



MAKERERE UNIVERSITY SCHOOL OF LAW



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VISION, MISSION AND CORE VALUES



Vision:

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



Mission Statement:

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



Core Values:



Academic and Intellectual Freedom



Excellence



Integrity



Equality, Non-discrimination and Diversity



Social Responsibility



Respect & Collegiality



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Message from the Dean



It gives me great pleasure to present the 2025 Annual Report of the Makerere University School of Law (Sol). This report reflects the collective efforts, achievements and resilience of our academic community over the past year as we continued to pursue our vision of becoming Africa's pre-eminent law school that promotes social justice, the rule of law and development.

At the heart of our mandate is teaching and learning, and throughout 2025 the School remained committed to delivering transformative legal education. Our undergraduate, graduate and doctoral programmes continued to attract highly competitive applicants, reflecting sustained confidence in the quality of legal education offered at the School. During the year, we successfully conducted teaching and examinations across all programmes, strengthened experiential learning through field attachments, mooting competitions, and clinical legal education, and hosted

several academic engagements including doctoral colloquia and international collaborations. Our students also excelled in national and international competitions, demonstrating the strength of our academic training and mentorship.

The School also made significant strides in research and publications, which remain central to our mission as a research-led institution. Members of faculty produced important scholarly contributions in leading journals, books and policy publications covering a wide range of fields including human rights, environmental law, constitutional law, taxation, and disability rights. In addition, our research centres secured several grants to support impactful research and community programmes, further strengthening the School's reputation as a hub for legal scholarship that informs policy and advances justice.

Beyond the classroom and academic scholarship, the School continued to play a vital role in community outreach and engagement. Through initiatives such as the Administrative Law Short-Course for Public Officers, the Public Interest Law Clinic, the Refugee Law Project, the Business Law Clinic and other outreach programmes, our staff and students provided legal aid, capacity building and other legal-related services to communities across Uganda. These initiatives underscore our commitment to ensuring that legal education contributes meaningfully to improving access to justice and empowering vulnerable communities.

The School also remained an important platform for public dialogue, policy engagement and intellectual debate. Throughout the year, we convened and participated in numerous public lectures, policy consultations, conferences and



debates addressing critical national and global issues including constitutionalism, human rights, electoral justice, climate change and energy transition. Through these engagements, the School continues to contribute to informed public discourse and evidence-based policy reform.

Equally important has been our continued investment in mentorship and career guidance for students and aspiring legal professionals. In collaboration with the Makerere Law Society and various partners, the School organized career guidance sessions, mentorship programmes and outreach visits to secondary schools aimed at inspiring the next generation of lawyers and exposing students to the diverse opportunities within the legal profession.

These achievements would not have been possible without the dedication of our academic staff, administrative & support

staff, students, and the support from Makerere University Management and Council, alumni and development partners. I extend my sincere appreciation to all who continue to support the work of the School of Law. As we look to the future, the School remains committed to strengthening excellence in teaching, advancing impactful research, deepening community engagement, and nurturing ethical and socially responsive legal professionals who will contribute to the advancement of justice, rule of law, societal transformation and development in Uganda and beyond.

As We Build for the Future

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Associate Professor



School of Law Leadership



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Librarian



List of Acronyms

BLC	–	Business Law Clinic
CLE	–	Clinical Legal Education
CLET	–	Centre for Law and Emerging Technologies
DEPT	–	Department
EAJHR	–	East African Journal for Human Rights
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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INTRODUCTION

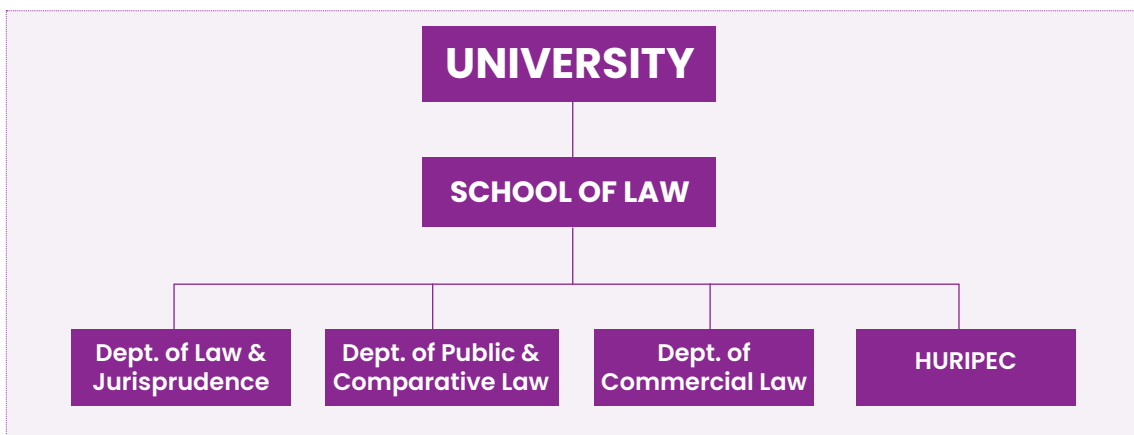


This report is a presentation of the work and achievements of the Makerere University School of Law for 2025.

1.1 Structure of the School of Law

Makerere University School of Law (SoL) is the oldest and was the first institution in Uganda to offer law degree programmes. It was first established in 1968 as a Department of Law in the then Faculty of Social Sciences. The SoL is one of the only two stand-alone Schools of Makerere University.

The SoL is run under a three-tier system i.e., the University, School of Law, and the constituent departments. The School has four departments i.e., the Department of Law & Jurisprudence, Public & Comparative Law Department, Commercial Law Department, and Human Rights & Peace Centre (HURIPEC).



1.2 The Departments

Law & Jurisprudence

The Department of Law and Jurisprudence is one of the oldest departments at the SoL. The department is responsible for the teaching of the science or theory or philosophy of law – delving deeply into what the law ought to be (de facto) vis a vis what it is (de jure). The department is responsible for the teaching of courses such as Law of Evidence, Criminology and Penology, Family Law, Conflict of Laws, Social Research Methods, Introduction to Law, Legal Methods, Jurisprudence, Land Law, Gender and the Law, among others

Commercial Law

The Commercial Law Department brings together all the commercial law related courses taught at the SoL. Both on the Bachelor of Laws programme and the Master

of Laws. These degree courses include: the Law of Contract; Labour Law; Intellectual Property Law; Business Associations; Revenue Law and Taxation; Computers & the Law (Cyber Law); Law of Insolvency; Corporate Governance; Insurance Law & Practice; Banking & Negotiable Instruments, and the Law on International Economic Institutions (IMF & World Bank). Through this department, students at the School of Law are exposed to various courses that provide both theoretical and practical exposure into how the law intersects with matters of commerce. The department also runs and oversees the Business Law Clinic (BLC) which was established in 2019. The BLC serves the purpose of creating a linkage between low income and vulnerable communities, on the one hand, and transactional legal services on the other hand.



Public and Comparative Law

The Department of Public and Comparative Law brings together all the public law courses taught at the SoL. They include: Fundamentals of Criminal Law, Principles of Constitutional History, Administrative Law, Criminal Liability, Principles of Constitutional Law, Principles of International Law, Labour Law, Criminology and Organised Crime, Criminal Procedure, Civil Procedure, Health Law and Policy, International Institutions and Organisations, Law of Treaties, and Criminology and Penology. The Department also runs and oversees our flagship Administrative Officers Law Short Course.

Human Rights & Peace Centre (HURIPEC)

HURIPEC was established in 1993 as the first human rights centre of its kind in Sub-Saharan Africa. Although several human rights-related subjects were already being taught at the then Faculty of Law, HURIPEC was established solely to foster teaching, research and activism on human rights and peace issues at the University. Since that time, not only has the number of courses in the area expanded considerably, but also the range of activities being pursued has. 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. HURIPEC runs two publications outlets i.e. East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights (EAJPHR) with two issues each year; and HURIPEC Working Paper Series.

1.3 Outreach and Research Initiatives

Research and outreach remain central to the SoL's mission of imparting transformative legal education within an inter-disciplinary framework and contributing meaningfully to national development. Through a number of initiatives, the School undertakes strategic partnerships, interdisciplinary collaboration, and community engagement to strengthen its research culture while ensuring that scholarly outputs translate into practical solutions.

Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC)

The Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) was established in 2012 as the first university-based law clinic in Uganda. Its vision is 'a legal profession alive to the social justice needs of the vulnerable'. The mission is 'to promote social justice through legal education, research, legal aid, public interest litigation and building strategic partnerships and practice'. Since establishment, the Clinic has innovated with the teaching of law, by introducing the clinical methodology, an experiential approach which exposes students to the practice of law.

PILAC provides services including court representation, legal counselling, mediation, legal awareness & literacy sessions and research to the public. Our learners are also involved in community engagements to support communities with legal aid through our various research initiatives.

Refugee Law Project (RLP)

As a Centre of Justice and Forced Migrations, the RLP is a community outreach initiative of the SoL with the mandate to ensure that all people especially refugees and forced migrants enjoy their human rights irrespective of their legal status. Oversight of the RLP is provided by Board of Directors under the SoL that in turn, reports to the Academic Board of the School.



RLP's work encompasses:

- (a) Primary research, analysis and documentation;
- (b) Direct interventions on access to justice; mental health psychosocial support and livelihoods; gender and sexuality; conflict, transitional justice & accountability; and media for social change programmes;
- (c) Community engagement and empowerment;
- (d) Stakeholders capacity building; and
- (e) Legal and policy advocacy.

RLP has offices in Kampala, Kiryandongo, Gulu, Kitgum, Lamwo, Adjumani, and Isingiro) and Programme sites in Yumbe, Terego, Kyegegwa, and Kasese.

Disability Law and Rights Centre (DLRC)

The DLRC commenced as a project in 2015 and was subsequently launched as a Centre in the School of Law in January 2020. It is guided by a vision 'to build an all-inclusive society respective of difference, diversity and inherent dignity of all persons with disabilities'. Its mission is "to promote disability rights through legal education & training, providing legal services, and undertaking research and advocacy with the overall goal of enhancing the promotion and protection of disability rights in Uganda".

The Business Law Clinic (BLC)

Established in 2019, the BLC 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.

Environmental Law Centre (ELC)

ELC was established in 2007 as the first Environmental Law Center of Excellence in the Eastern Africa Region adopting interdisciplinary and collaborative approaches in its methods of teaching and research. The main aim of the Centre is to support the fast-paced development of the environmental and natural resources sector with strong legal training and research.

The Environmental Law Institute in Washington DC and the United Nations Environmental Programmes (UNEP) provided funding for the Centre's initial activities. Since then, the centre has received funding and support from the Intergovernmental Authority on Development (IGAD), the Ministry of Water and Environment (MWE), USAID and the Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS).

