarian and development operations with skills in impactful programming and transformational and leadership in donor and non-governmental sectors. He holds a PhD in Philosophy from the University of Zimbabwe, Master in Philosophy and postgraduate qualifications. He brings a wealth of experience of over 20 years from different national and international organisations in humanitarian service he has worked with.

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Awards, Honours and Recognition

Staff at SoL received awards during the reporting period including new qualifications, honours and selected to serve on boards and committee in-country and international in recognition of their expertise.



Dr. Patricia Atim-Adong completed her doctoral studies and was awarded a PhD at the University of Cape Town, South Africa. The title of her thesis is: ***Community based mental healthcare: A necessity for realising the right to independent living and community inclusion of persons with mental disabilities in Uganda.***



Dr. Winnie Tarinyeba, Associate Professor at SoL was appointed Independent Non-Executive Director on the MTN Uganda Limited Board of Directors. Dr. Tarinyeba was also appointed as Board Member of the International Insolvency Institute. Dr. Tarinyebwa was also awarded as best female academic lawyer by FIDA (U).



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Assoc. Professor and Principal, SoL was appointed to the Commonwealth Consultation Group tasked to develop the Commonwealth Military Justice Principles.

Professor Bakibinga recognised for service and leadership to Makerere University

Professor David Justin Bakibinga was recognised by Makerere University Council for his service and leadership to Makerere University. A certificate and plaque were handed to him by Mrs. Lorna Magara - Chairperson Council, Makerere University at a breakfast meeting held on 17th March 2023 at Serena Hotel, Kampala.

At the colourful function hosted by the Chairperson of Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara former top university leaders were honoured for their selfless contribution to the growth and impact of Makerere University. Categories of Top University leaders honoured included: Former Chancellors, Chairpersons of Council, Vice Chairpersons of Council, Vice Chancellors and Deputy Vice Chancellors.



Professor Bakibinga holding a certificate received from Mrs. Lorna Magara – Chairperson Council, Makerere University

Professor Bakibinga awarded Order of Merit by his Alma Mater, Kings College Budo

Professor David Justin Bakibinga was awarded the Order of Merit by his Alma Mater, Kings College, Budo (KCB), at a function held on the 26th March 2023 at the School. Other prominent budonians were recognised at the function. The function was presided over by Right Rev. Wilberforce Kityo Luwalira, Bishop of Namirembe Diocese. Hon. Beti Namisango Kamywa, Inspector General of Government (IGG) was the Chief Guest. Professor Bakibinga spoke on behalf of recipients of awards including, Orders of Merit, Medals of

The Africa Peer Review Mechanism was launched in 2003 as a key component of the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD) of the African Union to enable voluntary peer review to assess the quality of governance in the participating African Countries. The NGC major role is to provide leadership, guidance and overall policy direction to the Uganda APRM process. It also ensures transparency, inclusiveness and accountability to the citizens of Uganda. The APRM NGC Secretariat is located at the National Planning Authority (NPA).

The Commonwealth Secretariat is engaged in a project to assist and promote the reform of military justice systems. A central activity of the project is the development of Commonwealth Military Justice Principles drawing from the Decaux Principles and the Yale Draft. Dr. Naluwairo was identified as a leader in the field hence the invitation to serve on the consultative group.

Professor Bakibinga re-appointment on CSAT

Professor David Justin Bakibinga membership on the External Technical Committee of the Centre for Studies of African Taxation (CSAT) at the International Bureau of Fiscal Documentation (IBFD), Netherlands, has been renewed for 3 years effective from 1st October, 2023.

Launched in 2015, the IBFD Centre for Studies in African Taxation (CSAT) is a think tank dedicated to the study and development of sound tax policies for Africa. Housed within IBFD's Africa Knowledge Group, it is staffed by a team of specialists in the tax systems of all the countries of Africa, and supported by an extensive network of local country experts.

CSAT's activities include the following:

- the provision of research on pertinent tax policy issues in Africa, in the form of research briefings, working papers, and books;
- the delivery of capacity development services (including training and research services) for African government departments, such as revenue authorities and ministries of finance;
- hosting conferences, workshops, and other events, on tax policy issues germane to Africa. (CSAT is the organiser of the renowned annual Africa Tax Symposium);
- collaboration with partner organisations within Africa in providing research and training services, and hosting events centered on African tax policy issues;
- provision of support for academic activities of benefit to Africa. These include the CSAT Fellowship Programme; scholarship awards for post-graduate programmes; and delivery of tax lectures for African academic institutions.

Award of Honorary Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa)

SoL nominated Justice Fredrick Egonda-Ntende and Her Excellency, Hon Betty Bigombe for the award of a Honorary Doctor of Laws (Honoris Causa) of Makerere University for thier distinguished service to Uganda and the world at large. The nominations were approved by Senate and University Council and the degrees will be conferred at the 74th Graduation Ceremony of Makerere University to be held in January 2024.

