

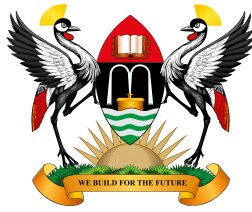


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VISION

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



MISSION STATEMENT

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
- Transparency & Accountability • Respect & Collegiality
- Equality and Non-discrimination

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List of Acronyms

ADR	–	Alternative Dispute Resolution
BLC	–	Business Law Clinic
CLAPMOC	–	Community Law Programme and Mobile Clinic
CLE	–	Clinical Legal Education
CLET	–	Centre for Law and Emerging Technologies
DEPT	–	Department
DLRC	–	Disability Law and Rights Centre
DRGT	–	Directorate of Research and Graduate Training
EAJHR	–	East African Journal for Human Rights
HURIPEC	–	Human Rights and Peace Centre
LDC	–	Law Development Centre
LLB	–	Bachelor of Laws
LLD	–	Doctor of Laws
LLM	–	Master of Laws
Mak	–	Makerere University
MLJ	–	Makerere Law Journal
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

Message from the Principal

It is my pleasure to share the School of Law Annual Report for 2024. The report highlights the major activities undertaken and the key outputs realized in light of our core mandate of teaching, research, knowledge transfer and community outreach.

Am happy to report that we successfully implemented all scheduled activities concerning teaching and learning. These included teaching, continuous assessments, final examinations, orientation for new students, field attachment for our LLB III students and graduation among others. At the 74th graduation ceremony held in January 2024, the School of Law presented 285 graduands (1 Doctor of Laws, 20 Master of Laws and 264 Bachelor of Laws). During this ceremony, Hon. Justice Fredrick Egonda-Ntende and Hon. Betty Bigombe whom the School of Law had recommended, received their Honorary Doctor of Laws degrees of Makerere University for their distinguished service and contribution to society. The School of Law is very proud of these distinguished citizens. We thank Makerere University Council for having approved their awards.



Our students continued to excel in the different national and international moot court competitions. During the Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Competition held in Washington in April 2024, Makerere University School of Law was recognized as the highest ranked team from Africa. In the area of research, our faculty undertook a number of research projects and published many scholarly articles and research reports on different subjects. I congratulate them for the research outputs realized.

The Judiciary of Uganda and the Parliament of Uganda are some of our key partners and stakeholders. During the reporting period, through our staff and students, the School of Law participated in and contributed to a number of activities organized by these two arms of Government. Key among these included the Africa Judiciaries' Summit on Alternative Dispute Resolution (5th-6th March 2024), the 7th Annual National Plea Bargaining Conference (21st June 2024), the Alternative Dispute Resolution Week (5th-9th August), the Family Justice Summit (12th-13th August 2024) and the 7th Chief Justice Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture. In May 2024, our students appeared before the Health Committee of Parliament and presented their views on the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill, 2023.

Through mainly our different advocacy and outreach entities including the Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC), the Refugee Law Project (RLP) and the Human Rights & Peace Centre (HURIPEC) our staff and students conducted and participated in a number of community outreach activities. Key among these included: training of police officers on juvenile justice; training of judicial officers on juvenile justice; providing legal aid services to female prisoners in Luzira Prison; and conducting the Administrative Law short course for public officers in various parts of the country.

In December 2024, the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni officially opened our new School of Law building. The three-storied building has several facilities including staff offices, lecture rooms, seminar rooms, state of art moot court room, a library, a lactation room and a cafeteria. These facilities will greatly enhance the teaching and learning environment at our School, which is key to providing high-quality legal education and

training. The building worth 7.3 billion UGX was fully funded by the Government of Uganda.

I thank the Government of Uganda, Makerere University Council, Makerere University Top Administration and all our partners and well-wishers for the continued support that enables us to implement our programme of work. I also thank my fellow leaders and colleagues at the School of Law for the support and participation in the different activities.

As We Build for the Future

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a series of loops and a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Ronald Naluwairo, PhD
Associate Professor

College Leadership



Principal (Ag.)
Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo



Deputy Principal (Ag.)
Dr. Zahara Nampewo



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Kabumba
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Centre**



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**Ag. Head -
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Law Centre**



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**Ag. Head - Law and
Jurisprudence**



Dr. Anthony Kakooza
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Commercial Law**



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

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College Registrar
Dr. Alfred Tingo



College HR Officer
Ms. Janet Nabukeera



College Communication Officer
Ms. Zaam Ssali

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Introduction

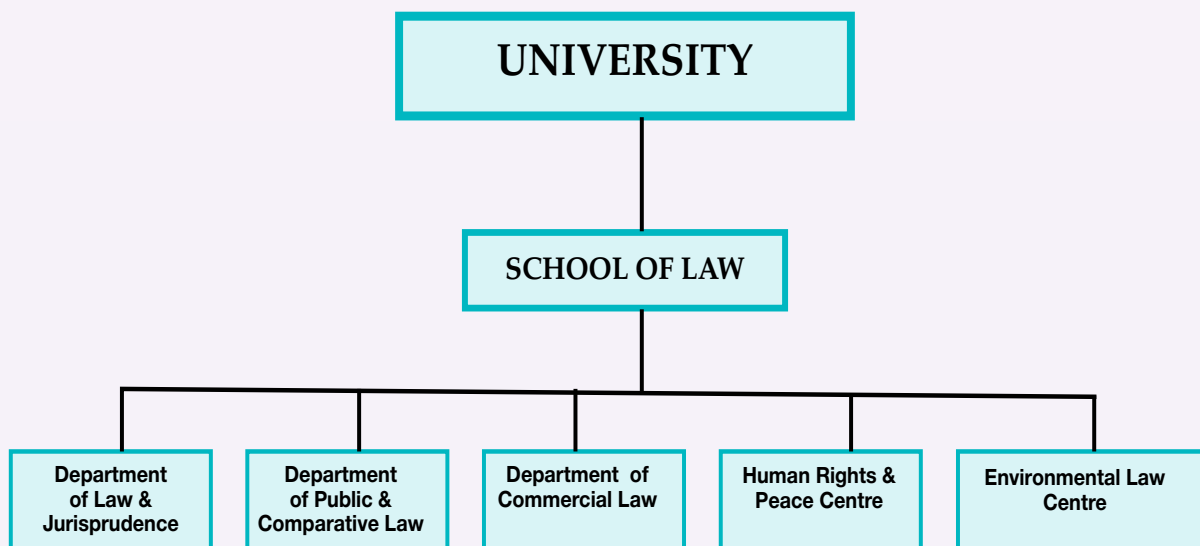
About the School of Law

The School of Law is one of the 11 bigger academic units of Makerere University. It was first established in 1968 as a department in the then Faculty of Social Sciences and became a stand-alone faculty in 1971.

The School of Law 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 Environmental Law Centre (ELC).

Beyond the five departments, the School has a number of other units and establishments that mainly focus on research, advocacy and community engagements. These include: Refugee Law Project (RLP), Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC), Business Law Clinic (BLC), and Disability Law and Rights Centre (DLRC).

The School runs three mainstream programmes i.e 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' Law short-course.



School of Law Research and Outreach Centres/Initiatives

The Human Rights and Peace Center (HURIPEC)

HURIPEC is a semi-autonomous department under the School of Law established by Makerere University in 1993, as the first human rights center of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa. Although several human rights-related subjects were already being taught at the Faculty of Law, HURIPEC

was established solely to foster on teaching, research and activism on human rights and peace issues at the University. Since that time, not only has the number of subjects in the area expanded considerably, also the range of activities being pursued. The centre pursues a vision of contributing to the establishment of a human rights conscientized, educated, activist, academic society in Uganda and countries yonder. It seeks and has consistently engaged in events geared at promoting the understanding and respect for human rights, democratic governance and sustainable peace in the East Africa sub-region specifically and Africa generally through teaching, research, policy and advocacy.

The Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC)

The Makerere University School of law Public Interest Law Clinic was established in January 2012, becoming 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. PILAC has established a Clinical Legal Education (CLE) programme, which is hands-on learning programme, intended to equip law students with public interest lawyering skills. The Public Interest Law Clinic seeks to promote a culture of social justice lawyering in Uganda by developing a consciousness amongst law students of the important role public interest lawyering plays in protecting the rights of ordinary Ugandans. To this end, the clinic trains students in strategic use of the law, including the use of national and regional mechanisms, to protect human rights, the public interest and promote social justice, while at the same time providing law students with the requisite legal skills, training and practical experience to become effective legal professionals. The CLE programme aims to train law students to fulfill their civic duties to the public on a long-term basis and contribute to cultivating a new generation of advocates fully equipped and committed to promoting the public interest and social justice as part of their civic duties

The Center for Law and Emerging Technologies (CLET)

CLET was established in 2019 as an initiative for the Department of Law and Jurisprudence. It was set up to provide legal and policy solutions for the responsible adoption of the 4th Industrial Revolution (4IR) technologies. The new and emerging technologies and various scientific advancements are constantly giving rise to new issues in law, governance, and ethics. These issues need to be researched and debated upon in a constructive and informed manner if solutions are to be found that promote the public interest, accountability, legitimacy, social equity, and inclusion. CLET seeks to provide a platform for such research and debate. Since emerging technologies present unique opportunities for Uganda; for example, ensuring transparency, accountability, legitimacy, and social control, which are key for efficient service delivery in the country, there is a need to assess and realign the legal and policy framework to ensure that there are sufficient protections to harness the benefits of these technologies, while mitigating the attendant risks. With funding from the Government of Uganda under the Research and Innovation Fund, CLET is undertaking research about how emerging technologies can enhance public service efficiency and accountability to transform public service delivery. The project seeks to promote high-quality interdisciplinary research, teaching, and engagements to discover approaches through which the law can facilitate the responsible use of emerging technologies to ensure efficient service delivery to the public. The project involved field work through Interviews are being conducted with different stakeholders such as Government agencies, ministries, registration services, financial institutions and private entities working in the area of emerging technologies to establish knowledge, gaps, challenges and opportunities for improvement. This will culminate into the production of a report.

The Center is also set to conduct capacity building trainings for academics and public servants on the opportunities that emerging technologies present. In addition to this, it is undertaking career mentor facilitation for law students interested in emerging technologies and has supervised students on different research topics around 4IR technologies for their 4th year research papers.

The Refugee Law Project

The Refugee Law Project 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.

The Business Law Clinic (BLC)

The Business Law Clinic (BLC) established in 2019, started out as a three year Pilot project of the Department of Commercial Law with funding through the Makerere University Research and Innovations Fund (RIF I) under the name 'Transactional Law Clinic' Pilot Project. The overall objective of the Clinic is 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 Clinic is founded on the notion that enhancing access to transactional legal services empowers communities and facilitates inclusive and sustainable development for Uganda. The BLC is also designed as an innovation to expand the use of clinical methods in legal education. Through experiential learning law students tackle issues of economic rights and economic development for community organisations, especially those which cannot afford transactional legal services. In 2019-2020, the Clinic enrolled 12 students. In 2021, the Clinical Curriculum was improved and disseminated. It is hoped that after dissemination, it will be adopted as a means of improving the teaching of commercial law subjects in the different Universities teaching law in the country. In 2022, the BLC was awarded funding under RIF III for the period January-June 2022.

Disability Law and Rights Centre (DLRC)

The overall objective of Disability Law and Rights Centre (DLRC) is to contribute to changing the legal profession in Uganda from one less committed to and aware of the needs of persons with disabilities (PWDs) to one which is skilled and prepared to address the legal and human rights needs of PWDs. This will be achieved by 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. This is to be achieved through review, development and change of curriculum to integrate disability issues into the different modules; enhance the skills of staff at the School of Law, as well as for the rest of Makerere University to engage disability lens in the teaching and conduct of their work; raising awareness of disability rights across the university and encourage and support disability-friendly interventions for learners with disabilities; conducting research on topical issues concerning disability rights, law and policy; developing teaching materials in the area; collaborating and networking with Disabled People's Organisations (DPOs), government 53 ministries, departments and agencies as well as other stakeholders to promote the protection and realisation of the rights of persons with disabilities.

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Teaching and Learning

2.1 Students Enrollment AY 2023/2024

The School of Law registered a total enrollment of 1192 students, with 1067 students at undergraduate level and 125 students at graduate level as presented in the Table 1 below.

Table 1: Student Numbers at SoL AY2023/2024

YEAR OF STUDY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
LLB STUDENTS			
4TH YEAR	120	183	303
3RD YEAR	134	167	301
2ND YEAR	76	159	235
1ST YEAR	106	122	228
SUB-TOTAL	436	631	1067
LLM STUDENTS			
2ND YEAR	15	30	45
1ST YEAR	24	51	75
SUB-TOTAL	39	81	120
LLD STUDENTS			
	1	4	5
GRAND TOTAL	476	716	1192

2.2 Pedagogical Training for Academic Staff

The School of Law started the year with capacity building for academic staff in pedagogy. A pedagogical training for academic staff was held on the 1st March at Esella Country Resort. The training was facilitated by Assoc. Professor Betty Ezati and Dr. Peter Senkusu, both from the School of Education, Makerere University.



Group discussion during the Pedagogical Training, staff L-R: Dr. Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga, Ms. Rachel Kigozi, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Mr. Ivan Engoru and Dr. Caroline Adoch

The specific training objectives were: To retool staff in pedagogical approaches to teaching law in a rapidly changing world and legal profession; To explore opportunities through which staff can learn from each other about effective techniques in the teaching of the law; To enhance the capacity of staff in using experiential and clinical methods in teaching law; and To strengthen the capacity of law teachers to mentor and guide the learners beyond academic guidance.



SoL Staff with the facilitators at the Pedagogical Training

2.3 Doctor of Laws Theses Defence



Woliya Gwokyala successfully defended her Doctor of Laws thesis on 10th January 2024. Her thesis titled, 'Income Tax Compliance among Small Businesses in Uganda: A Legal Perspective' was supervised by Prof. David Justin Bakibinga and Dr. Emmanuel Bagenda. The study investigated why income tax compliance of small businesses in Uganda remains low despite the various policy and legislative measures. Utilizing theories like enmeshment, ability to pay, political settlement and revenue bargaining, it explores the evolution of income tax law for small businesses, how the law on presumptive tax aligns with the canons of a good tax system, and influences small businesses income tax compliance, and how factors like legislative consultations, revenue bargains, and government accountability influence small businesses income tax compliance.



James Nkuubi successfully defended his Doctor of Laws thesis on 10th January. His thesis titled, 'Militarization of the State in Uganda: An Analysis of the Place of Law' was supervised by Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo and Professor Christopher Mbazira. The thesis, adopting a 'cautious' inter-disciplinary approach revisited the militarization discourse using the lens of the law in Uganda. The thesis focused on two fundamental aspects-tracing and identifying the manifestations of and extent of militarization in Uganda, and unpacking how the law has been facilitative of this process going back into the pre-colonial era to contemporary Uganda (2023).

2.4 School of Law Presentation at Makerere University' 74th Graduation Ceremony

Makerere University' 74th graduation ceremony commenced on Monday 29th January 2024. The School of Law presented 285 graduands (1 - LLD, 20 - LLM, and 264 – LLB).



Group photo of LLB graduands with the Principal SoL and some academic staff



SoL academic staff ready for Makerere University' 74th Graduation Ceremony Academic Procession L-R: Dr. Benson Tusasirwe, Dr. Phiona Muhwezi-Mpanga, Assoc. Professor Damalie Naggita-Musoke, Dr. Adrian Jjuuko, Dr. Josephine Ndagire, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Professor David Justin Bakibinga, Dr. Anthony C. Kakooza



LLM Graduands at the 74th Graduation Ceremony



Dr. Nakibuule Gladys Kisekka, LLD graduate at the 74th Graduation Ceremony

Dr. Nakibuule Gladys Kisekka became the second female to be awarded a Doctor of Laws (LLD) of Makerere University. Her doctoral thesis titled: '*An Accused's Self-Incrimination to End Trial? Plea Bargaining and the Right to a Fair Hearing in Uganda*'. The study illustrated the tension between plea bargaining as a judicial innovation aimed primarily at reducing court caseloads and the accused's constitutional right to a speedy trial alongside other cardinal fair trial guarantees.

2.4.1 Honorary Doctor of Laws (*Honoris Causa*) Awards

On the recommendation of the School of Law, Hon. Justice Fredrick Egonda-Ntende and Hon. Betty Bigombe were awarded Honorary Doctor of Laws (*Honoris Causa*) degrees of Makerere University.



Honorary Doctor of Laws Degree awardees, Hon. Justice Fredrick Egonda-Ntende (3rd left), Hon. Betty Bigombe (3rd right) with SoL Staff L-R: Dr. Benon Tusasirwe, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Dr. Anthony Kakooza and Dr. Phiona Muhwezi-Mpanga

Hon. Justice Egonda-Ntende was awarded a Doctor of Laws Degree (*Honoris Causa*) in recognition of his professional achievements and distinguished service to the legal profession in Uganda and globally. At the national level, he was recognized for critically distinguishing himself as a Justice of repute whose influence on jurisprudence is not only reflected in Ugandan judicial decisions, but in the opinion of many courts around Africa and elsewhere. The award was also in recognition of his contribution to improving the operation of Courts of Judicature in Uganda through improved technology, simplification of the mechanisms of delivery of justice, and enhancing the quality of judicial engagement with the legal practitioners.