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Teaching and learning remain at the core of the SoL mission to produce competent, and socially responsive legal professionals. During the reporting period, the School continued to strengthen the quality of legal education through innovative teaching methods, curriculum development, and enhanced student engagement.

2.1 Programmes at SoL

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 Law Short-Course.

The School has three graduate Programmes under Development, i.e. Master of Laws in Human Rights Law and Practice, Master of

Laws in Corporate and Commercial Law, and Masters in Intellectual Property Rights.

The SoL will soon launch a certificate course in Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR).

2.2 Students Enrolment for 2025

The SoL registered total enrolment of 1163 students in 2025, with 962 students at undergraduate level and 189 students at Masters level and 12 Doctoral level as presented in the table 1 below.

Table 1: Student Numbers at SoL

YEAR OF STUDY	FEMALE	MALE	TOTAL
4TH YEAR	87	177	264
3RD YEAR	106	117	223
2ND YEAR	105	124	229
1ST YEAR	109	137	246
SUB-TOTAL	407	555	962
LLM STUDENTS			
2ND YEAR	34	48	82
1ST YEAR	45	62	107
SUB-TOTAL	79	110	189
LLD STUDENTS			
	6	6	12
GRAND TOTAL	492	671	1163



2.3 SoL Graduands at Makerere University' 75th Graduation Ceremony

Makerere University School of Law (SoL) presented her graduands on the first day of Makerere University's 75th Graduation Ceremony on the 13th January 2025 at the Freedom Square, Makerere University. A total of 285 graduands were presented by the School including 3 Doctor of Laws, 48 Master of Laws and 234 Bachelor of Laws. The graduates are aggregated in the table below 2.

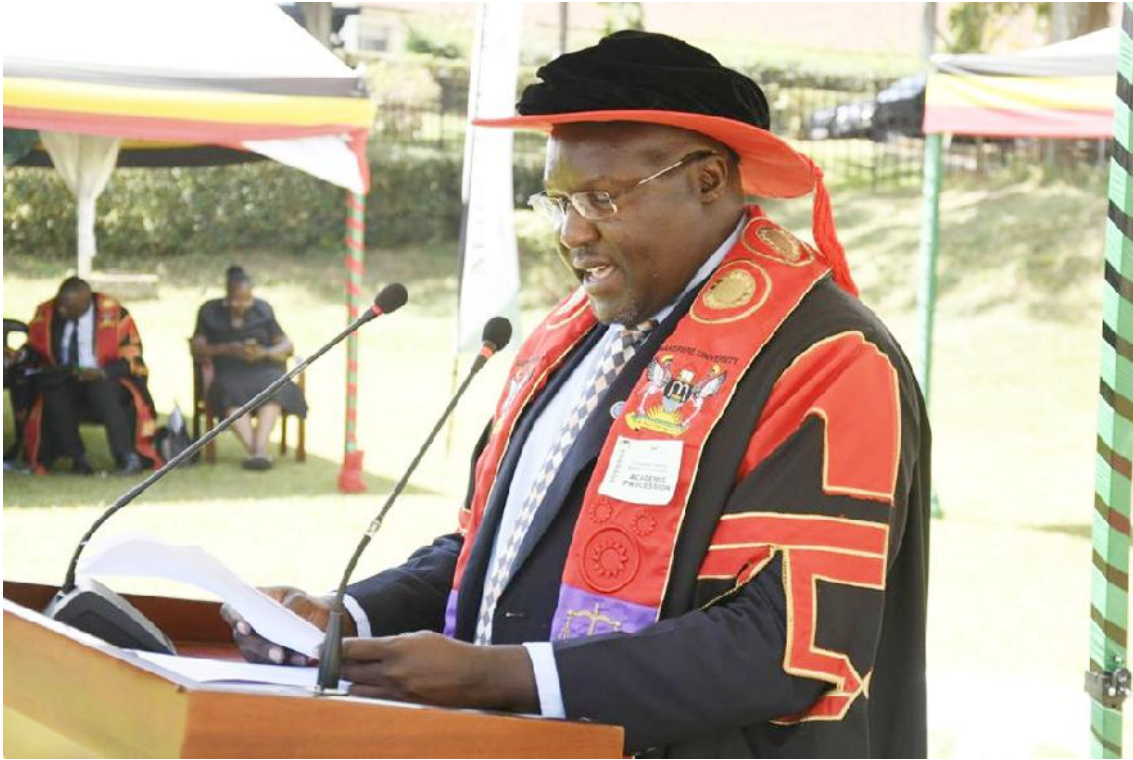
Table 2: Graduands Presented at 75th Graduation Ceremony

Programme	Female	Male	Total Graduands
Bachelor of Laws	98	136	234
Master of Laws	21	27	48
Doctor of Laws	1	2	3
Total	120	165	285

Doctor of Laws degrees were awarded to Woliya Gwokyalya, James Nkuubi and Oscar Kamusiime Mwebesa. Alado Lawrence emerged the best student among the LLB class attaining a 1st Class degree with a CGPA of 4.56; Ms. Nakalema Stella Maris was the best performing female student with a CGPA of 4.26.



Group Photo of SoL Graduands and Faculty



Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Dean – SoL presenting graduands at the 75th Graduation Ceremony of Makerere University



Some of the SoL Academic staff who were in the academic procession of the 75th Graduation Ceremony of Makerere University



LLD Graduates presented by SoL at the 75th Graduation Ceremony of Makerere University, L-R: Dr. James Nkuubi, Dr. Woliya Gwokyalaya and Dr. Oscar Kamusiime Mwe besa



Mr. Alado Lawrence, best performing LLB student who attained a 1st Class degree



Ms. Nakalema Stella Maris, best performing female LLB student



2.4 Pre-Entry Examinations for Admission to Bachelor of Laws Degree Programme AY2025/2026

The Pre-Entry Examination for admission to the Bachelor of Laws for AY2025/2026 was successfully held on 12th April, 2025. The examination attracted 2563 applicants where 2501 sat for the exam, and 280 students were admitted. In comparison to 2341 applicants in 2023, the ever increasing number of applicants who wish to enrol on our LLB programme is a vote of confidence in Makerere University School of Law.

2.5 Graduate Admission Test for Admission to Master of Laws Degree Programme AY2025/2026

The Graduate Admission Test, a requirement for admission to Master of Laws (LLM) Degree Programme was held in June 2025. The total number of applicants was 316, 269 were short-listed, 218 sat for the exam and 115 were admitted to the programme. The number of

applications to our LLM programme have continued to rise over the years which aligns with Makerere University' move to admit more graduate student in support of a research-led strategy.

2.6 Sol Orientation 2025

Orientation for the law freshmen and women was held on the 7th-8th August 2025 with guest speakers including: Hon. Medard Lubega Sseggon (Senior Partner-Lukwago and Co. Advocates; Member of Parliament for Busiro County East), Dr. Patricia Acan Okiria (Deputy Inspector General of Government) and Hon. Lady Justice Sarah Langa-Siu (Judge of the High Court of Uganda) who was the Chief Guest.

The freshers were advised to excel in whatever they do and avoid mediocrity. Priority setting, time-keeping and making the right choices were highlighted as key issues to ensure success while at Law School.



Group photo of LLB I students, Sol staff and Guest Speakers at the 2025 Orientation



2.7 Teaching and End of Semester Examinations

For semester II of AY2024/2025, teaching was successfully conducted for 15 weeks and end of semester exams successfully conducted for both undergraduate and graduate programmes in May to June 2025.

AY2025/2026 began in August 2025, teaching was successfully conducted for 15 weeks. The end of Semester I examinations were successfully conducted for all programmes November to December 2025.

2.8 Field Attachment

Following the end of Semester II examinations, 215 Year III LLB students proceeded for their



field attachment in different organisations across the country, of these 210 successfully completed the exercise. The students were successfully supervised with positive feedback from host institutions about our learners.

2.9 Doctoral Colloquia

Two doctoral colloquia were held during 2025. The first one was held on 17th May 2025 and another held on 6th December 2025. At these colloquia, LL.D students presented their draft chapters to fellow students and academic staff. These colloquia provide important platform for peer-to-peer and academic staff feedback on draft works.



Doctoral Colloquiums in session

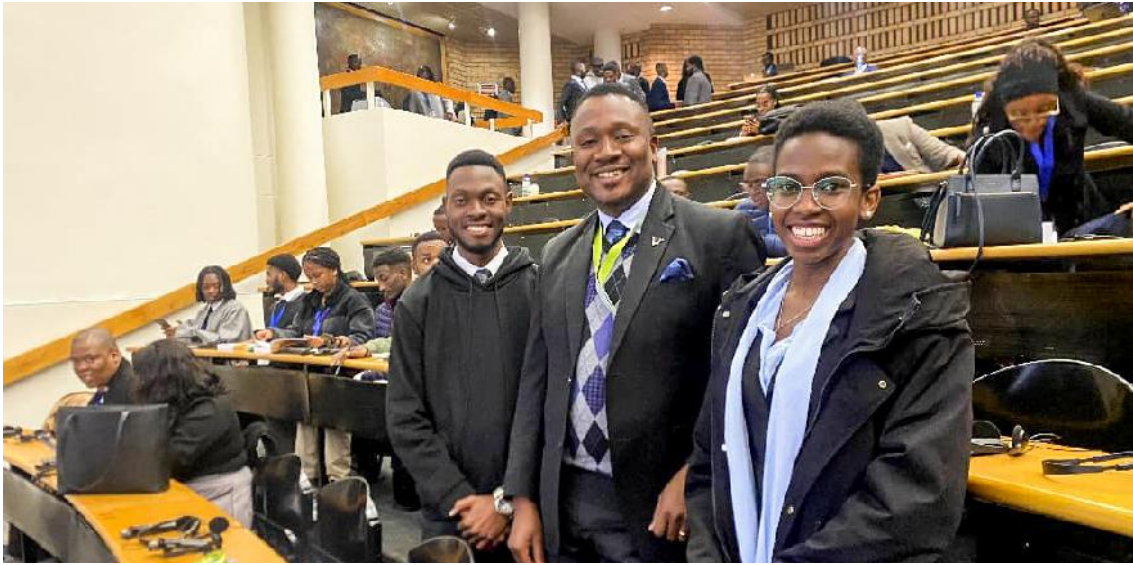
2.10 Participation in Mooting Competitions

Mooting is a key activity at the School of Law, with our students participating in multiple competitions within the country and abroad. Students are organised under the Makerere Mooting Society, with Dr. Daniel Ruhweza, Head of Law and Jurisprudence serving as the patron of the Society

In January, 2025, our students emerged first runner-ups in the Phillip Jessup International Law Moot Competition National Rounds. Two members of the team, Ms. Edisa Longo and Ms. Anne Adikin were recognised among the best orators which was a testament to the team's effort. Following the stellar

performance at the Phillip Jessup National Rounds, the team was invited to represent Uganda at the international rounds held in Washington D. C., U.S.A in May, 2025.