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Challenges & Future Plans

8.1 Major Challenges and Needs

- i) Inadequate budget especially for students' extra-curricular activities.
- ii) Public pressure to increase the number of students admitted on the LLB programme.
- iii) Need for more academic staff especially at senior ranks.
- iv) Funding for repair and renovation of the part of the old building that was preserved.
- v) Funding to adequately furnish the School of Law building.

8.2 Future Plans

- i) Increase number of graduate students in line with Makerere University' strategy to become a research-led institution. This is however dependent on the recruitment of more teaching staff.
- ii) Increase and strengthen partnerships with like-minded institutions at regional and international level.
- iii) Revamp the School of Law Alumni Association.
- iv) Develop at least one more specialized Master of Laws degree programme in the next three years, this will also depend on recruitment of more teaching staff.
- v) Develop at least two more tailor-made short courses as part of the School's community outreach programme.
- vi) Increase our policy and legal engagements with different Ministries, Departments and Agencies as well as other stakeholders on emerging topical issues that fall within our disciplinary mandate.

Appendix: Staff List as at 31st December 2023

Academic Staff

	Name of Staff	Rank	Area of Specialisation
1.	David J. Bakibinga	Professor	Corporate & Commercial Law
2.	Oloka-Onyango J	Professor	Constitutional Law
3.	Ben K. Twinomugisha	Professor	Commercial, Health & Environmental Law
4.	Emmanuel B. Kasimbazi	Professor	Environmental Law
5.	Christopher Mbazira	Professor	Public interest Litigation and Governance Law
6.	Ronald Kakungulu-Mayambala	Professor	Intellectual property & ICT Law
7.	Winnie Tarinyeba Kiryabwire	Assoc Professor	Corporate & Commercial Law
8.	Ronald Naluwairo	Assoc Professor	Human Rights, Military Justice, Access to Justice & Governance
9.	Damalie E. Naggita-Musoke	Assoc Professor	Disability, Women, Children and procedural Law
10.	Anna Marie Nassali	Senior Lecturer	Human Rights & Family Law
11.	Busingye Kabumba	Senior Lecturer	International Law, Constitutional Law & Jurisprudence
12.	Rose Nakayi	Senior Lecturer	Natural resource Law, Transitional Law & Human rights,
13.	Zahara Nampewo	Senior Lecturer	International humanitarian law, Human rights & Gender
14.	Phiona Muhwezi-Mpanga	Senior Lecturer	Labour Law
15.	Emmanuel Bagenda	Lecturer	International Law
16.	Josephine Ndagire	Lecturer	
17.	Anthony Conrad K. Kakooza	Lecturer	Intellectual property and Criminology
18.	Dan Ngabirano	Lecturer	Revenue Law, Taxation and Natural Resources Governance Law
19.	Daniel R. Ruhweza	Lecturer	Justice law of treaties, Constitutional & International Law
20.	Sylvie Namwase	Lecturer	International Criminal Law
21.	Caroline Adoch	Assistant Lecturer	Gender and international Law
22.	Dianah Ahumuza Ateenyi	Assistant Lecturer	

23.	Patricia Atim	Assistant Lecturer	Human Rights
24.	Isaac Bakayana	Assistant Lecturer	
25.	Ivan Engoru	Assistant Lecturer	Company Law
26.	Ernest J.W. Kalibbala	Assistant Lecturer	
27.	Rachel Kigozi Nabaggala	Assistant Lecturer	
28.	Robert Kirunda	Assistant Lecturer	
29.	Philda Maiga	Assistant Lecturer	
30.	Frederick Joshua Mpanga	Assistant Lecturer	
31.	Mugalula Grancia	Assistant Lecturer	
32.	Benson Tusasirwe	Assistant Lecturer	
33.	Hadijah Namyalo	Assistant Lecturer	
34.	Joseph Kyazze	Assistant Lecturer	
35.	Godber W. Tumushabe	Assistant Lecturer	
36.	Cynthia Nona Tamale	Assistant Lecturer	
37.	Adrian Jjuuko	Assistant Lecturer	