Hon. Nobert Mao (right), Minister for Justice and Constitutional Affairs congratulating Justice Egonda-Ntende (left) after conferment of his Honorary Doctorate, looking on and clapping is Ag. Principal – SoL, Associate Professor Ronald Naluwairo

He was also very instrumental in promoting free online access to Uganda primary legal resources and other materials. At the international level, Hon. Justice Egonda-Ntende was recognized for distinguishing himself as not only an international judge of repute but also a development practitioner who turns dysfunctional judicial institutions to productive and efficient systems. To this end, he was recognized for his contribution to the administrative growth of different judiciaries around the world including in Seychelles, East Timor and Kosovo. Above all, Justice Egonda-Ntende has carried out his tasks as a Judge and Justice; with humility, utmost incorruptibility and unwavering fealty to the cause of justice and equality embedded in the judicial oath. He has been true to the highest creeds of humanity – integrity, excellence, discipline, passion and, above all, service above self. The School of Law is very proud of Justice Egonda-Ntende's contribution.

Hon. Bigombe was recognised for her resilience with an unwavering commitment to peace and diplomacy in Uganda, the Great Lakes region and the world at large. She is a lady of outstanding achievements, who has made great contribution to Uganda, the Eastern Africa region and the international community with respect to conflict prevention, peacemaking, peacekeeping, peace building and post-conflict reconstruction. School of Law congratulates and is very proud of Hon. Bigombe' contributions.



Hon. Bigombe being conferred upon a Honorary Doctor of Laws by the Vice Chancellor, Prof. Barnabas Nawangwe (R), Associate Professor Ronald Naluwairo and Professor Umar Kakumba looking on.



Group photo of SoL staff with the honorary Doctor of Laws Degree awardee, Justice Egonda Ntende (4th right) and Hon Norbert Mao (2nd right), Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and the His Lordship Lord Mayor Elias Lukwago (2nd left)

2.4.2 Graduation Convocation Luncheon

A luncheon organised by Makerere University Convocation was held after the graduation ceremony. At the luncheon, the best graduates from the School of Law were presented to the Chief Justice of Uganda, Hon. Justice Alfonse Owiny Dollo including the best three LLB students Iya Israel, Nakimbugwe Kevin, and Tumwesigye Robert Bob.



The Principal, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo presenting the LLB best performers (Iya Israel, Nakimbugwe Kevin, Tumwesigye Robert Bob) to the Chief Justice of Uganda, Hon. Justice Alfonse Owiny Dollo

2.5 Moot Court Competitions

During 2024, the School of Law continued to excel in different moot court competitions it participated in. During the national rounds of the Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Competition held in January 2024, our team emerged the best overall, receiving the best oralist and memorial awards. The team went on to represent Uganda at the international rounds held in Washington D.C., U.S.A in March 2024. At these rounds, Makerere University School of Law was ranked best team from Africa. The team comprised: Harry Mwesigwa, Nayiga Tracy Hilda, Birungi Primah Elizabeth, Ankunda Mellissa and Kalinda Jamada Musa. The Jessup moot is the world's largest and oldest Moot Court Competition dedicated to International Law, with participants from over 550 law schools in more than 80 countries.

The 10th CLE moot competition was held on 25th April 2024 at the Court of Appeal in Kampala. This was presided over by a Court of Appeal Judge Hon. Justice Eva Luswata Kawuma, High Court Judge Hon. Dr. Douglas Singiza and Registrar Her Worship Dr. Gladys Kisekka Nakibuule.

The theme of the moot was Data Protection, Registration of Persons and the Human Rights issues that arise from such processes. The Applicants team emerged the winners of the moot, with Mr. Calvin David Mukiibi emerging the best oralist.



From left to Right: Jamada Musa Kalinda, Tracy Naiga, Harry Mwesigwa, Mellisa Ankunda Muhumuza and Prima Birungi



The Applicants team with their winner certificates at the 10th CLE Moot Competition

Following the victory in the National Jessup Moot Court Rounds, the School management organized a luncheon in honor of the team for winning the National Rounds of the Jessup Moot Court Competitions. The luncheon held on 16th Jan 2024 was attended by School leadership and students. During the luncheon, the Ag. Principal School of Law, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo appreciated the students for raising the Makerere University flag high, and also presented the congratulatory message from Makerere University Top Management.



School leadership and Jessup team at the luncheon

Ms. Prima Birungi, the outgoing President of the Makerere Moot Society handed over trophies acquired during her term of service to the Ag. Principal School of Law, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo. The handover ceremony was attended by: Dr. Zaharah Nampewo, Ag. Deputy Principal School of Law, and Dr. Daniel Ruhweza, Ag. Head Department of Law and Jurisprudence and Patron of the Moot Society.



Dr. Daniel Ruhweza (1st right) Prima Birungi (2nd right) handing over the trophy to Assoc. Professor Naluwairo (1st left), Dr. Nampewo (2nd right)

2.6 Pre-Entry Examinations for Admission to Bachelor of Laws Degree Programme AY2024/25

The Pre-Entry Examination for admission to the Bachelor of Laws for 2024/2025 was successfully held on Saturday 6th April, 2024. A total of 2832 applicants sat for the examination, out of which 485 passed. The ever increasing number of applicants who want to enroll on our different programmes is a vote of confidence in our School.

2.7 Teaching and End of Semester Examinations

We successfully conducted teaching for 15 weeks for semester II, AY2023/2024. The end of Semester II examinations were also conducted successfully for all programmes (undergraduate and graduate) from the 29th April to 24th May 2024.

The new AY2024/2025 began in August 2024. We successfully conducted teaching for 15 weeks for

semester I, AY2024/2025 and the end of Semester I examinations were also conducted successfully for all programmes (undergraduate and graduate) November to December 2024.

2.8 Field Attachment

Immediately after the end of Semester II examinations, the 3rd year LLB students proceeded to their fieldwork attachment placements across the country. They were successfully supervised and the school administration received positive feedback from many host institutions.



Our students supporting Legal Aid Service providers in Karamoja during their field attachment

2.9 Consultative Meeting with DRGT

The Makerere University Directorate of Research and Graduate Training (DRGT) held a consultative meeting with the faculty of MakSoL. The discussion was centered on delivery of graduate programmes at the School, development of new programmes and how DRGT can support the School.



MakSoL and DRGT staff after the Consultative Meeting

2.10 European University Institute's Academy of European Law Summer Course on Human Rights

Staff from MakSoL: Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Dr. Josephine Ndagire and Dr. Daniel Ruhweza attended the European University Institute's Academy of European Law Summer Course on Human Rights

as resource persons in Florence, Italy. Four LLM students from the MakSoL: Joel Senfuma, Chrispus Nampwera, Joseph Bampabura

Maurice Kabazzi Lwanga also attended. The course held from 17-28 June, 2024 was organised through the Erasmus Mobility program where the Institute supports staff and students of Makerere University teaching and training in higher education.



MakSoL Staff (L-R): Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Dr. Josephine Ndagire and Dr. Daniel Ruhweza at the Summer School



Dr. Daniel Ruhweza (2nd left) with the LLM students at the Summer School

2.11 Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Research Projects

CLE students presented their research projects for validation before a panel of experts on 21st May 2024. The projects included research on a Notebook on Private Prosecutions in Uganda, the review of the Alcoholic Drinks Control Bill, the Right to Food for Fishing Communities, Capacity

Building for Local Governments in Katosi Fishing Communities and proposals for inclusion in the UN Tax Convention by African Countries. These were projects sourced from PILAC Partners including Initiative for Social and Economic Rights (ISER), Network of Public Interest Lawyers (NETPIL), Parliament of Uganda, Makerere Research and Innovation Fund (MakRIF)⁵, and FIAN Uganda.



CLE student presenting her research



Dr. Diana Ahumuza (standing) speaking at CLE research presentations

2.12 Business Law Clinic Insurance Presentations

On the 30th May 2024, Business Law Clinic (BLC) students presented their work on Insurance Law for assessment. The main objective of the presentations was to assess the students' learning experiences over a period of four months. The individual presentations were witnessed by staff from Insurance Regulatory Authority, who together with Dr. Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga undertook the assessment. The assessors were able to come up with some recommendations as a way of improving the teaching and learning as well as knowledge transfer. Students were advised to improve in area like research methods.



BLC students with their Assessors after presentation on Insurance Law. Front Row Left-Right: Mr. Nasser Lubega, Dr. Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga, Mr. Njenga Michael Back row: Nuwamanya Raymond Jerry, Rubunda Owen Mwesigye, Nerima Celina, Asingwire Amelia, Namanya Amos, and Obita Calvin Stewart.

2.13 KOICA/KNOU Experts Visit to MakSoL

A team of experts from the Korea National Open University, Seoul, South Korea which will support implementation of the project visited the School of Law, Makerere University (MakSoL) on the 21st August 2024. The visit was an opportunity to discuss possibilities and challenges of Odel and therefore inform the experts on the requirements for a successful implementation of the project. The Principal Investigator of the project is Professor Henry Alinaitwe, Ag. DVC/F&A, Makerere University and the Co-PI is Dr. Venny Nakazibwe. Under the project, Dr. Josephine Ndagire was sponsored to attend at training course at KNOU and she will serve as coordinator at MakSoL.