We also participated in the Christof Heyns Moot Competition also referred to as the All Africa Human Rights Moot Competition held in Cape Town, South Africa, and our team advanced up-to the Semi- Finals. The team comprised Mr. Ian Green and Ms. Sweetie Ogwal, both LLB 1 students. Sweetie was recognised as the 6th best oralist in the competitions.



L-R: Ian Green, Dr. Daniel Ruhweza, and Sweetie Catherine Ogwal at the Christof Heyns Moot Competition

A School team also participated in the Alfred Deakin International Commercial Arbitration Moot. The team described the competition as an enriching journey of advocacy, research, teamwork, exploring doctrines of separability, and use of AI in arbitration.

Students also participated in the Miami University Environmental Law Hackathon where they emerged in the top 3 in the international finals. Their project was about sustainably managing urban heat to build globally climate resilient cities. The SoL was also represented at the Football Law Annual

Moot (FLAM) Competitions.

Nationally, we participated in the Centre for Health, Human Rights and Development (CEHURD) Moot Competition which focused on Navigating Divergent Perspectives in Promoting Gender and Reproductive Justice in Uganda; 12th Clinical Legal Education (CLE) Moot, and the SoL Internal Moot Court Competition. In these competitions, students present before practicing Judges which builds their confidence.



L-R: Assoc. Prof. Ronald Naluwairo, Hon. Lady Justice Jane Okuo Kajuga, Hon. Justice Andrew Kasibayo, Dr. Diana Ateenyi Ahumaza, Hon. Prof. Justice Andrew Khaukha, Prof. Christopher Mbazira



Photo moment when Judges that presided over the 12th CLE Moot paid a courtesy visit to the Dean, SoL. The CLE is organised by SoL and students present before Judges.



Student mooting teams in photo with the Judges and faculty after the 12th CLE Moot



SoL students at the CEHURD Moot



2.11 Mak LLM Students attend 2025 Summer School of the Academy of European Law on Human Rights



Priscilla Nayiga, Ivan Twongyeirwe and Patience Ayesigye at the Summer School of the Academy of European Law on Human Rights

Makerere University School of Law (SoL) Master of Laws (LLM) students: Priscilla Nayiga, Ivan Twongyeirwe, and Patience Ayesigye attended the 2025 Summer School of the Academy of European Law on Human Rights in Florence, Italy under the theme 'Peace-making, what the law has to do with it'.

The seminar held from the 16th – 27th June 2025 was guided by the pedagogical philosophy, 'we learn by doing'. Participants prepared and enacted a role in a moot peace negotiation process in which questions of peace, justice and law arise.

The moot was based on peace negotiation that took place between the Government of Uganda and the Lord's Resistance Army between 2006 and 2008, Colombian peace process and the Philippine peace talks. Participants researched the aforementioned negotiations.

In the reflection sessions, participants of the summer school discussed the moot on the following premises: What happened, and how does this compare to the historical peace talks? What explains what happened? What role did international law play in the peace talks? What is the relevant international law? Could the law have been interpreted differently? What difference would it have made?

2.12 Makerere Law Journal Symposium

The Makerere Law Journal (MLJ) Symposium, held on March 21, 2025 brought together over 120 students, and legal professionals to discuss critical legal topics under the theme "Navigating Emerging Frontiers in Legal Thought and Practice." The symposium aimed to foster intellectual dialogue and provide a platform for the presentation of cutting-edge legal research.

The MLJ Editor-in-Chief 2024/25, Obita Calvin Stewart –LLB IV student emphasised the importance of proactively engaging with legal issues to not only survive but thrive in today's legal climate. This set a tone of active participation and intellectual curiosity for the day.



Calvin Stewart Obita delivering his remarks at the MLJ Symposium

Three papers were presented at the symposium.

Paper 1: UTI POSSIDETIS AND ISRAEL'S TERRITORY CLAIMS: A REASSESSMENT OF VICE PRESIDENT SEBUTINDE'S DISSENTING OPINION

The first paper was presented by Mahad Kisuze Mugaya, moderated by Akankwasa Conrad Albert, and interrogated by Ms. Lorraine Aguti. Mahad's paper critically analysed the application of the doctrine of uti possidetis juris in the context of Israel's territorial claims in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, focusing on Vice President Sebutinde's dissenting opinion in the 2024 International Court of Justice advisory opinion.

Paper 2: THE INSURANCE SECTOR OF UGANDA: BEYOND THE LAW

The second paper was presented by Adrian Kalule, moderated by James Kamanzi, with panelists Barigye Raymond and Nasser

Lubega. Adrian discussed the low insurance penetration in Uganda and explored the broader legal, social, and economic factors affecting the sector. He touched on key challenges such as the claims process, insurance fraud, and the need for reforms to the Insurance Act to accommodate contemporary issues like cyber insurance and artificial intelligence (AI).

Paper 3: EVOLVING ENIGMA: EVALUATION OF THE LAW ON FRAUD IN LAND TRANSACTIONS IN UGANDA

The third paper, presented by Julius Ainomugisha the Deputy Editor-in-Chief, moderated by Cynthia Amiri, and interrogated by Joy E. Mbabazi, explored the complex and evolving nature of land fraud in Uganda. Julius defined fraud as acts or omissions that detriment one party while benefiting another, and categorized fraud into actual fraud, imputed fraud, and constructive fraud. He also addressed challenges such as digitization, case management, and violence in land disputes.



The Editorial Board 2024/25 with the panelists

The symposium created a space for the discussion of emerging legal issues and provided students with an opportunity to engage in critical thinking and debate. The presentations, panel discussions, and audience participation made the symposium a truly enriching experience for all involved. The event also underscored the importance of interdisciplinary collaboration and the role of academic forums in shaping the future of legal scholarship.

2.13 Experiential Learning

SoL strives to offer students opportunities of where what they learn in class is practiced. Year two (2024/25) LLB students visited the Parliament of Uganda as part of their Principles of Constitutional Law studies. The group held a meeting with the Parliamentary Legal team for an understanding of their work.

Makerere Mooting Society Executive attended the 8th Hon. Chief Justice Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture held on 19th September, they were invited by the Judiciary of Uganda.



Makerere Moot Society Executive at the 8th Hon. Chief Justice Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture



In addition, LLB I students participated in the Makerere Debating Union Freshers tournament held on 23rd August 2025. They excelled during the tournament winning medals and trophies.



LLB I students medal and trophy awardies at the Makerere Debating Union Freshers Tournament

2.14 Bridging Theory and Practice: Introducing Business and Human Rights Law

The Uganda Consortium on Corporate Accountability (UCCA) initiated a collaboration with the Clinical Legal Education (CLE) unit of the Public Interest Law Clinic (PILAC) at SoL. The partnership will support introduction of Business and Human Rights (BHR) principles in legal education.

CLE provides hands-on experience, real-world cases & interdisciplinary approaches to address BHR challenges, developing critical thinking & advocacy skills to promote human rights.

An inaugural seminar linking BHR and CLE was hosted at SoL in partnership with Akina Mama Wa Afrika (AMWA) on the 17th April 2025. The seminar introduced students to the practical dimensions of BHR with a strong focus on gender justice and emerging frameworks related to climate change. The initiative is part of the broader goal to bridge the gap between theory and practice, ensuring that future legal professionals are equipped to navigate the complex intersection of business operations, human rights obligations, and sustainable development.



SoL students listen during the BHR presentation

2.15 SoL and University of West England (UWE) Collaboration

On 20th October 2025, Makerere University School of Law (SoL) hosted a delegation from the University of West England (UWE), UK. On arrival at SoL, the delegation from UWE were received by Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo, Dean – SoL.

The UWE delegation was led by Ms. Jo Midgley, Deputy Vice Chancellor of UWE accompanied by Prof. Emmanuel Adukwu, Dean of Students, Ms. Mian Ng, Lead for Global Partnerships in Social & Cultural Engagements, Mr. Jimi Ogunnusi, International Director–Africa & Africa Strategy Lead and Dr. Anne Eason, Associate Director of Policing.

A meeting was held between SoL and delegation from UWE to discuss possible areas of collaboration following signing of a Memorandum of Understanding between Makerere University and UWE. The meeting was attended by Dean–SoL, Heads of Department–SoL and administrative staff from the School.

In his remarks, Assoc. Professor welcomed the UWE team to SoL sharing highlights about the history of the School, statistics of the school and study programmes offered. Explaining the various research initiatives at the School, he expressed his hope that the two institutions would define areas where they can collaborate for mutual benefit.

In her communication, Ms. Jo Midgley expressed her appreciation of the warm welcome to the School; she highlighted that they have a Law School under their College of Business and Law. She explained that beside the Bachelor of Laws (LLB) programme, UWE conducts bar course & solicitor training, several specialised Master of Laws (LLM), Continuous Professional Development (CPD) and Doctoral degrees.



L-R: Assoc. Professor Ronald Naluwairo – Dean, SoL exchanging gifts with Ms. Jo Midgley – Deputy Vice Chancellor of UWE



Group photo of Sol staff with visitors from UWE

Following discussions between the teams refugee law, policing, joint research & publications, CPD, student & staff exchanges, community engagements for students were highlighted as areas for further discussion.

2.16 Doctor of Laws Theses Defences

Three defences of Doctor of Laws (LLD) theses were held during the reporting period. Ms. Lydia Namateefu successfully defended her thesis, 'Appraising the relationship between the Law on Land Registration and Land Grabbing in Uganda: A Case Study of Kayunga District' on 3rd November 2025. Her work was supervised by Dr. Rose Nakayi and Dr. Zahara Nampewo.



Ms. Lydia Namateefu Kisekka

Mr. Oscar Kambona successfully defended his thesis, 'An Analysis of the powers of Uganda Revenue Authority in Relation to Taxpayers Rights to Property and Privacy in Uganda' on 5th December 2025. His work was supervised by Professor David Justine Bakibinga and Professor Christopher Mbazira.



Mr. Oscar Kambona



Mr. Ndayishimiye Aim'e Fide'le successfully defended his thesis, 'An Examination of the Effectiveness of the East African Court of Justice in the Adjudication of Civil and Political Rights Cases' on 5th December, 2025. His work was supervised by Dr. Benson Tusasirwe and Dr. Emmanuel Bagenda.