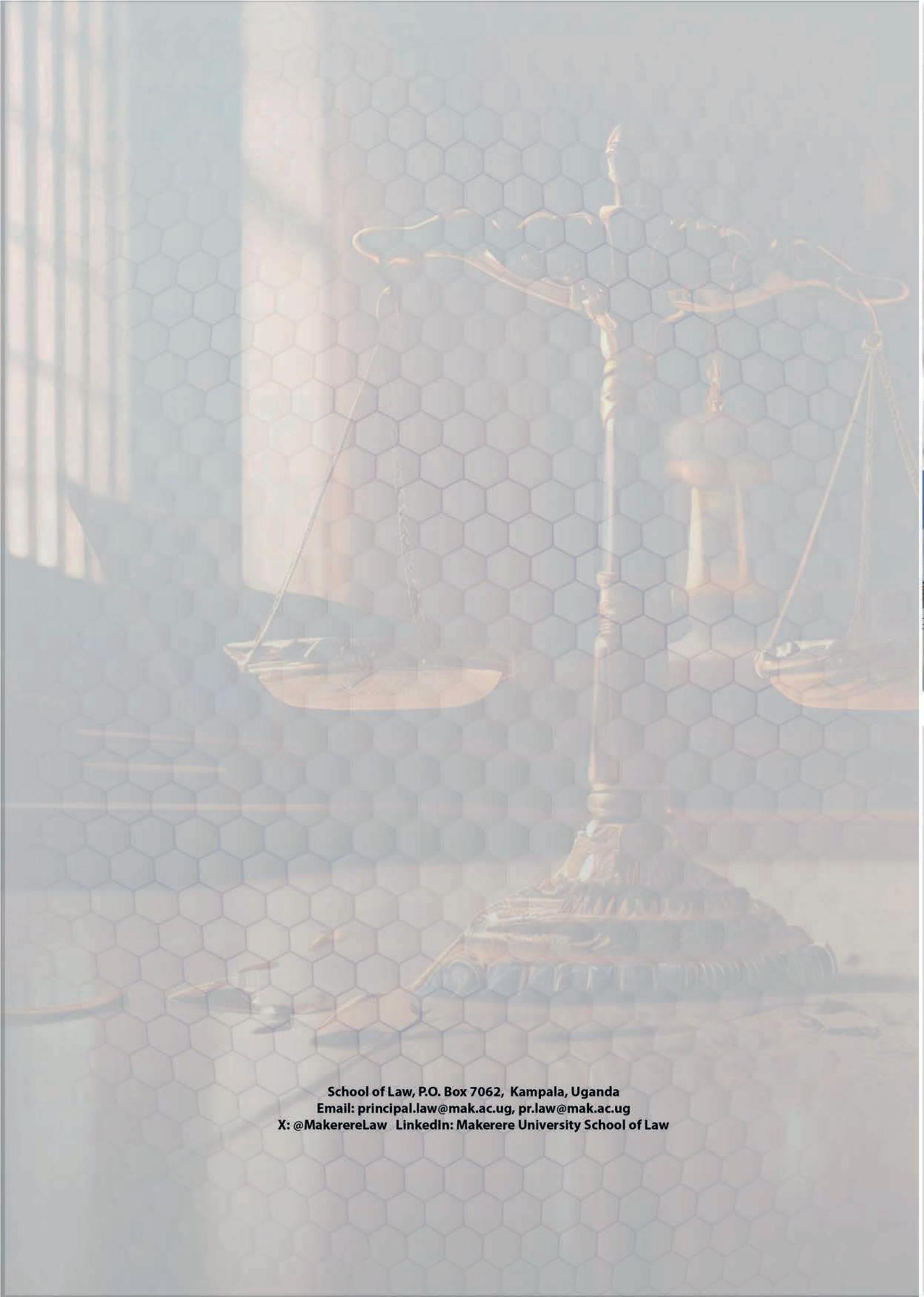
Administrative Staff

	Name	Position
1	Josephine Namubiru	College Registrar
2	Serunjogi Abdul-Majidi	College Bursar
3	Zaam Namuli Ssali	Principal Communication Officer
3	Edina Kasirye Nsubuga	Examination Officer
4	Jane Nabukeera	Human Resource Officer
5	Mariam Kasemiire	Web Administrator
6	Roland Mpiriirwe	Assistant Accountant
7	Sara Adero	Administrative Secretary I
8	Sarah Nakibuuka	Procurement Officer
9	Janat Nankinga	Administrative Secretary II

	Name	Position
10	Teddy Kyambadde	Administrative Secretary II
11	Joyce Ndagire	Senior Copy Typist
12	Betty Kyamuhangire	Records Assistant
13	Annet Nuwamanya Kibajjo	Senior Library Assistant
14	Rukundo Esther	Administrative Assistant
15	Margaret Kyompaire	Senior Copy Typist
17	Maxine Twijukye	Senior Copy Typist
18	Rogers Musungu	Project Accountant (HURIPEC)

Support Staff

	Name	Position
1	Hasifa Kahunde	Chief Custodian
2	Elvis Sserwadda	Driver
3	Betty Nabimwadde	Cleaner/Messenger
4	Joseph Ssebasore	Sanitary Cleaner
5	Bahinyu Valance	Cleaner/Messenger
6	Milly Mayanja	Sanitary Cleaner
7	Sebudirima Geoffrey	Security Guard
8	Bizimana Everest	Security Guard
9	Elias Niyonzima	Cleaner/Messenger
10	Grace Ayiru	Cleaner/Messenger
11	Rona Natuha	Cleaner/Messenger
12	John Masiko	Cleaner/Messenger
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