Group photo of the KOICA/KNOU team with SoL staff

Makerere University received support of USD 12.2 Million from the South Korean Government through the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) to implement a project on enhancing Online, Distance and eLearning (Odel) environment at Makerere University. The project has three main components: Formulation of a masterplan for enhancing Odel at Makerere University; Implementing

capacity development program for staff involved in Odel and content development; and improvement of distance education infrastructure.

Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Ag. Principal – MakSoL welcomed the visitors to the School of Law. She explained that initial work for onlinisation of the curriculum began with support of the ODEL Department from the College of Education and External Studies (CEES) with training of the staff. However, partnerships are welcome to enhance Odel service considering the first changing environment of education and the experience during the Covid19 pandemic.

2.15 Orientation of the 56th LLB Class

On the 8th August 2024, the Makerere University School of Law (MakSoL) welcomed the 56th LLB class at an orientation meeting with guest speakers including Hon. Lady Justice Harriet Grace Magala, Judge of the High Court; Advocate Joseph Luswata, Partner – S&L Advocates; and Advocate Hussein Kashillingi, Partner – Kashillingi Rugaba & Co. Advocates. The main message from all speakers including the guest speakers, MakSoL leadership, administrators, faculty and student leaders was focus, hard work, proper time management and positive attitude.



Group photo of the freshers with SoL staff and guest speakers

Dr. Naluwairo Ronald, Ag. Principal introduced staff and the guest speakers, pledged commitment that MakSoL leadership and staff will do their best to ensure the success of the students and encouraged students to work hard. He advised that 'your success in this programme depends on the choices you are going to make starting now. Beyond studies, explore other things but responsibly'.



L-R: Advocate Hussein Kashilingi, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo and Lady Justice Harriet Grace Magala

Expressing her pleasure to have the opportunity to speak to the students, Lady Justice Harriet Grace Magala welcomed them to MakSoL. She advised that, '4 years run so fast, remain focused and desist from behaviours that will affect your time and performance at Law School highlighting early pregnancy, alcoholism, drug abuse, early marriages, over sharing on social media among others'. She noted that it's important to take the reading lists shared seriously as well as understanding the law principals which makes time at Law Development Centre easier. She added, the opportunities for lawyers in the public and private sectors are numerous but one must set goals early and hard work starts now.

Advocate Hussein Kashilingi also welcomed the freshers to Law School, noting that it is a privilege for them to be hear. He highlighted the importance of discipline, peaceful dialogue, smart dressing and presentation of self. Advocate Kashilingi advised thus, 'from the outset work hard, have a positive attitude, manage the freedom at university well, time management is key. Your inspiration to read law is best known to you therefore reflect on it and work towards it'.

Advocate Joseph Luswata advised the students to not be intimidated by whichever background they came from. He encouraged hard work, reading, interest in the programme and profession, understanding the principals of the law. He encouraged the students to distinguish themselves, perform highly and opportunities will pour in and to start preparing for employment now.

In her remarks, Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Ag. Deputy Principal – MakSoL welcomed the freshers to the School. Encouraging the students to read, she quoted President Thomas Jefferson who said 'a lawyer without books would be like a workman without tools'. She noted that graduation for this cohort is 2029, therefore they must work hard to graduate on time. Dr. Nampewo also moved a vote of thanks to the guest speakers who had spared time to attend the orientation and inspire the future lawyers.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo (1st left) addressing students

2.16 Mak/Pretoria Collaboration

A farewell dinner was held on 26th November 2024 to send off the 2024 cohort of the LLM programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa. SoL participates jointly with various institutions including Universities of Pretoria, Ghana, Western Cape, American University in Cairo, the Catholic University in Cameroon, Addis Ababa University, Universite Gaston Berger, University of Mauritius, University of Venda, University of Nairobi, University of Lagos, Eduardo Mondlane University, Universite d'Abomey Calavi and the University of Oslo.



L to R: Dr. Daniel Ruhweza, Head - Law and Jurisprudence & Coordinator LLM/MPhil in Human Rights and Democratization; Dr Patricia Atim, School of Law ; Reece Pierce Jones, South Africa; Fenot Mekonen, Ethiopia; Dorcas Elikplim Ameenou, Ghana and Dr Anthony Kakooza Head - Commercial Law at the farewell dinner

The first semester (January-June) is usually undertaken at the University of Pretoria while the second semester (July-December) students are divided among the seven partner universities. This

year SoL received three (3) from Ghana, South Africa and Ethiopia. At Makerere students undertook law courses, a language modules (French or Swahili), submission of a dissertation as well as undertaking internship with a human rights organisation (governmental or non-government).



Students from the LLM programme in Human Rights and Democratisation in Africa with MakSoL staff

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04 Dialogue and Debates

4.1 Roundtable discussion on regional peace and security within the Great Lakes Region of Africa

On 26 April 2024, the School of Law at Makerere University hosted Denmark's Special Representative for UN Security Council Candidature Mr. Holger K. Nielsen, to discuss prominent and emerging issues of concern on peace and security, climate change, women and vulnerable groups in the Great Lakes Region of Africa. He was accompanied by: the Deputy Director in the Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Department for Multilateral Cooperation, Ms. Julia Winding; The Ambassador of the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda, Ms. Signe Winding Albjerg; The Deputy Head of Mission and Head of Cooperation of the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda, Mr. Adam Sparre Spliid; and the First Secretary of the Royal Danish Embassy in Uganda, Mr. Anders Haue Korsbak. The round table was also attended by senior academic staff of Makerere University who are experts on regional peace and security, gender and climate issues including: Prof. Sarah Ssali, Assoc. Prof. and Dean, School of Women and Gender Studies, Prof. Kasaija Phillip Apuuli from the Department of Political Science and Public Administration; Mr. Godber Tumushabe, lecturer at the School of Law under the Human Rights and Peace Centre; Dr Sylvie Namwase, lecturer at the School of Law under the Department of Law and Jurisprudence; and Dr Tusasirwe Benson, Head of the Department of Public and Comparative Law.



Roundtable discussion in session

Dr. Tusasirwe also represented the Principal of the School of Law as host of the roundtable meeting. The meeting was also attended by Ms. Patricia Namakula, the Director of Research at the Centre for Multilateral Affairs.



Group Photo of participants at the Roundtable discussion

Key Issues raised included:

- a) At the outset, the participants emphasized the importance of streamlining the Great Lakes Region's peace and security concerns into relevant University curricula. They also highlighted the need to support more collaborative regional research and publication on peace and security.
- b) The participants then examined the current challenges and opportunities for a stable Great Lakes region, including the viability of regionally led peace initiatives and the role Uganda might play as an important regional actor.
- c) Participants also explored initiatives that have proven successful in promoting the Women, Peace and Security (WPS) agenda in conflict resolution and peacebuilding in the Great Lakes region.
- d) On the question of climate change and vulnerable groups such as refugees, the meeting noted that the biggest challenge in the region was lack of climate financing. It was observed that there was no clear effort to support vulnerable countries to access climate funds even as challenges continue at the global level to get richer countries to contribute more to the climate financing agenda.
- e) The meeting then examined the MONUSCO mission withdrawal from the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC), what it might mean for the WPS agenda in the region, and how the ensuing security gaps might be filled.
- f) Finally, the participants suggested various ways in which Denmark as a prospective member of the UN Security Council, could support regional efforts to promote peace in the Great Lakes, emphasizing the need to bring more attention to enforcement of regional normative standards by identifying key actors on the ground and supporting them with the financial means to achieve their goals.

4.2 Panel Debate on Uganda's Just Energy Transition: Climate Change's Decarbonisation Dilemmas, charcoal and conflict

MakSoL hosted a Panel Discussion Climate Change's Decarbonization Dilemmas, Charcoal and Conflict on 24th, January 2024. The event was presided over by Hon. Dan Jorgensen, Minister for Development Cooperation, and Minister for Global Climate, as the Keynote Speaker. The panelists

included: Dr Mary Susan Abbo, Centre for Research in Energy and Energy Conservation (CREEC), Makerere University; Dr Sylvie Namwase, Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC), Makerere University, School of Law; Dr Brian Isabirye, Commissioner for Renewable Energy, Ministry of Energy and Mineral Development.



Panelists: Dr. Mary Susan Abbo (L), Dr. Sylvie Namwase (C), and Dr. Brian Isabirye, during the debate.

The panel debate explored how global climate change policies shape local energy transition and environmental affairs, such as charcoal politics. How energy transition affects socio-economic dynamics in energy-stressed countries down to local levels, and how to manage conflicts that may arise from transition. The debate was driven under four main themes, including: How does global climate policy, in particular the outcome of COP28, shape the direction for energy transition and climate action in Uganda and Africa more broadly?; What does Uganda's energy transition look like – the path from charcoal and unsustainable biomass to modern, clean and affordable energy?; What social and political dynamics and conflicts may top-down (i.e. internationally and state-level decided) changes to the biomass/charcoal value chains in Uganda cause?; and How can peaceful and equitable pathways to energy transitions be developed to limit emissions and support local livelihoods?