Mr. Ndayishimiye Aim'e Fide'le (centre) with his doctoral committee and supervisors after successful defence of his LLD thesis

2.17 Hosting Human Rights and Democratization in Africa (HRDA) Programme Students

SoL hosted Josephine Yisa from Nigeria and Violet Munasinyungwe from Zambia for 6 months under the LLM in Human Rights and Democratization in Africa (HRDA) programme. Makerere University SoL is one of the partner institutions. The programme is a prestigious one-year intensive course where 25-30 exceptional individuals spend six months in Pretoria and six months at one of the 12 partner universities all over Africa. They are taught by eminent lecturers in the field of human rights and undergo many practical training exercises. It is the only course of its kind in Africa.



Dr. Daniel Ruhweza (centre in black), Coordinator of the Pretoria Partnership with students at send-off dinner



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RESEARCH



Research remains central to advancing SoL as a generator of knowledge that informs legal scholarship, public policy, and justice sector reform. During the reporting period, Academic staff pursued initiatives that contributed to scholarly publications. A number of grants were also won by our research centres.

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3.2 Research Grants

During 2025, several research grants were won as detailed in the following table.

Table 3: Grants won in 2025

No	Amount	Funding Agency
1	Euros 1.5M	Embassy of the Kingdom of the Netherlands
2	USD 160,000	Pro Victimis Foundation
3	Euros 540,000	ZOA Uganda
4	USD 54,000	UNHCR through Norwegian Refugee Council
5	GBP 21,4143	Comic Relief
6	Euros 57,100	European Union Humanitarian Agency
7	USD 40,000	Africa Judicial Independence Fund
8	UGX 90,000,000	Konrad Adenauer Stiftung
9	UGX 44,700,000	Civil Legacy
10	UGX 11,852,000	Refugee Law Project



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**DIALOGUES,
POLICY
ENGAGEMENTS
AND DEBATES.**



Dialogue, policy engagement, and debates are integral to SoL' role as a platform for critical reflection and informed public discourse. During the reporting period, the School convened a range of dialogues, public lectures, debates that brought together scholars, policymakers, legal practitioners, students, and civil society actors to deliberate on pressing legal and governance issues. The School also actively engagement policy makers in Parliament and Government Agencies. Through such platforms, the School continued to strengthen its influence in nurturing a culture of critical inquiry among students and stakeholders alongside contribution to policy reform.

4.1 Contribution to Copyright Law Consultations at Parliament

Mr. Robert Kirunda, Lecturer at SoL led a team of experts and students from SoL in an interaction with Legal and Parliamentary Affairs Committee of Parliament of Uganda. They met the Committee to offer insights on proposals for amendment of the Copyright

Act. The Committee appreciated the views of the team from SoL on Artificial Intelligence (AI) and digital platform regulation, and requested for assistance with legislative alternatives available.



Mr. Robert Kirunda (frontline centre) with team at Parliament of Uganda



4.2 Keynote address delivered at 2nd Virtual Arusha Initiative Town Hall by Dr. Zahara Nampewo

Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Dean-SoL delivered the keynote address at the Arusha Initiative’ second virtual Town Hall held on March 26, 2025. The town hall focused on transparency and accountability within Africa’s human rights mechanisms and the processes for selecting their members. Dr. Nampewo’s address was on the state of human rights in Uganda, describing Uganda’s human rights as a critical case study due to the government’s use of violence as a tool of political control and the increasing attacks on civil society and the judiciary.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo

The event brought together 117 participants from 23 African countries, including Nigeria, South Africa, Sudan, Lesotho, the Democratic Republic of Congo, and Uganda, as well as from the United States and Europe. The discussion highlighted the importance of a transparent, participatory, and merit-based nomination process for key African human rights bodies, including the African

Commission on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACHPR), the African Court on Human and Peoples’ Rights (ACtHPR), and the African Committee of Experts on the Rights and Welfare of the Child (ACERWC).

4.3 Experts Meeting at SoL to discuss the dilemmas of charcoal ban and clean energy transition in Uganda

Experts from economics, history, agriculture and law converged at SoL hosted by HURIPEC to discuss the dilemmas of charcoal bans and clean energy transition in Uganda.



Experts with SoL Project Team

The meeting was held under the auspices of the project: “Charcoal Conflict in Climate Change’s Decarbonisation Dilemmas: Knots of Livelihood, Nutrition, Communities, Gender, Migration and Energy in East Africa” implemented (2023–2027) by HURIPEC funded by the Danish Foreign Ministry and it is being implemented in collaboration with the Centre for Resolution of International Conflicts (CRIC) at the University of Copenhagen in Denmark and St. Augustine University of Tanzania (SAUT), in Mwanza, Tanzania. The overall goal of the project is to understand how global climate change mitigation policies (decarbonisation) condition charcoal politics and socio-economic dynamics in energy-stressed countries down to local levels, and how to manage these conflicts.



The project is supporting one PhD (Emmanuel Kaweesi) in Uganda and one PhD in Tanzania with full scholarship. The Ugandan PhD explores legal and policy frameworks on charcoal and decarbonization dilemmas and their impact on social and economic rights in Uganda and Tanzania; the Tanzanian PhD explores social conflict in the charcoal to clean energy transition.

4.4 Regional Seminar on Localising Debates on cooking fuels amid energy transition

On 29th September 2025, the Human Rights and Peace Centre hosted a regional seminar themed “Localizing Debates on Cooking Fuels amid Energy Transition and Climate Change Dilemmas in East Africa.” The seminar was organised jointly with Københavns Universitet, Denmark, St. Augustine University of Tanzania, and funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark.



Dr. Zahara Nampewo presenting at the regional seminar

Researchers participating in the seminar were from Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania, Democratic Republic of Congo and Denmark. They provided perspectives from the countries as well as a global commentary.

It was agreed that it is critical for nations on the African continent to define issues affecting them using their own data than using research conducted from other parts of the globe. It was also noted that Africa shouldn't be carried away by statements made at global level but rather localise our needs, breakdown specific constrained resources and well-defined data.

At conclusion of the seminar, it was highlighted that transition from charcoal is essential to decarbonisation and climate change. However, the position of charcoal as a cultural issue should be well understood. In addition, transition is not a one size fits all because communities have unique challenges. The community coping mechanisms have to be better understood dependant on financial issues, low awareness, cultural beliefs and availability of government subsidies. A balance between climate action, social stability and economic development is required; it was noted that climate policy interventions seek to cut emissions and protect forests but there is a clash with realities in the community.

4.5 Hosting World Philosophy Day with CHUSS

SoL and College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS) hosted the World Philosophy Day celebrations held at Makerere University. The two-day conference, running from 19th–20th November 2025, was organized by the Department of Philosophy at CHUSS in collaboration with the School of Law, supported by UNESCO and Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) under the theme: “30 Years of the 1995 Constitution: Gains, Pitfalls and Prospects.”



Organisers with Panelists at World Philosophy Day; Dr. Zahara Nampewo (3rd left), Deputy Dean –SoL, Professor Hellen Nambalirwa Nkabila (4th left), Principal – CHUSS

The event, hosted in a hybrid format at the Makerere University Main Hall, featured academic papers, screenings of Constituent Assembly debates, panel sessions with drafters of the Constitution, creative performances and exhibitions on Uganda’s constitution-making journey.

The Chief Guest, Hon. Nobert Mao - Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs, called on Uganda and other African countries to entrench accountability and civil liberties within their systems of governance. Speaking as Chief Guest at the conference themed “30 Years of the 1995 Constitution: Gains, Pitfalls and Prospects,” Mao cautioned against political systems that reduce leadership terms to routine cycles without meaningful

public oversight. He emphasized that genuine democracy requires transparent governance, active citizen participation and respect for civil liberties, rejecting the notion that accountability undermines national stability. Mao urged openness in discussing governance failures, injustices and past atrocities, arguing that such dialogue is essential for national healing. He also warned against divisive tribal politics and advocated for more inclusive and tolerant political engagement.

Highlighting the role of universities, Mao challenged academic institutions to lead informed and critical national discourse, commending Makerere University for providing space for open inquiry.



Hon. Norbert Mao with Students at the World Philosophy Day

4.6 Dissecting the Kabaziguruka decision by the Supreme Court of Uganda

On 12 February 2025, the Human Rights and Peace Centre (HURIPEC) at Makerere University School of Law, in partnership with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS), convened a public dialogue examining the Supreme Court’s Kabaziguruka decision and its implications for constitutionalism, the rule of law, and good governance in Uganda. The discussion was particularly timely amid ongoing trials of civilians in military courts, including opposition supporters, a former presidential candidate, and a practising advocate.



The audience listen to presentations at Kabaziguruka Decision Dialogue

The panel featured Professor Chris Mbazira and constitutional law expert Jude Byamukama, with Dr. Zahara Nampewo moderating. The dialogue contextualized the Supreme Court’s 31 January 2025 ruling in *Attorney General v Hon. Michael Kabaziguruka*, which declared the trial of civilians by military courts unconstitutional and questioned the fairness of such tribunals even for serving officers. Participants also reflected on strong public reactions to the judgment, including statements by Col. Chris Magezi and President Yoweri Kaguta Museveni rejecting its implementation, highlighting growing tensions between constitutionalism and militarism.

The dialogue underscored the decision as a watershed moment for democracy and civil liberties in Uganda, while noting concerns over delayed justice and potential resistance to the ruling. In closing, KAS’s Sam Muhindo and HURIPEC’s Busingye Kabumba welcomed the robust engagement and expressed optimism for continued collaboration to advance human rights and the rule of law.



4.7 The 2nd Annual Conference on Human Rights, Peace and Social Justice

The 2nd Annual Conference on Human Rights, Peace and Social Justice was hosted by HURIPREC on 8th October 2025 themed, 'Beyond 'Balaalo' – Recentring Transitional Justice as a sustainable basis for Reconstituting the Ugandan State'. Senior Counsel and former President of the Uganda Law Society, Francis Gimara, delivered the keynote address, examining the origins and evolving meaning of the term *Balaalo*. He explained that the term originally referred to settlers or strangers who did not assimilate but later acquired an ethnic connotation and is now commonly associated with cattle keepers from various ethnic groups with migration histories stretching from regions such as Egypt and Ethiopia to Uganda.



Counsel Francis Gimara

Mr. Gimara urged Ugandan lawyers to critically examine how constitutional promises are understood and applied, particularly regarding land rights and community relations. He called for dialogue between the State and affected communities to better understand cultural contexts.

He also highlighted the duality within the *Mulaalo* identity—ranging from wealthy, politically connected landowners with large herds and state protection, to pastoralists moving along the cattle corridor. According to him, these complexities contribute to fears of land grabbing in Northern Uganda and expose gaps in state responses, including the lack of sufficient legislation to effectively protect the rights of local landowners.



Hon. Ken Lukyamuzi offering a complimentary copy of his book to Dr Nallovu

From the presentations and discussion, it was concluded that central to this conference was the question of identity and dignity. In some contexts, it is not enough to have a willing buyer and seller. The central issue on transitional justice is important – and lawyers were called to think of justice in broader terms; that is, beyond the positivist sense of what justice is; one that makes sense for everyone.

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH ENGAGEMENTS



SOL is committed to community outreach and engagement in support of the promoting access to justice. During 2025, the School undertook a range of outreach initiatives aimed at extending legal knowledge and services beyond the classroom to communities, institutions, and vulnerable groups.

5.1 BLC Participation at 3rd Annual National Labour Convention and Expo

The Business Law Clinic participated at The 3rd Annual National Labour Convention & Expo 2025 at Mestil Hotel Nsambya, Kampala on 23rd-24th April 2025 under the theme, “Strengthening Compliance to Employment Law: A prerequisite for decent jobs, economic empowerment and inclusive growth.” The Principal Investigator, Dr. Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga; the Deputy Principal Investigator, Dr. Ivan Engoru; and Dr. Anthony C. K. Kakooza, Head of Commercial Law Department, participated in the convention. The Principal Investigator, Dr. Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga made a presentation to the conference participants on the topic, ‘Employment Law Compliance as a means for inclusive economic development.’

A call to action was made to continue engaging with workers, employers and government towards improving conditions for work for Ugandans so as to achieve the goal towards decent work for all for the country. The Conference and Expo took

place simultaneously at the same venue. The students of the BLC were able to display some of the clinic’s work in the Expo. Two students volunteered to man the stall, Mr. Amos Namanya and Mr. Calvin Obita were available to man the stall and to offer explanations to the attendees/visitors on how the Business Law Clinic provides legal services to communities.

5.2 The Administrative Officers Law Short Course

In 2024, Makerere University signed a memorandum of understanding (MoU) with the Uganda Prisons Service (UPS) to collaborate on capacity building of their officers through training. Arising out of the MoU, SoL offers the Administrative Officers Law Short Course to UPS officers. The training of the second cohort comprised of 58 officers that began on 8th September 2025 was successfully concluded on 19th September 2025. This brings the total number of officers trained in 2025 to 125. Two staff from the Ministry of Education and Sports also attended the training.



Participants of Administrative Officers' Law Short Course at the Fort Portal Centre cut cake at Certificate Award Ceremony



UPS trainees with facilitators of the course, leadership from Makerere University and UPS



UPS Officer receives certificate at end of training while Makerere University and UPS Officials look on

Beside the Kampala (Makerere University) centre, the Administrative Officers' Law Short Course is also offered at several outreach regional centres across Uganda including Jinja, Mukono, Tororo, Masaka, Arua, Gulu, Lira, Moroto, Hoima, Mbale, Soroti, Kiboga, Mbarara, Kabale, Rukungiri, Kyenjojo, Masindi, and Fort Portal. Over 450 participants were trained across the various centres in 2025.



5.3 PILAC in Karamoja sub-region

PILAC is implementing a project titled, 'Promoting Access to Justice for Rural Communities in Select Districts in Karamoja' supported by the Danish Institute for Human Rights. The intervention is using legal education to build the capacity of grassroots actors and enhance access to justice and rights protection for marginalised communities; 6 students were attached to CSOs in Moroto, Kotido and Kabong for 6 months to support building their legal capacity.



Sol/PILAC team with students and community leaders

In an evaluation of the support, the young lawyers said they greatly benefited from the programme and have expressed their willingness to return to the CSOs to continue implementing the projects and supporting the communities.

5.4 CLAPMOC Luzira Visit

On the 16th April 2025, our students on the Community Law Program & Mobile Clinic (CLAPMOC) in joint collaboration with Rotary Club of Port Bell, Luzira visited Luzira Women' Prison yesterday to provide legal advice and necessities.



CLAPMOC team handing over items to Uganda Prison Officers

5.5 Oversight Visit to Kiryandongo Urban Refugee Settlement

In December 2025, the Board of Directors of Refugee Law Project (RLP) led by the Chairperson and Dean-SoL, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo visited Kiryandongo Urban Refugee Settlement for an oversight

visit. The board accompanied by the RLP management team interacted with political leadership of the area, communities and refugees supported.



RLP Board of Directors with Field Staff in Kiryandongo



RLP Board of Directors interacts with refugee community in Kiryandongo Urban Refugee Settlement



5.6 RLP Advocacy and Community Engagements

Overall, the 2025 activities of RLP significantly advanced conflict prevention, reconciliation, youth leadership, and inclusive governance within refugee and host communities. Highlights are shared below.

Gender and Sexuality Programme

In 2025, the Gender and Sexuality Programme strengthened survivor support, institutional capacity, and policy engagement in

addressing conflict-related sexual violence (CRSV) among refugees and host communities. Screening initiatives assessed 1,893 refugees for war-related injuries, referring 529 for specialized rehabilitation and improving early identification and treatment of trauma. Capacity-building efforts trained 70 medical practitioners and 60 medical students, enhancing survivor-centered and non-discriminatory care for CRSV and SRHR needs.



Community Engagement by the Gender and Sexuality Programme

Strategic dialogues with 65 partners and community leaders strengthened coordination with key stakeholders and improved service delivery in refugee-hosting areas. Internationally, the 6th South-South Institute brought together 75 participants from seven countries to elevate survivor voices and highlight under-addressed CRSV affecting men and boys. Overall, the programme improved access to care, strengthened institutional responses,

empowered survivors, and increased influence on policy and practice at national and global levels.

Access to Justice Programme

In 2025, the programme advanced refugee self-reliance, access to justice, and institutional capacity in Uganda through integrated education, legal empowerment, and systems-strengthening initiatives. The English for Adults programme enrolled 3,458



learners—mostly Sudanese refugees—improving language skills that supported employment, business participation, and community integration. Second Chance Education provided vocational training to 896 women and girls in Wakiso and Kasese, enabling many to start small businesses and strengthen household incomes.



Dr. Pius Saxone Ojara, Executive Director-RLP (2nd left) speaking during a Stakeholders Meeting

The 9th Regional Conference on Children’s Rights organised by RLP brought together 145 stakeholders to promote accountability and psychosocial support for refugee children.

Access to justice initiatives also addressed systemic barriers through dialogue between refugee professionals and regulatory bodies to improve employment pathways. Legal aid services supported 693 individuals through mobile courts and provided court representation to 581 others, while alternative dispute resolution assisted 625 individuals, improving case resolution and community relations.

Additionally, capacity-building trained judicial officers, prosecutors, immigration officials, police, prison staff, and local leaders, strengthening institutional responsiveness and protection frameworks. Overall, the programme contributed to economic empowerment, improved justice access,

stronger social cohesion, and enhanced institutional capacity.

Media for Social Change Programme

In 2025, Media for Social Change (M4SC) programme strengthened refugee rights advocacy, access to information, and community voice through strategic media engagement, capacity building, and policy dialogue. Training for 25 journalists in Gulu improved ethical, rights-based reporting on refugee issues, helping reduce misinformation and stigma.

To address health information gaps, culturally responsive SRHR posters translated into multiple languages (Dinka, Nuer, Madi, Juba Arabic, Acholi, and Swahili) enhanced access to critical health information on issues such as teenage pregnancy, HIV, STIs, GBV, and Hepatitis B. Media advocacy—including televised talk shows and press



statements—amplified refugee voices and increased national attention to protection concerns.

A high-level conference at Makerere University, organized with the University of Edinburgh and partners, advanced dialogue on the Higher Education Access Certificate (HEAC) as an alternative pathway to higher education for refugees.

Additionally, training 15 refugees in Adjumani in mobile phone video documentation strengthened community-led storytelling and advocacy. Overall, the programme enhanced public engagement, improved access to information, strengthened refugee representation, and supported policy influence.

Collectively, these activities enhanced informed public engagement, improved access to essential information, promoted policy influence, and strengthened refugee agency and representation.

Mental Health and Livelihoods Programme

In 2025, the programme delivered integrated mental health, protection, and livelihoods support to refugees and vulnerable host communities, reaching thousands of individuals and their households. A total of 968 refugees and vulnerable hosts received trauma-informed counselling and psychotherapy, while 2,434 benefited from psycho-medical and legal aid clinics that provided holistic support addressing mental health, medical, and justice needs. To strengthen service quality and sustainability, 45 staff from eight MHPSS implementing partners received internal and external supervision for professional development.



Mental Health meeting in session conducted by RLP team



Poultry project belong to a beneficiary in Adjumani District

Livelihood interventions complemented mental health psychosocial support by addressing economic vulnerability which is a key trigger of mental distress. Agricultural and poultry initiatives in Adjumani and Kiryandongo reached 990 refugees, which indirectly benefitted approximately 4,950 household members, while 1,073 refugees and vulnerable hosts received business skills and financial strengthening support to improve income generation and resilience. Together, the interventions integrate mental health care, protection, and livelihoods to promote resilience, wellbeing, and long-term self-reliance among refugees and host communities.



Conflict, Transitional Justice and Accountability Programme

In 2025, the programme implemented a series of community-based peacebuilding, youth empowerment, and transitional justice initiatives across Refugee Settlements and host communities in Uganda, with a strong focus on strengthening social cohesion, non-violent conflict resolution, and youth participation. Capacity building for Peace Committees was a major focus.

A two-day training equipped 30 Peace Committee members (13 women and 17 men) from Kampala (Kawempe and Entebbe) and Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement with skills in mediation, negotiation, communication, and non-violent conflict resolution. Participants demonstrated improved understanding of conflict dynamics and increased confidence in applying these skills. Building on this foundation, eight Peace Committee meetings were conducted across various clusters in Kiryandongo as well as in Entebbe and Kawempe. These meetings reached 454 participants (214 men and 239 women), including refugees, host community members, and UNHCR staff, and strengthened collaboration and collective action for peaceful coexistence.



Training workshop in session

An intergenerational dialogue in Cluster 'A' of Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement engaged 368 participants to address post-conflict issues and strengthen social cohesion.

Youth engagement was further promoted through two inter-school debates held in

Kiryandongo and Arua to commemorate International Peace Day, bringing together 195 participants and fostering dialogue, critical thinking, and peacebuilding. The programme also strengthened youth leadership through Phase II training of 25 Peace Fellows on trauma healing and social media depolarization, equipping them with skills and mentorship to lead peace initiatives.



Youth Engagement for International Peace Day 2025

At the international level, one Peace Fellow represented the programme at the 2nd Youth, Peace and Security Conference in Brussels, contributing perspectives on youth participation in democratic governance in the Great Lakes region.