4.3 BARAZA – Prosecuting or Persecuting: Towards rights-responsive prosecutions in Uganda

The Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC) hosted the baraza titled, '**Prosecuting or Persecuting: Towards rights-responsive prosecutions in Uganda**' on the 28th August 2024 at School of Law, Makerere University. The guest speakers were Dr. Catherine S. Namakula, Legal Academic and Convener of the Africa Reparation Hub; and Mr. Godwin Toko, Lawyer, Human Rights Activist and Deputy Team Leader at Agora.



Participants listening to speakers at the Baraza

Highlights of issues arising from the discussion:

1. Law schools required to do prepare lawyers who eventually become judicial officers.
2. Rising instances where the DPP moves to take over private prosecutions and attacks on private prosecutors
3. Ability of the Judiciary to serve as referee in protecting rights of the people
4. Does the DPP have limits of what they can prosecute?
5. Do we have a social contract with the current government since their first takeover of power was through a guerrilla war?
6. If protests are failing what else can be done?
7. Existence of multiple power interest and observation of protection of people in positions of power rather than those of the country.
8. Caution ourselves against making violations normal.
9. Colonial legal systems which were used to oppress people but continuing to be used by leaders on the Africa continent. Laws of oppression with foundations in racism and slavery
10. Prosecution based on presidential directives. Where the President gives directive, then the police and DPP find the law through which persons can be prosecuted.
11. Definition of hooliganism and activism.
12. Ubuntu among the population, we all must care about what happens to others.
13. The issue of appointing Ag. Judges which affects the decisions that they take in order to protect their jobs.



Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director - HURIPEC addressing audience at the Baraza

Giving closing remarks, Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director – HURIPEC called for social conscience in law schools when training lawyers. He noted that with experiential learning introduced through legal clinics at SoL, it is hoped that products will do better. Dr. Kabumba thanked the speakers for sparing time to attend the baraza. He also thanked SoL leadership and staff for the support and organisation of the events hosted at the School.

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Community Outreach

5.1 Police Training on Juvenile Justice

A police training on Juvenile justice organized by Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) in collaboration with the Danish Institute for Human Rights (DIHR) was held on the 24th January 2024, at the Naguru Police Headquarters. The training was aimed at developing knowledge, understanding, attitudes and skills of police officers in the administration of Juvenile Justice so that every child who comes into contact with them is treated as we would want our own child to be treated, while observing the best interest principal of a child and also enable police Officers have a better understanding of national and international laws that relate to Juvenile offenders and how they should be applied.

5.2 Judicial Officers trained on Juvenile Justice

A training of Judicial Officers on Juvenile justice was organized by Public Interest Law Clinic and was held at Piatto Restaurant, Lumumba Avenue on the 22nd January, 2024. The training was aimed at developing knowledge, understanding, enhancing individual performance which should in turn result in the delivery of quality and timely justice as regards juveniles. The training was attended by 18 (Eighteen) Judicial Officers and moderated by His Worship Faisal Mulaliira who guided the flow of the discussion and concluded the discussion with the participants raising questions from the discussion.

5.3 CLAPMOC Outreach at Luzira Prison

Third year LLB students under the Community Law Programme and Mobile Clinic (CLAPMOC) of PILAC in partnership with Rotary Club of Port Bell and FIDA Uganda implemented a community outreach activity on 11th April 2024 to provide legal aid services to female prisoners in Luzira prison. The outreach was intended to cultivate a dynamic environment for dialogue and idea exchange among stakeholders and prison officers, highlighting the pivotal role of prisons in upholding and advancing the rights of women within the criminal justice system. By facilitating interactive sessions, our goal is to equip participants with the knowledge, skills, and attitudes necessary to champion women's rights in their day-to-day activities.



Female prisoners interacting with PILAC team



Group photo of CLAPMOC/PILAC team with Prison Officers

5.4 Stakeholders' Needs Assessment of Fishing Communities in Mukono District

Stakeholders' Needs Assessment by CLE Student volunteers and Dr. Dianah Ateenyi Ahumuza, Principal Investigator, RIF 5 Project entitled: Enhancement of Local Council Leaders in Mukono Fishing Communities on how to use their legislative powers to address their peculiar societal challenges. This took place on 27th April 2024.



Dr. Diana Ahumuza (standing left) listening to a speaker while moderating a session

5.5 Administrative Officers' Law Short Course

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. Public Service recognises the certificate for purposes of entry, confirmation and promotion of administrative 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. Over 200 participants have completed the programme and been awarded certificates during the reporting period.



Dr. Patricia Atim – Programme Coordinator handing over a certificate to a participant at Kabale Centre



Participants from the Kampala Centre at their pass out function

5.6 Community Engagement on Legal Considerations for Entrepreneurs in Uganda

The BLC students visited the American Centre, Nsambya, Kampala, Uganda on 23rd April 2024 to hold Community engagements with different business owners as well as prospective business people on what considerations they should consider under the law before setting up their businesses and to enable them run them smoothly. The main objective of the engagement was to expose the students to clinical learning where they interface with real world problems from real clients and have to provide legal advice to the people in attendance. Ms. Edline Murungi and Mr. Abbas Luyomba supervised the students.



BLC Students at the American Centre

5.7 Discussion at the Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs)

BLC students visited the Federation of Small and Medium-sized Enterprises in Ntinda, Kampala, Uganda on the 13th March 2024 for a discussion with Mr. John Kakungulu Walugembe, Executive Director to help them understand the needs for the SMEs in Uganda in an attempt to develop a Corporate Governance Code for them. The students reported that, 'It was a deeply enriching session for them'.



Mr. John Kakungulu Walugembe (C), Executive Director -Federation of Small and Medium-Sized Enterprises (SMEs) with BLC students

06

Mentorship and Career Guidance

6.1 Nabisunsa Students Visit Mak School of Law

On the 13th June 2024, students from Nabisunsa Girls School visited the School of Law (SoL), Makerere University for a familiarisation tour and career guidance session. In his communication prior to the visit, the Careers Councillor of Nabisunsa, Ssendawula Ibrahim explained that the visit would broaden the students' perspective about career choices as well as expose them to different skills needed to join a particular career.

In her introduction, Ms. Chebet Rose who accompanied the students explained that the group comprised of Senior Six Arts students who were due to sit for their Uganda Advanced Certificate of Education (UACE) exams later this year.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo with students of Nabisunsa Girls School

Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Principal - SoL welcomed the students to the School of Law. She explained to the students the history of the School established in 1968 making it's the oldest and premier legal training institution in the country. She expressed appreciation that students are given opportunity to visit the school as they think about choices of the programmes of study to apply for; this gives opportunity to students to get insights on their future careers. Dr. Nampewo encouraged students to work hard and highlighted that students are required to sit for a law pre-entry exam before admission to the Bachelor of Laws programme. She added, 'Makerere admits less students for the bachelors programme because the University strategy is to become a research-led institution and therefore is working towards admitting more graduate students. Fortunately, 13 universities in Uganda offer the Bachelor of Laws programme, therefore students have opportunity to study law at other universities'.

6.2 Mbogo Mixed Scondary School Students Tour School of Law, Makerere

Students from Mbogo Mixed Secondary School visited School of Law, Makerere University for a familiarization tour on 23rd October 2024. During their visit at the school, Dr. Benson Tusasiirwe, Head Public & Comparative Law explained to the group key highlights of what the law profession entails. "We teach law until you become a lawyer, but then if you want to practice, you go to LDC. LDC is an independent institution where you are awarded a diploma, and after then you qualify to apply to become an advocate or a magistrate, he said".

6.3 Creating Awareness on Arbitration among High School Students

MakSoL partnered with the Arbitration Fund for African Students (AFAS) based in the United Kingdom, and hosted arbitration awareness event for High School and University Students. The awareness events were held on 18th - 20th April 2024. Dr. Patricia Atim coordinated the events on behalf of the School of Law. Professor Emilia Onyema, University of London, United Kingdom and Professor Chrispas Nyombi of the University of Derby, United Kingdom are coordinating on behalf of AFAS.



AFAS, MakSoL team with students and staff of Our Lady of Good Counsel High School after the arbitration training

Joint Arbitration Training on the nature of arbitration and alternative dispute resolution (ADR) was attended by 120 individuals including 100 students from Makerere University and Our Lady of Good Counsel High School. Issues discussed included: relevance in the legal system, some basic principles on party autonomy, Nature of commercial disputes; why resolve them? How do we resolve commercial disputes? Description of arbitration, mediation, and med-arb; role of disputants, lawyers, experts, institutions, administrators, arbitrators, national courts, and the final award consensual nature of arbitration; arbitration agreement; appointment of arbitrators; arbitral procedure and enforcement; mediation.

The teams trained will support creation of Secondary Schools and University Arbitration Clubs to be supported by AFAS. Stakeholders from Chartered Institute of Arbitrators also attended the events and expressed willingness for further collaboration with Mak.

07

Other Events and Activities During 2024

7.1 School of Law Participation in & contribution to the activities of the Judiciary

The Judiciary of Uganda remains one of the strongest partners of the School of Law. As part of this partnership, the School of Law through its different academic staff participated in a number of activities and engagements organised by the Judiciary of Uganda. Key among these were:

Chief Justice Benedicto Kiwanuka 7th Memorial Lecture held on 20th September 2024, where the Ag. Deputy Principal, Dr. Zahara Nampewo delivered the keynote address themed, 'Promoting a people-centred Approach to Justice'. The memorial lecture is held annually in honour of the first Ugandan Chief Justice of Uganda, Benedicto Kiwanuka, who was deeply committed to the rule of law and human rights.



Left to right: Dr. Zahara Nampewo with Chief Justice, Hon Justice Alfons Owiny Dollo, Rt. Hon Speaker Anita Among, Deputy Chief Justice Hon Justice Richard Buteera at the 7th Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture

On 5th to 9th August 2024, the Judiciary Uganda held the Alternative Dispute Resolution Week. The event was aimed at introducing resolving pending cases through mediation and negotiation, promoting a more efficient and people-centered justice system. Mr. Kalibbala Ernest, Dr. Patricia Atim, Dr. Diana Ahumuza, Dr. Ivan Engoru, Professor Christopher Mbazira and Dr. Benson Tusasirwe represented the School of Law at the event.

School of Law staff also participated in the 7th Annual National Plea Bargaining conference held on 21st June 2024 and the Family Justice Summit held on 12th to 13th August 2024.



Dr. Patricia Atim receiving a certificate from Hon. Justice Richard Buteera, Deputy Chief Justice, Uganda for her participation as a Mediator during the Court Annexed Mediation Week held during the Family Justice Summit Conference



Left to Right: Dr. Andrew Khaukha, Technical Advisor -Judiciary of Uganda, Hon. Justice Richard Buteera, Deputy Chief Justice of Uganda and Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Ag. Principal - School of Law at one of the Judiciary events

7.2 Contribution to Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill, 2023

Former CLE students who had reviewed the Human Assisted Reproductive Technology Bill, 2023 appeared before the Health Committee of Parliament on 8th May, 2024 to present their views on the Bill. It is hoped that this process will contribute to the shaping of the final outcome of the Bill.



CLE Students with members of Health Committee of Parliament

7.3 Law Council CLET on Inspection Visit of MakSoL

The Law Council Committee on Legal Education and Training (CLET) was at Makerere University School of Law (MakSoL) for an Inspection visit on the 5th June 2024. The CLET team included members: Jane Okot P'Bitek Langoya, Muzamir Mukwatampola and secretariat: Peace Biira Mutooro, Isaac Singura. The CLET met the MakSoL leadership including Ag. Principal: Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Ag. Deputy Principal: Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Ag. Head-Human Rights & Peace Centre: Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Ag. Head Commercial Law: Dr. Anthony Kakooza, Ag. Head Law and Jurisprudence: Dr. Daniel Ruhweza.

Section 3(a) of the Advocates Act Cap 267 as amended gives the Law Council power to exercise general supervision and control over Professional Legal Education in Uganda through the medium of the CLET. On the basis of the aforementioned mandate CLET inspected MakSoL guided by the following objectives: To ascertain the names, qualification and status of the teaching staff; to establish the number and nationality of students; to inspect the status of the Law Library; and to inspect the status of the physical infrastructure available to teach Law.



Sitting (L-R): Ms. Jane Okot P'Bitek, Ms. Biira Mutooro, Dr. Muzamir Mukwatampola
Standing (R-L): Mr. Isaac Singura, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Dr. Anthony Kakooza, Dr. Daniel Ruhweza, LLB student

An interactive session was held, issues raised included: Integration of Information Technology and Artificial Intelligence in teaching as well as challenges; affordability of internet costs and equipment like laptops for the students; library facilities and resources available for use by faculty and students; use of locally published material in teaching law; facilitation of faculty to publish more; strategic plan and available budgets to support implementation among others.

7.4 University of Western Ontario, Canada delegation visits MakSoL

On 20th March 2024, MakSoL hosted a delegation from University of Western Ontario, Canada led by President and Vice-Chancellor, Professor Alan Shepard accompanied by Vice-Provost and Associate Vice-President, Dr. Lily Cho and Associate Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, Dr. Opiyo Oloya. The purpose of the visit was to present the Research Portfolio & Opportunities for Collaboration between the two institutions.



L-R: Dr. Zahara Nampewo – Ag. Deputy Principal MakSoL, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo – Ag. Principal MakSoL, Dr. Anthony Kakooza – Ag. Head-Commercial Law, MakSoL with Dr. Opiyo Oloya - Associate Vice President of Equity, Diversity and Inclusion, University of Western Ontario.

7.5 Makerere University Council Visits to the School of Law

As part of their oversight and monitoring role, Makerere University Council Committees visited the School of Law twice during the course of 2024.

Members of Rules, Privileges and Estates Committee of Makerere University Council led by Mr. George Bamugemereire toured the new School of Law Building which is under construction. The visitors were welcomed by Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Ag. Principal, School of Law, Makerere University. The contractor, CK Associates informed the visitors that work on the building is 80% complete. The building project worth UGX7.3billion funded by the Government of Uganda was commissioned in 2021 and the foundation stone laid in 2022 by the First Lady and Education Minister, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni. The three-storied structure will house Lecture, tutorial and seminar rooms, a library, a moot court, a cafeteria and offices.



Mak Council team in the Principal's Office, Mr. George Bamugemereire (centre)

On the 21st August 2024, the Finance, Planning, Administration and Investment Committee (FPAIC) of Makerere University Governing Council visited the School of Law. The objective of the visit was for the committee to dialogue with MakSoL leadership on the following: aligning the developments of the School with the strategic direction of the University; discussion of the school activities in relation to staff establishment and where improvements are required; planning, budgeting and expenditure among others. The visiting committee was led by Mr. Bruce Kabaasa, Chairperson of FPAIC; Mr. Yusuf Kiranda, University Secretary who were joined by other committee members. The committee commended the School for the accomplishments including getting a new building.



FPAIC Committee members with MakSoL staff

7.6 Guns, Bread and Butter - Militarisation of Economic Sectors and Public Institutions in Uganda: A Socio-Legal Analysis Report Launch

On 30th May 2024, a report titled, *Guns, Bread and Butter - Militarisation of Economic Sectors and Public Institutions in Uganda: A Socio-Legal Analysis* was launched. The report was a result of a four-year collaborative study project between the Human Rights and Peace Center (HURIPEC) at the School of Law and the Centre for Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC) at the University of Copenhagen, Denmark. The study explored how the military in Uganda is presented as one of the accelerators of development. With a focus on key areas such as agriculture, fisheries, natural resources among others, the study questions the viability and pitfalls of the strategy of militarization for sustainable development. It also assesses the role of key oversight institutions such as the police, judiciary and parliament which continue to be politically instrumental in this process of militarization.

The findings not only indicate a steady deployment of UPDF soldiers in key sectors but also a growing manifestation of militarization in the public sector. It exposes the impact of militarization on the economy including increased exclusion, inequality and poverty in affected communities, widening ethno military patrimonial networks, diminished accountability and civilian institutional ineffectiveness among others. Questions of institutional oversight, capacities and independence, the country's political and human rights dynamics as well as livelihoods and sustainable inclusive development come to the fore.

7.7 China-Africa Forum for Law School Deans

On 5th November 2024, Law School Deans from Africa and China met at School of Law (SoL), Makerere University in Kampala Uganda for the 6th China-Africa Forum for Law School Deans. The Forum themed, 'Legal Guarantee and Educational Support for High-Quality Development of China-Africa' was hosted by SoL in partnership with Renmin University of China and Xiangtan University, China. This forum was proposed at the 8th Ministerial Conference of the Forum on China-Africa Cooperation (FOCAC) held in 2021 in Dakar, Senegal, The resultant Dakar Action Plan (2022-2024)

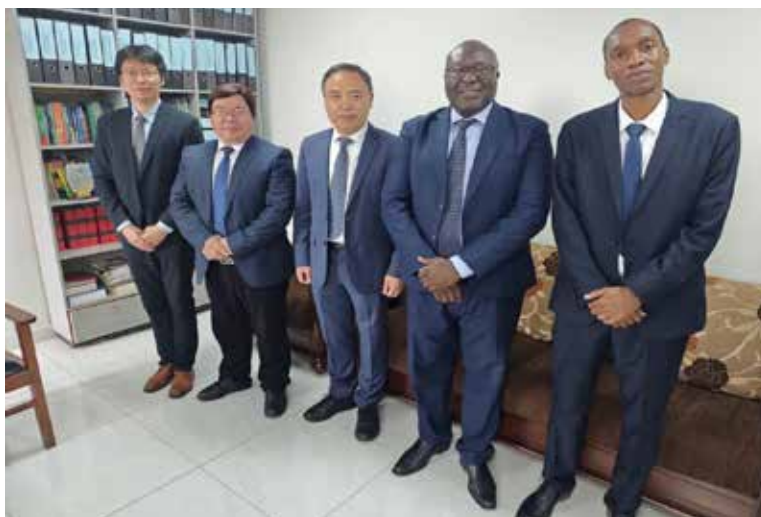
explicitly proposed to support holding the China-Africa Forum of Law School Deans to among other things: encourage and assist China-Africa Universities in jointly building China-Africa legal research centres; training of legal professionals; and promoting China-Africa exchanges and cooperation for legal knowledge and legal talents.