Participants at the 2nd Youth, Peace and Security Conference in Brussels, Belgium

Transitional justice processes were supported through four working group meetings involving 120 stakeholders, which contributed to the validation of the Transitional Justice Bill. In addition, two community dialogues in Kiryandongo Refugee Settlement promoted reconciliation and peaceful coexistence between South Sudanese and Sudanese refugee communities and host populations.

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**MENTORSHIP
AND CAREER
GUIDANCE**

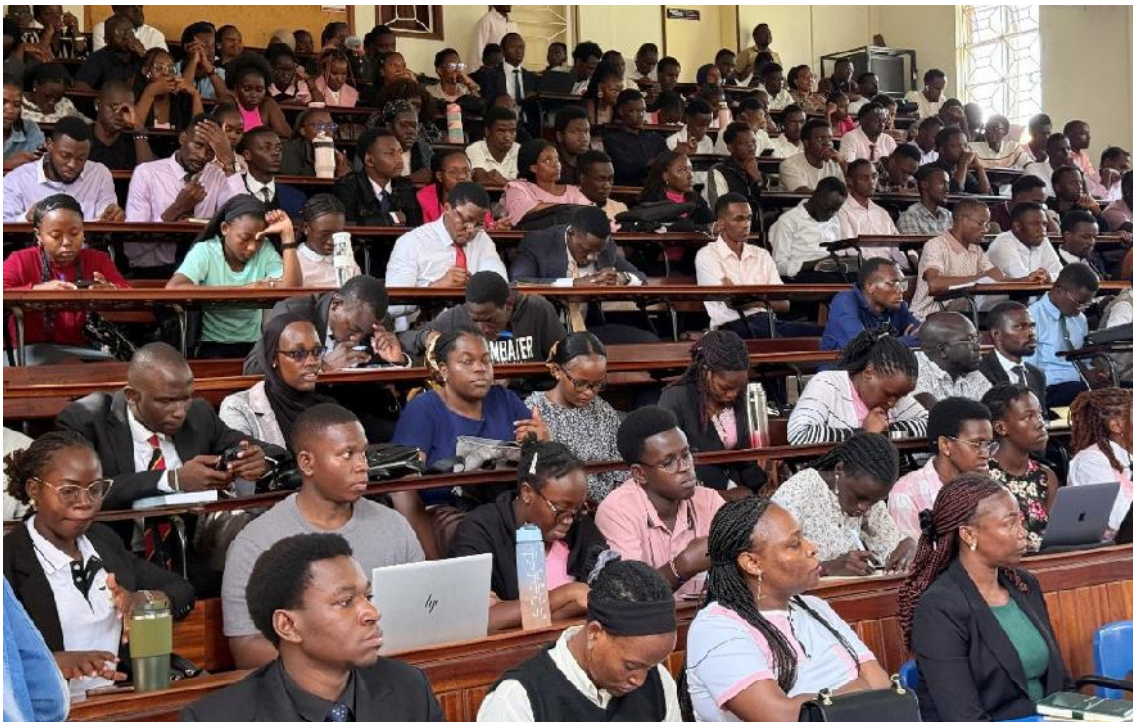


Mentorship and career guidance form an important part of SoL' commitment to supporting students and aspiring legal professionals in their academic and professional journeys. In 2025, the School facilitated a range of mentorship and career guidance initiatives to expose students and others learners to diverse career pathways within the legal profession and related fields.

6.1 MLS Career Guidance Day 2025

The Makerere Law Society (MLS) had their Career Guidance Day themed, 'Law and Passion, Connecting Your Purpose to Practice' on 24th March 2025 at SoL. Law students were

urged to enhance their skills with skills from other professions, 'Be a Multidisciplinary Lawyer'.



A cross-section of students at the MLS career guidance day 2025

Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Director–HURIPPEC who represented the Dean at the event, welcomed panellists to SoL, thanking them for allocating their precious time to speak to the students. He expressed hope that students learn something from the speakers to inspire them during their studies and future careers.

Legal practitioners invited to the career day were: Senior Counsel Mac Dusman Kabega, Ms. Laura Nyirinkindi – Former Chair United Nations Working Group on Discrimination against Women and Girls, Dr. Brenda Akia –

Vice Chair and Rapporteur, United Nations CEDAW Committee, Mr. Anthony Asimwe – Vice President, Uganda Law Society, Ms. Ruth Muhawe – Associate S&L Advocates/ DLA Piper Africa, His Worship Timothy Lumunye – Chief Magistrate, LDC Court, Mr. Bazekuketta Derrick – Partner, Gem Advocates, Mr. Rushongoza Begumya, Associate – H&G Advocates, Ms. Jackline Natukunda – Associate Partner, Magna Advocates, and James Muhondo – Senior Legal Officer, National Environment Management Authority.



The panellists advised students that Advocates are respected in society because of their knowledge and ability to solve clients' legal challenges. The common message to the students was, 'excel and stand out among the crowd, look out for learning opportunities, read and seek new knowledge because it is useful in the legal profession, and they will have a fulfilling career'.



Phillip Gordon Okuku, President – MLS addressing the congregation

6.2 The 1st Uganda National Schools Moot Court Competition on Saturday, 1st November 2025

The School of Law hosted the inaugural Uganda National Secondary Schools Moot on 1 November 2025, in partnership with Lex Amica. The competition attracted participation from over ten secondary schools. Gayaza High School emerged overall winner, followed by Mengo Senior School in second place and Kitante Hill School in third place. The awards for Best Oralist and Second Best Oralist were both won by students from Mengo Senior School.

Going forward, the Moot will be held annually and aims to provide secondary school students with an immersive introduction to the field of law and human rights, while strengthening their legal skills, critical thinking, and oral advocacy through a simulated courtroom environment.



Participants and adjudicators at the 1st Uganda National Schools Moot, The convener was Dr. Busingye Kabumba – Director, HURIPPEC (centre front line in red/black tie)



The moot is intended to promote legal education and awareness among secondary school students, while fostering the development of critical thinking, research, and advocacy skills. It also encourages teamwork, collaboration, and effective communication, provides students with a practical experience of the dynamics of a courtroom setting, and inspires and motivates them to consider pursuing a career in law.



The inter-schools moot court competition in session

6.3 Students from Kibuli S.S. visit SOL for Career Guidance

The SOL hosted Senior 6 students from Kibuli Secondary School (KSS) on 30th June 2026 for a career guidance visit aimed at introducing them to the study and practice of law. During the visit, the students toured the school's facilities and interacted with Dr. Diana Ahumuza – Lecturer and law students who shared insights about legal education, university life, and the diverse career paths available to law graduates.



KSS Students in the SOL Library



Dr. Diana Ahumuza addresses the KSS students



The session provided an opportunity for the learners to ask questions about admission requirements, the nature of legal training, and the role lawyers play in promoting justice and the rule of law. The visit formed part of the School's broader outreach efforts to inspire and guide young people as they make informed decisions about their future academic and professional journeys.

6.4 Career Guidance Session at Mwiri School

Dr. Daniel Ruhweza, Head-Law and Jurisprudence at SoL visited his Alma Mater Mwiri Secondary School for a Careers and Life Skills talk and General Paper lecture on electoral democracy to the students.

Career guidance sessions is a means of community engagement by SoL through outreach visits, mentorship sessions, and guided tours of the School, students are

introduced to the study of law, admission requirements, and the wide range of careers available to law graduates. Faculty members and legal practitioners engage learners on the importance of the rule of law, ethics, and public service, while also sharing practical insights about legal education and professional development.



Dr. Daniel Ruhweza speaking to students at Mwiri School



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**OTHER EVENTS
AND ACTIVITIES
DURING 2025**



This section highlights activities and events implemented during the reporting period that advance SoL' mission and strengthens networking as well as collaboration with partners and stakeholders.

7.1 CLET Inspection Visit to SoL

The Committee on Legal Education & Training (CLET) of Law Council visited SoL on 10th June 2025 for an inspection. The team was led by Hon. Lady Justice Hellen Abulu Obura accompanied by Advocate Kenneth Kipaalu and Advocate Biira Mutooro

Patience. The team from CLET held meetings with staff and students. The CLET Committee congratulated SoL on the improved facilities in reference to the new building and state-of-the-art facilities provided in the building.



CLET Committee with Staff and Students

7.2 URSB and SoL Collaboration on a new Masters Programme

On 25th June 2026, a team from Uganda Registration Services Bureau (URSB) visited SoL and held meeting with School Leadership to discuss development of study programmes in Intellectual Property (IP). Both SoL and URSB emphasized the importance of capacity building in IP to support in Uganda and the region.

Plans are underway to introduce a Masters Program in Intellectual Property to bridge the gap between innovation and legal protection in Africa with a team from the two institutions developing the programme.

The initiative envisions a market-driven, multidisciplinary curriculum designed to



develop a new generation of IP experts who will safeguard and advance African innovation globally. The proposed program will focus on simplicity, accessibility, and high practical value, targeting sectors like

agriculture, Artificial Intelligence, energy, and mining that are vital to the global economy. It also emphasizes contextual relevance, ensuring that learning translates into local impact.



URSB Team with SoL Staff

7.3 Retired Judge Ntanda Nsereko Courtesy Visit

Retired Judge Ntanda Nsereko paid a courtesy visit to SoL on 10th November 2025 and met with the Deputy Dean, Dr. Zahara Nampewo. While at the SoL he shared his book title, 'To the Hague from Nabinene', his biography which gives an overview of his scholarly activities and professional experience.

Nsereko is a distinguished scholar, served as Judge of the Appeals Chamber at the Special Tribunal for Lebanon (STL) in The Hague, Netherlands, from 2012 to 2023. Prior to joining the STL, Nsereko served as Judge of the Appeals Division at the International Criminal Court (ICC). He also served as Professor of Law at the University of Botswana, taught law at Makerere University and University of British Columbia in Canada.



Mrs. Nsereko, Retired Judge Ntanda Nsereko, Dr. Zahara Nampewo, Deputy Dean - SoL

7.4 Deputy Librarian’s Visit to SoL

The Deputy University Librarian, Dr. Ongaya Kizito visited SoL on 24th March 2025. Dr. Ongaya requested for partnership and collegiality noting that the library depends on the support from units to prosper.

Naluwairo, Assoc. Professor and Dean-SoL. Dr. Mayanja donated five copies of his book, “The Law of Islamic Banking and its application in East Africa”, to the School Library.



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo meeting Dr. Ongaya Kizito



Dr. Sowed Juma Mayanja hands over copies of the donation to Dr. Ronald Naluwairo

7.5 University Imam’s Courtesy visit to SoL

On 15th April, 2025, Dr. Sowed Juma Mayanja, the University Imam paid a courtesy call to SoL, he held meeting with Dr. Ronald



7.6 MLS hosted the Annual Law Students Sports Gala

The Makerere Law Society (MLS) hosted the Annual Law Students Association Sports Gala bringing together students from all Law Schools in Uganda. On 8th March 2025, all Law Schools converged at Makerere University Main Sports for the sixth edition of the sports gala themed, 'balancing the thrill of sports with the discipline of the law'.

Activities at the gala included soccer, netball, basketball, athletics, board games, badminton, teambuilding, volleyball, netball and free HIV/STI testing and counselling.

7.7 Professor Paul Butler hosted at Sol

On June 21st 2025, the Department of Law and Jurisprudence in conjunction with MLS hosted Professor Paul Butler for an event on International Criminal Law. He delivered a lecture titled, 'Internal Criminal Law: Reflections for the Uganda Law Students and Practitioner'.

Professor Butler is the Albert Brick Professor in Law at Georgetown University Law Center, specializing in race, criminal law, and jury nullification. He is also a prominent legal analyst for MSNBC and columnist for The Washington Post.



Professor Paul Butler (4th left) with Sol students

7.8 Launch of the KAS-HURIPPEC Constitutionalism and Rule of Law Fellowship

The KAS-HURIPPEC Constitutionalism and Rule Fellowship was launched on 8th December 2025. The Fellowship is a 6-month programme empowering undergraduate law students with skills in constitutional law, good governance, research and mentorship.



Dr. Busingye Kabumba, Head-HURIPEC (in green tie) with the KAS-HURIPEC Fellows

The fellowship managed by the HURIPEC Department is supported by the Konrad-Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) and is one way that SoL is creating partnerships to enhance learner-centred, hands-on and experiential learning for our students.

7.9 Participation in Miami University Environmental Law Hackathon

SoL participated in the Miami University Environmental Law Hackathon. The team emerged as 2nd runners-up in the international finals. Their project was about sustainably managing urban heat to build globally climate resilient cities



SoL Team that represented School in Miami University Environmental Hackathon

7.10 Visit by Judges from Botswana

On 25th May 2025, Judges from the Judiciary of Botswana visited SoL. They expressed wish to establish a collaboration with the School, having heard so much about Makerere University and SoL. Some of the lecturers at the Law School of the University of Botswana has studied at Makerere University.

The Judges were in Uganda to visit the Judiciary to benchmark case management, structure and alternative dispute resolution. They further explained that their nation was currently working to localise their Judiciary, with the last expatriate leaving in 2025. It was explained that their Court of Appeal, Industrial Court and Customary Court had been mainly managed by expatriates.

The team was accompanied by Her Worship Jessica Kyemire, Deputy Registrar – Commercial Division, High Court of Uganda.



SoL team with Judges from Botswana



SoL staff with Strategic Plan Taskforce

7.11 Strategic Planning Taskforce at SoL

The Strategic Plan Taskforce of Makerere University visited the SoL on 9th September 2025 as part of ongoing consultations aimed at gathering input from different academic units to inform the development of the University’s next strategic plan. The Taskforce was led by Prof. Justine Namalwa accompanied by Dr. Christine Amito and Mr. Moses Oluka. The visit provided an opportunity for the Taskforce to engage with the School’s leadership, faculty, and administrative staff on key priorities, achievements, and challenges shaping legal education, research, and community engagement.

Dr. Busingye Kabumba who represented the Dean-SoL, received the Taskforce alongside other staff of the School. During the meeting, SoL shared insights on strengthening academic excellence, expanding research and innovation, enhancing student training, and deepening partnerships with the judiciary, legal profession, and international collaborators. The discussions also highlighted the School’s role in contributing to national development through legal scholarship, policy engagement, and public interest initiatives.

The Taskforce noted that consultations with academic units are critical to ensuring that the University’s strategic plan reflects the aspirations, strengths, and needs of its diverse colleges and schools. It was explained that a template from National Planning Authority will be used so the strategic plan aligns with the National Development Plan.

7.12 Justice Chifundo’s Courtesy Visit

On Saturday May 24, 2025, Justice Chifundo Kachale, Head of High Court, Commercial Division, Judiciary of Malawi and outgoing Chairperson - Electoral Commission of Malawi paid a courtesy visit and held a meeting with the Dean - Assoc Prof Ronald Naluwairo. Justice Chifundo Kachale was in Uganda to attend the Africa Continent Alternative Dispute Resolution Commercial Courts Summit.



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo – Dean, SoL exchanges gifts with Justice Kifundo Kachale



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HUMAN RESOURCES



Behind the SoL achievements for 2025 is a team of dedicated staff. This section provides an overview of the SoL' staffing, training and capacity development undertaken during the reporting period.

8.1 Staffing

SoL has 33 academic staff, most of whom are internationally recognised distinguished legal academics in their respective areas of specialisation. The School has a total of 16 administrative staff and 21 support staff.

The tables 4 and 5 below summarize the number of academic staff, highest qualification, rank and gender.

Table 4: Teaching Staff aggregated by Rank

Academic Staff	
Rank	Number
Professors	4
Associate Professors	3
Senior Lecturers	5
Lecturers	10
Assistant Lecturers	11
Total	33

Table 5: Academic Staff aggregated by Gender and Academic Qualifications

Qualification	Female	Male	Total
Doctorate	11	13	24
Masters	3	6	9
TOTAL	14	19	33

Table 6: Staff Changes in 2025

No.	Name	Position
New Appointments		
1.	Dr. Busingye Kabumba	Head – Human Rights and Peace Centre
2.	Dr. Daniel Ruhweza	Head – Department of Law and Jurisprudence
3.	Mr. Laban Lwasa	School Registrar
4.	Ms. Salome Maaso	Examinations Officer
5.	Ms. Nakalyana Esther	Records Assistant
6.	Ms. Pauline Kyosimire	Administrative Assistant
7.	Mr. Zekeri Ochieng	Librarian
8.	Mr. Bwire Derrick	Procurement Officer
9.	Mr. Nasasira Benjamin	Bursar



Retirement		
1.	Dr. Twinomugisha Ben	Professor
2.	Dr. Damalie Nagitta-Musoke	Associate Professor
Resignation		
1	Dr. Anthony Conrad Kakooza	Lecturer/HoD Commercial Law



Ms. Sarah Nakibuuka hands over Procurement Office to Mr. Derrick Bwire in the presence of Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Dean-SoL and University Finance Officers

8.2 Capacity Building for Staff at SoL

8.2.1 Training on Teaching & Learning Policies of Makerere University and ULII

Training was held at the School of Law on 17th December 2025 for faculty and administrative staff. The training was two-pronged:

1. Refresher on the Teaching and Learning Policies of Makerere University facilitated by Prof. Mukadasi Buyinza – Academic Registrar, Makerere University and Mrs. Patience Rubabinda Mushengyezi – Deputy Registrar, Senate Division.



Professor Buyinza Mukadasi (front 3rd left), Academic Registrar - Makerere University and Mrs. Patience Mushengyezi (front 4th left) with SoL staff at the training



Prof. Buyinza thanked the SoL leadership led by Dean-SoL, Prof. Ronald Naluwairo for organising the training. He noted that the training provides a vital opportunity for staff to align their practices with the highest standards of governance, ethics and operational efficiency.

He highlighted that, 'Our academic policies serve as frameworks for excellence, ensuring quality education and a safe environment for teaching and research. They guide us in decision-making, helping us serve with fairness, safeguard academic integrity, and uphold the institution's reputation. Understanding and applying these policies is crucial for smooth operation, fostering a strong academic culture, and ensuring compliance with national standards'.

- Using the Uganda Legal Information Institute (ULII) resources in Teaching and Learning facilitated by His Worship Joel Wegoye. ULII is a free legal information service provided by the Law Reporting Unit of the Uganda Judiciary and a member of the global Free Access to Law community.



HW Joel Wegoye addressing SoL staff

8.2.2 Capacity Building Workshop on the use of Artificial Intelligence in Teaching and Research

The Makerere University School of Law (SoL) organized a training of academics at the School on the use of Artificial Intelligence

in teaching and research. This training took place from 28th – 29th March 2025 at Kalanoga Resort, in Kampala.



SoL staff in group photo with Prof. Mukadasi Buyinza (5th left front), Academic Registrar-Makerere University

The objectives of the training were four-fold: To gain a comprehensive overview of AI, not only in an academic setting but in a general environment – What AI can do and cannot do; To understand the implications in the utilization of AI in academic institutions by both academics and students: Ethical issues in the application of AI; To learn how AI intersects with key data protection legal frameworks; and To explore practical solutions for compliance and accountability in AI deployment at the University.

In his welcome remarks, the Dean-SoL, Prof. Ronald Naluwairo observed that AI is a critical component in the current academic environment that many Universities have already adopted in teaching, research and academic supervision. He called for ethical use of AI, noting that students are already utilizing AI in their work and faculty must adopt.

Prof. Mukadasi Buyinza, Academic Registrar, Makerere University was the guest of honor at the training. Prof. Buyinza expressed gratitude to the SoL for the invitation to the workshop, and emphasized the critical importance of the subject matter. He emphasized that AI is a tool that is artificial



and therefore imitates the human person in reasoning, understanding and thinking, but does not replace or substitute human intelligence. Prof. Buyinza explained that Makerere University is developing a policy on AI but also reiterated that any technological advancement always comes with challenges and so is AI.



Staff contributing in the plenary session

The participants generally expressed optimism about the benefits that would emerge from using AI in the academic field to both the learners and the teachers and expressed readiness to adopt and to adapt to the changes that will come with the innovation. However, they also expressed concerns about the application of the AI in the learning environment.

8.2.3 Training on the use of the Smart Classroom to Support Teaching and Learning

A 3-day training for Makerere University School of Law (SoL) staff on how to use the newly installed Smart Class at the School was held from 30th September to 4th October 2025. The training for academic, administrative and support staff was conducted by A&T Integrated Education Solutions, India.



SoL Staff with Facilitators during the Smart Room training

The Smart Class will be used for streaming, video conferencing, 3D Smart Classroom solution, highbred online classroom, lecture capture solution through recording and virtual classroom solution; this will further improve teaching, learning, meeting services in this era of digital transformation. The Eduslate software used supports 160 languages.



In her message to the participants, the Deputy Dean, Dr. Zahara Nampewo said, 'It is my pleasure to welcome you to this important workshop on the use of the Smart Room here at the School of Law. As staff, you play a critical role in the daily operations of the School, and it is vital that you are familiar with the facilities and technologies that enhance both teaching, learning and administration'.

She highlighted the importance of the Smart Room which is designed to provide modern, interactive, and efficient tools for teaching, meetings, and presentations. She further noted, 'by understanding how it works, we not only support our lecturers and students better, but we also position the School to maintain its leading role in legal education and innovation'.