Group photo: Law School Deans with His Excellency, Ambassador Zhang Lizhong (4th right front row) China Ambassador to Uganda

The forum was officially opened by His Excellency, Ambassador Zhang Lizhong – Ambassador of the People’s Republic of China to Uganda. Ambassador Lizhong expressed pleasure at seeing the participants from China and Africa in the room to support the China-Africa collaborations which have built synergy with multiple plans and strategies. Presentations by participants through the day culminated into proposal of the following as key issues for further consideration and development:

1. Recognition that legal education and legal exchanges are essential foundations of friendly cooperation between China and Africa and the China-Africa Forum of Law School Deans is an effective platform to promote the cooperation. The Forum will therefore be held regularly.
2. Expand the scope, enhance effectiveness and impact of the Forum.
3. Establish exchange mechanisms to promote cooperation, including joint international conferences and co-publish academic journals.
4. Encourage law teachers’ research cooperation among faculty to improve research quality and facilitate mutual visits.
5. Promote friendly exchanges among young legal professionals, providing support for their studies and exchanges at partner institutions
6. Collaborate of developing educational programmes, including courses on comparative studies of China-African legal systems.



Law School Deans on a courtesy visit to Dr. Ronald Naluwairo Ag. Principal' Office

7.8 Makerere University and Uganda Prisons sign MoU

Makerere University' (Mak) strategic direction is to become a research-led institution leading to innovations, knowledge transfer partnerships and providing solutions to national challenges. In line with the strategic direction, on 10th December 2024, Mak and Uganda Prison Services (UPS) signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) that paves way for the Makerere University School of Law to undertake short trainings in administrative law for UPS staff.



L-R: Professor Barnabas Nawangwe and Dr. Johnson Byamugisha at the signing of the MoU

At the signing ceremony held at the UPS headquarters in Kampala, Uganda, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe, Vice Chancellor – Mak and Dr. Johnson Byamugisha, Commissioner General for UPS signed for their institutions. In attendance were senior officers from UPS and staff of SoL, Dr. Zahara Nampewo - Deputy Principal, and Dr. Patricia Atim, Coordinator of the Administrative Law short course.

The collaboration arising from the MoU aims to equip UPS officers with knowledge and skills in administrative law, improving their legal understanding and service delivery within the institution. The partnership involves training 60 UPS officers annually in the SoL Administrative Law Short Course Programme

Expressing pride in Mak and the School of Law, Professor Nawangwe thanked Dr. Byamugisha and the UPS for giving the university an opportunity to contribute to the professionalization of the prisons service. He emphasized the importance of strengthening the legal framework and ensuring the effectiveness of law enforcement personnel.



The Vice Chancellor and Commissioner General of Prisons with staff of Makerere University and Prisons' Service after the MoU signing

The partnership marks a significant step in enhancing the capacity of Uganda's correctional facilities, ensuring that officers are better equipped to carry out their duties in accordance with the law.

7.9 Official opening of School of Law Building

The new Makerere University School of Law Building was officially opened on 18th December, 2024 by the First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports, Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni.



Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni (4th left) launches the School of Law Building

The building, fully funded by the Government of Uganda to a tune UGX7.3bn, is a three-storied structure with several state-of-the-art facilities including lecture theatres, tutorial and seminar

rooms, a library, state-of-the-art Moot Court room, a cafeteria, lactation room and staff offices. This modern infrastructure is going to greatly enhance and provide a conducive teaching and learning environment for both staff and students. The construction works were undertaken by M/S CK Associates as Contractors and Symbion as the Consultants.



Front view of the School of Law Building

On arrival, the Minister was welcomed by the Chairperson Council, Mrs. Lorna Magara accompanied by the University management team including the Vice Chancellor, Professor Barnabas Nawangwe; the Deputy Vice Chancellor/F&A, Professor Henry Alinaitwe; the University Secretary, Mr. Yusuf Kiranda; the Academic Registrar, Professor Mukadasi Buyinza; Ag. Principal, School of Law, Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo among others.



Mrs. Lorna Magara, Makerere Council Chairperson and members of Makerere University Management receive Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni

In her remarks, Mrs. Lorna Magara extended a warm welcome to Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni, First Lady and Minister for Education and Sports. Mrs. Magara said, 'your presence here today Maama, is a testament of your unwavering and steadfast support for Makerere University and highlights the tangible impact of your leadership in advancing Uganda's education sector, particularly at Makerere University'. She noted that the building will provide critical support for practical legal education.

Professor Barnabas Nawangwe also welcomed the Minister to Makerere University noting that, 'this is a joyful day when we are witnessing a bumper harvest in infrastructure development at this great institution'. He noted that before the new School of Law building, it was appalling that a place that had trained the entire judiciary of Uganda was in such a dilapidated state.

Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Principal School of Law gave a vote of thanks following launch of building. He expressed gratefulness for the support from Government of Uganda to Makerere University and specifically for this new building which will enhance teaching and learning for staff and students.



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo (1st right), Ag. Principal – SoL gives a vote of thanks following launch of the new School of Law Building by Hon. Janet Kataaha Museveni

08

Human Resources: Status, Appointments, and Transfers

8.1 Human Resources Status

The human resources status of the School of Law for the reporting period is presented in this section. Tables 2 and 3 summarise the number of academic staff at the different ranks, their qualifications and gender. Table 4 shows the transfers (to and from MakSoL) during the reporting period.

Table 2: Academic Staff aggregated by Rank as at 31st December, 2024

Academic Staff	
Rank	Number
Professors	5
Associate Professors	3
Senior Lecturers	4
Lecturers	10
Assistant Lecturers	12
Total	34

Table 3: Academic Staff aggregated by Gender and Academic Qualifications

Qualification	Female	Male	Total
Doctorate	10	13	23
Masters	4	7	11
TOTAL	14	20	34

Table 4: Staff Changes at MakSoL during 2024

#	Name	Title
Inward Transfers		
1	Dr. Alfred Tingo	Principal College Registrar
2	Mr. Xavier Dhabangi	Custodian
3	Mr. Jolly Kagoda	Custodian
4	Ms. Solomy Naluwugge	Administrative Secretary I
Outward Transfers		
5	Ms. Josephine Namubiru	Senior College Registrar
6	Ms. Teddy Nakabuye	Administrative Secretary II
Retirements		
1.	Prof. Joe Oloka Onyango	Professor
2.	Dr. Maria Nassali	Senior Lecturer
Resignation		
1.	Ms. Nona Cynthia Tamale	Assistant Lecturer

8.2 New College Registrar reports to Office

Dr. Alfred Tingo, new Principal College Registrar - School of Law, reported to office on the 20th March 2024 replacing Ms. Josephine Namubiru who was transferred to the College of Health Sciences. The handover ceremony was witnessed by Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Ag. Principal School of Law, Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Ag. Deputy Principal, School of Law, and Ms. Ednah Kasirye, School Examination Officer.



Ms. Josephine Namubiru (2nd left) hands over office to Dr. Alfred Tingo (2nd right) at event witnessed by Dr. Zahara Nampewo (1st left), Dr. Ronald Naluwairo (centre) and Ms. Ednah Kasirye (1st right)

8.3 Dinner held in honor of departing Staff

On 1st March 2024, the School held a dinner to recognize departing staff. These included academic staff Dr. Mukasa Faisal and Ms. Joyce Ngainza, as well as Mr. Vincent Abigaba, a College Registrar who was transferred to the College of Humanities and Social Sciences. Plaques were given to the departing staff in recognition of their service to the School of Law.



Cake cutting at the dinner, L-R: Dr. Damalie Naggita Musoke, Professor Christopher Mbazira, Mr. Abigaba Vincent, Dr. Faisal Mukasa, Ms. Joyce Ngaiza, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Dr. Daniel Ruhweza and Prof. David Justin Bakibinga



Dr. Naluwairo Ronald (L), Principal SoL hands over appreciation plaque to Mr. Vincent Abigaba (R)



Dr. Naluwairo Ronald (L), Principal SoL hands over appreciation plaque to Dr. Faisal Mukasa (R)

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Awards, Honors, Recognition and Special Assignments



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo was appointed by the Chief Justice as a Member of the Case Management Committee of the Judiciary of Uganda. The appointment is for a term of 3 years.