She encouraged staff to actively participate, ask questions, and gain practical skills that will help you operate the Smart Room confidently. 'Together, let us embrace this technology and use it to improve service delivery at the School of Law', she added.

The training provided information on the set-up and gadgets available for the staff to use as well as practical sessions on use of the smart room.

8.2.4 IoDEL Training workshop on Digital Teaching and Learning

SoL staff participated in a comprehensive two-day workshop on developing pre-recorded lecturers. The training was facilitated by the Institute of Distance and E-Learning (IoDEL) at the College of Education and External Studies (CEES). The training was aimed at enhancing the quality and delivery of digital learning at Makerere University.



Group photo of SoL staff with IoDEL facilitators



Staff were advised that videos are a powerful tool for condensing information therefore making learning more engaging and accessible. It is important for educators to understand their audience which informs selection of assessment strategies that promote meaningful and impactful learning.

Live videos were recorded by staff in studios in order to gain practical experience in production of pre-recorded lectures.

8.3 Celebrating Departing Staff

At a colourful ceremony held on 19th December 2025, the SoL honoured departing staff. This was in appreciation of their dedicated service and valued contribution to growth of the School.

Prof. Twinomugisha Ben and Assoc. Prof. Damalie Naggita-Musoke retired from University Service. On the other hand, Dr. Anthony Kakooza had resigned following his appointment as Deputy Chairperson, Leadership Code Tribunal. Plaques were awarded to all of them.



Left: Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Dean-SoL hands over a plaque to Prof Twinomugisha as other staff look on
Right: Dr. Phiona Muhwezi-Mpanga reads Dr. Anothony Kakooza's plaque



In his remarks, Dr. Ronald Naluwairo expressed his appreciation to the departing staff. He thanked them for the years of service, hard work, and commitment, mentorship that have shaped growth of SoL and strengthened the community at the School. He noted that through their service they had nurtured students adding bricks to the legal profession in Uganda and beyond. He added, 'your legacy will remain in the systems you improved, the people you inspired, and the countless lives you have touched along the way'.



Prof. Twinomugisha Ben delivers remarks as Dr. Tusasirwe Benson (left) and Dr. Naluwairo look on.

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AWARDS AND RECOGNITION



The SoL takes pride in the quality of our faculty, most of whom are internationally recognised distinguished legal academics in their respective disciplines. During 2025 staff were appointed to boards or received awards as highlighted below.



Dr. Philda Maiga

Dr. Philda Maiga received her PhD in Commercial Law with a bias in Intellectual Property from the University of Cape Town. Dr Maigwa is a lecturer in the department of commercial law at SoL.



Assoc. Professor Winfred Tarinyeba Kiryabwire

Dr. Winnie Tarinyeba, Associate Professor in the Department Commercial Law at the Makerere University School of Law (SoL) was appointed member on the Advisory Board of the Centre for Business Law and Practice (CBLP), School of Law, University of Leeds, UK. In addition, Assoc. Professor Tarinyeba was appointed for a second term to the International Insolvency Institute (III) Board of Directors. She was first appointed to the board in 2023. On the board is a member of the Academic and Partnerships Committee. The III is a global membership of leading professionals, scholars, and judges invited into membership based on their expertise in international insolvency law and practice, dedicated to the development and improvement of legal systems and processes that govern domestic and international insolvencies and business restructurings in order to promote economic wellbeing, investment, and the efficient administration of justice.



Dr. Dan Ngabirano

Dr. Dan Ngabirano, Lecturer at SoL was awarded a Post-Doctoral Fellowship under Consolidating Early Career Academics Programme (CECAP) II Makerere University & Carnegie Corporation New York. The fellowship began in February 2025 and will end in February 2027.



Dr. Ronald Naluwairo (right) receives instrument of appointment from Lady Justice Jane Okuo Kajuga, Ag. Principal Judge, Judiciary of Uganda.

Dr. Ronald Naluwairo, Associate Professor and Dean–SoL was appointed Member of the Governing Council of the Judicial Training Institute (JTI), Uganda. The JTI was established under Section 19(1) of the Administration of the Judiciary Act to provide specialised and continuous training to the judiciary service and other persons or institutions for improved skills and enhanced performance. The JTI Governing Council is responsible for providing policy guidance that enables the Institute to operate effectively.



Dr. Anthony C.K. Kakooza

Dr. Anthony C.K. Kakooza, Senior Lecturer & Head- Department of Commercial Law was recognised by the World Trademark Review (WTR) as a WTR Global Leader for 2025. The WTR Global Leaders bring together the world’s corporate trademark experts. Only 14% of the people ranked in WTR 100 are selected to future as a Global Leader, it is therefore a significant endorsement for Dr. Kakooza to be recognised as a Global Leader in the practice of Trademark law. In 2020, WTR 100 branded Dr. Kakooza as the “Godfather of Intellectual Property law in Uganda”.

Dr Kakooza was also voted to serve as new Uganda Christian Lawyers Fraternity President in March 2025.



Mr. Robert Kirunda

Mr. Robert Kirunda, Lecturer at the School of Law was appointed a member of the Permanent Court of Arbitration (PCA). He is the second Ugandan to receive this appointment. The PCA is an intergovernmental organisation with headquarters in The Hague, Netherlands. It was established in 1899 to facilitate arbitration and other forms of dispute resolution between states. The PCA has developed into a modern, multi-faceted arbitral institution perfectly situated to meet the evolving dispute resolution needs of the international community. For more about the PCA visit site: <http://pca-cpa.org/en/home/>



Dr. Sylvie Namwase

Dr. Sylvie Namwase, Lecturer at SoL was appointed to serve on the Danida Fellowship Centre Board of Directors by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Denmark. The new board appointed in December 2025 will serve a three-year term 2026-2028 effective January 2026. The Board is responsible for setting the overall strategic direction of the Centre and ensuring continuous follow-up on its implementation. The Danida Fellowship Centre administers development research grants provided by Denmark's development cooperation, Danida on behalf of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Danida Fellowship Centre administers on-going research grants as well as annual calls for applications for new research project grants. Danida Fellowship Centre offers learning opportunities to partners in Danida financed development cooperation projects and programmes in developing and growth countries. Read more about the Danida Fellowship Centre: <https://dfcentre.com/>



Pictorial









Appendices

STAFF LIST AS AT 31ST DECEMBER 2025

Academic Staff

No.	Name	Highest Qualification	Rank
1	Christopher Mbazira	PhD	Professor
2	David Justine Bakibinga	PhD	Professor
3	Emmanuel Kasimbazi	PhD	Professor
4	Ronald K. Mayambala	SJD	Professor
5	Ronald Naluwairo	PhD	Assoc. Professor
6	Winnie Tarinyeba	SJD	Assoc. Professor
7	Damalie Naggita-Musoke	PhD	Assoc. Professor
8	Rose Nakayi	SJD	Senior Lecturer
9	Busingye Kabumba	LLD	Senior Lecturer
10	Zahara Nampewo	SJD	Senior Lecturer
11	Daniel Ruhweza	PhD	Senior Lecturer
12	Phiona Muhwezi Mpanga	PhD	Senior Lecturer
13	Anthony Conrad Kakooza	SJD	Lecturer
14	Dan Ngabirano	SJD	Lecturer
15	Emmanuel Bagenda	SJD	Lecturer
16	Josephine Ndagire	PhD	Lecturer
17	Benson Tusasirwe	LLD	Lecturer
18	Patricia Atim P'Odong	PhD	Lecturer
19	Joseph Kyazze	LLM	Lecturer
20	Dianah Ahumuza	LLD	Lecturer
21	Sylvie Namwase	LLD	Lecturer
22	Caroline Adoch	LLD	Lecturer
23	Ivan Engoru	PhD	Lecturer
24	Jjuuko Adrian	PhD	Assistant Lecturer
25	Philda Maiga	PhD	Assistant Lecturer
26	Godber Tumushabe	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
27	Frederick Mpanga	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
28	Rachel Kigozi Nabaggala	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
29	Mugalula Grancia	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
30	Hadija Namyalo	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
31	Isaac Bakayana	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
32	Ernest Kalibbala	LLM	Assistant Lecturer
33	Robert Kirunda	LLM	Assistant Lecturer



Administrative Staff

No.	NAME	Position
1	Mr. Laban Lwasa	Registrar
2	Mr. Benjamin Nasasira	Bursar
3	Ms. Zaam N. Ssali	Principal Communication Officer
3	Ms. Salome Maaso	Examinations Officer
4	Ms. Rachel Ikiriza	Senior Human Resource Officer
5	Ms. Mariam Kasemiire	Web Administrator
6	Mr. Roland Mpiriirwe	Administrative Assistant
7	Ms. Sara Adero	Administrative Secretary I
8	Mr. Bwire Derrick	Procurement Officer
9	Ms. Janat Nankinga	Administrative Secretary II
10	Ms. Solome Naluwugge	Administrative Secretary II
11	Ms. Oliver Kasirye	Administrative Secretary II
12	Ms. Nakalyana Esther	Records Assistant
13	Mr. Ezekiel Ochieng	Senior Library Assistant
14	Ms. Margaret Kyompaire	Senior Copy Typist
15	Ms. Maxine Twijukye	Senior Copy Typist
16	Ms. Pauline Kyosimire	Administrative Assistant

Support Staff

No	NAME	TITLE
1	Ms. Hasipher Kahunde	Chief Custodian
2	Mr. Dhabangi Xavier	Custodian
3	Mr. Buni Disson	Driver
4	Ms. Esther Rukundo	Lecture Room Attendant
5	Mr. Ndaba Andrew	Cleaner/Messenger
6	Ms. Natuha Lonah	Cleaner/Messenger
7	Niyonzima Elias	Cleaner/Messenger
8	Ms. Nalule Harriet	Cleaner/Messenger
9	Ms. Nabiwande Betty Musisi	Cleaner/Messenger
10	Mr. Sebudirima G.	Security Guard
11	Ms. Akweyo Margaret Owor	Cleaner/Messenger
12	Ms. Ayiru Grace	Cleaner/Messenger



No	NAME	TITLE
13	Ms. Milly Mayanja	Cleaner/Messenger
14	Mr. Bahinyu Valence	Cleaner/Messenger
15	Mr. Bizimana Evarist	Security Guard
16	Mr. Matsiko John	Cleaner/Messenger
17	Ms. Achen Brenda	Cleaner/Messenger
18	Ms. Wakoli Evalyn	Cleaner/Messenger
19	Ms. Nansasi Christine Nakawagga	Cleaner/Messenger
20	Mr. Kakande Kasim	Cleaner/Messenger
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