Mr. Robert Kirunda completed studies at Stanford University, California, USA and was awarded a Master of Laws in Science and Technology.



Dr. Anthony Conrad Kakooza received an appreciation award from the Law Reform Commission for his outstanding contribution towards preparation of the 7th Revised Edition of the Principal Laws of Uganda, 2023.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo, a Senior Lecturer and Ag. Deputy Principal of the School was a recipient of the Vice Chancellor's Research Excellency Award. The award was unveiled at Makerere University's 74th Graduation Ceremony where the Vice Chancellor presented plaques and certificates of recognition to the best researchers from each of the ten constituent Colleges of Makerere University.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo (right) congratulated for her research award by Chief Justice of Uganda, Hon. Justice Alfonse Owiny Dollo



Dr. Ivan Engoru completed his studies at University of Cape Town, South Africa and was awarded a Doctor of Philosophy in Commercial Law.

Appendix: School of Law Staff List as at 31st December 2024

Academic Staff

#	Name	Highest Qualification	Rank
1.	David Justine Bakibinga	Ph.D	Professor
2	Emmanuel Kasimbazi	Ph.D	Professor
3	Ben Twinomugisha	LL.D	Professor
4	Christopher Mbazira	PhD	Professor
5	Ronald K. Mayambala	SJD	Professor
6	Ronald Naluwairo	PhD	Associate Professor
7	Winnie Tarinyeba	SJD	Associate Professor
8	Damalie Naggita-Musoke	SJD	Associate Professor
9	Rose Nakayi	SJD	Senior Lecturer
10	Busingye Kabumba	LL.D	Senior Lecturer
11	Zahara Nampewo	SJD	Senior Lecturer
12	Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga	PhD	Senior Lecturer
13	Daniel Ruhweza	PhD	Senior Lecturer
14	Anthony Conrad Kakooza	JSD	Lecturer
15	Dan Ngabirano	SJD	Lecturer
16	Emmanuel Bagenda	SJD	Lecturer
17	Josephine Ndagire	PhD	Lecturer
18	Benson Tusasirwe	LL.D	Lecturer
19	Joseph Kyazze	LLM	Lecturer
20	Sylvie Namwase	PhD	Lecturer
21	Caroline Adoch	LL.D	Lecturer
22	Patricia Atim P'Odong	LL.D	Lecturer
23	Dianah Ahumuza	LL.D	Lecturer
24	Adrian Jjuuko	PhD	Assistant Lecturer
25	Godber Tumushabe	LL.M	Assistant Lecturer
26	Frederick Mpanga	LL.M	Assistant Lecturer
27	Ivan Engoru	PhD	Assistant Lecturer
28	Rachel Kigozi Nabaggala	LL.M	Assistant Lecturer
29	Philda Maiga	LL.M	Assistant Lecturer
30	Mugalula Grancia	LL.M	Assistant Lecturer
31	Hadija Namyalo	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
32	Isaac Bakayana	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
33	Ernest Kalibbala	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
34	Robert Kirunda	LLM	Assistant Lecturer

Administrative Staff

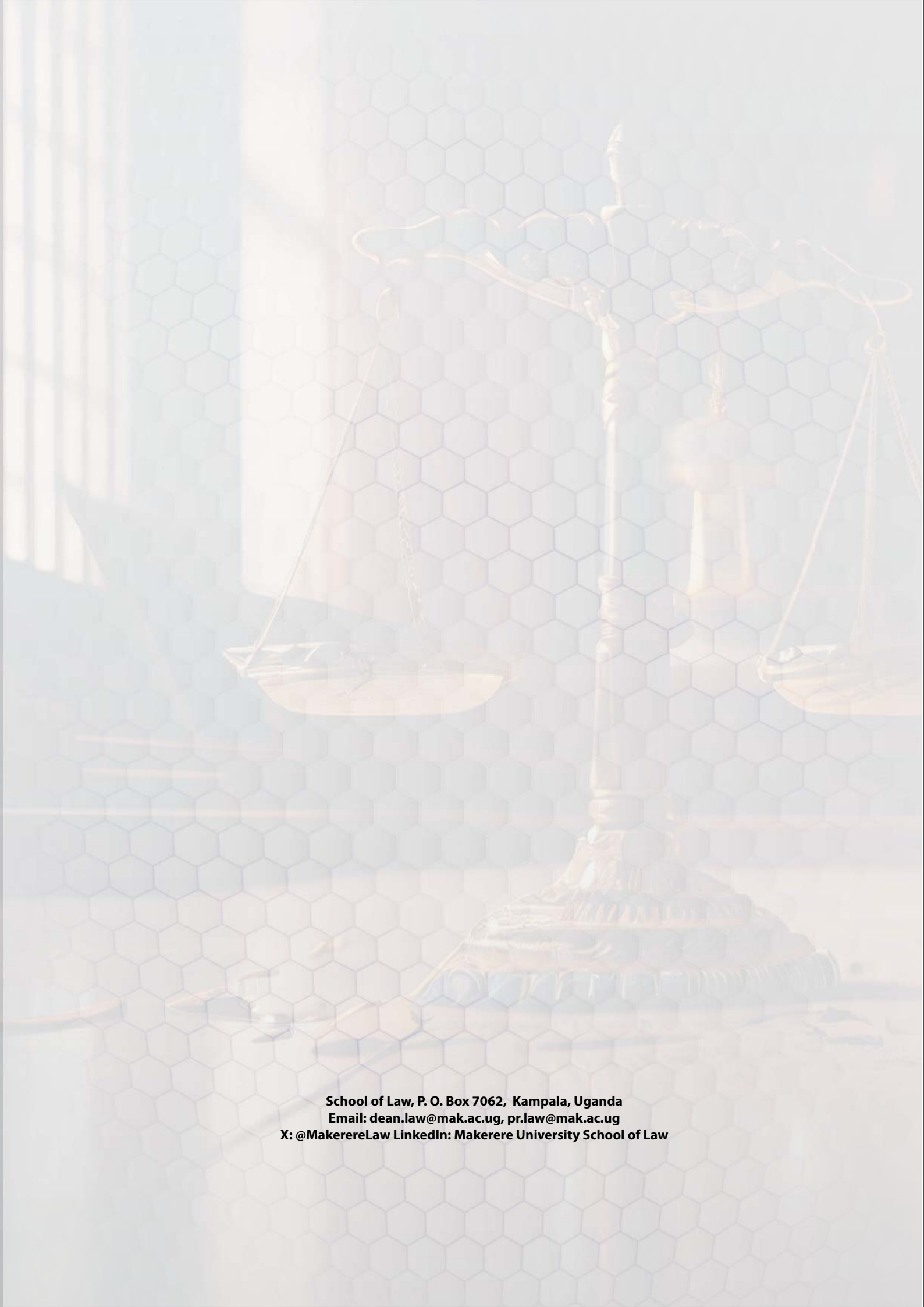
#	NAME	POSITION
1	Alfred Tingo	Principal College Registrar
2	Serunjogi Abdul-Majidi	Principal College Bursar
3	Zaam Namuli Ssali	Principal Communication Officer
4	Edina Kasirye Nsubuga	Examination Officer
5	Jane Nabukeera	Human Resource Officer
6	Mariam Kasemiire	Web Administrator
7	Roland Mpiriirwe	Assistant Accountant
8	Sara Adero	Administrative Secretary I
9	Sarah Nakibuuka	Procurement Officer
10	Janat Nankinga	Administrative Secretary II
11	Solome Naluwugge	Administrative Secretary I
12	Oliver Kasirye	Administrative Secretary I
13	Betty Kyamuhangire	Records Assistant
14	Annet Nuwamanya Kibajjo	Senior Library Assistant
15	Margaret Kyompaire	Senior Copy Typist
16	Maxine Twijukye	Senior Copy Typist

Support Staff

#	NAME	POSITION
1	Hasipher Kahunde	Chief Custodian
2	Dhabangi Xavier	Custodian
3	Bunni Disson	Driver
4	Ndaba Andrew	Cleaner/Messenger
5	Natuha Lonah	Cleaner/Messenger
6	Niyonzima Elias	Cleaner/Messenger
7	Nabiwande Betty Musisi	Cleaner/Messenger
8	Sebudirima G.	Security Guard
9	Akweyo Margaret Owor	Cleaner/Messenger
10	Ayiru Grace	Cleaner/Messenger
11	Joseph Sebasore	Cleaner/Messenger
12	Milly Mayanja	Cleaner/Messenger
13	Bahinyu Valence	Cleaner/Messenger
14	Evarist Bizimana	Cleaner/Messenger
15	John Masiko	Cleaner/Messenger
16	Abesiga Juliet	Cleaner/Messenger
17	Wakoli Evalyn	Cleaner/Messenger
18	Nansasi Christine Nakawagga	Cleaner/Messenger
19	Kakande Kasim	Cleaner/Messenger
20	Rukundo Esther	Lecture Room Attendant
21	Mbonigaba Steven	Cleaner/Messenger

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