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President's FOREWORD

Dear members and friends of the Uganda Law Society (ULS), I welcome you all to yet another lucent edition of the ULS newsletter that is a collation of activities undertaken by the ULS through its structures.

During the review period, the society successfully engaged in a series of activities in a bid to achieve its mandate to excel as a professional body and to promote the respect of Human Rights, the Rule of Law and Access to Justice.

The ULS Executive Council is particularly proud to have met with His Excellency- the President of Uganda on the 3rd day of September 2021. This was following his pledge of five billion shillings towards the ULS House. This engagement proved to be very fruitful, as the President made several commitments which are addressed in more detail in the rest of the newsletter. Following this meeting in a letter dated 30 th September 2021, His Excellency the President of Uganda instructed the Minister of Finance to include ULS members on the beneficiaries list of the Government loans from Uganda Development Bank.

In our advocacy for access to justice and promotion of the rule of law, we also engaged in civic dialogues on the matter of the right to apply for bail, which laid a foundation for the launch of the Prison Decongestion Program on the 29th day of October 2021. In the spirit of the Rule of Law, the ULS also organized the Annual Rule of Law Week during which time the third ULS Rule of Law Quarterly Report was launched.

Over the past couple of months, we have also been intentional about carrying out a series of CLE trainings which I believe have benefited the membership a great deal. We have also participated in trainings from the Judiciary on how to use the Electronic Court Case Management System (ECCMIS) which was commissioned on the 19th of October 2021. It is therefore imperative that as a membership, we embrace the dawn of e-court processes.

We also successfully held the key events of the year such as the Annual Law Conference, Annual General Meeting, Annual Rule of Law Symposium and Women in Law Conference and Awards among others. As such, we would like to thank the membership for their dedicated participation and contribution towards making these events a reality.

Furthermore, the Council commiserates with all those fellow colleagues that have lost their loved ones during these times of the pandemic. We particularly commiserate with the rest of the country for the loss of lives during the unfortunate bomb attacks that took place in Komamboga, Lungala, Parliamentary Avenue and CPS Police Stations respectively. We continue to urge the government and all stakeholders involved to expedite the investigation process into the above



unfortunate incidents.

It is our hope and prayer that the good Lord strengthens their respective families through this trying period. As the ULS, we remain committed to engaging the key stakeholders on several issues to ensure that the challenges affecting our practice are addressed.

I wish you fruitful reading.

Yours Sincerely,

**President Pheona
Nabasa-Wall**

THE UGANDA LAW SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETS HIS EXCELLENCE YOWERI KAGUTA MUSEVENI.



The Executive Council of the Uganda Law Society chaperoned by the Hon. Attorney General yesterday 3rd September 2021 had the opportunity of holding a strategic meeting with the head of state, His Excellency Yoweri Kaguta Museveni to discuss pertinent issues about the Uganda Law Society and its bearing to the public.

COMMITMENTS BY THE PRESIDENT

- Commitment to support the Legal Aid Project of the Uganda Law Society and ensure it's sustainability.
- Recommendation to the Uganda Development Bank to ensure that Legal Services are made eligible for soft loans.
- Commitment to fulfill the ULS House pledge partially during this financial year and to complete the pledge in the next financial year.
- Inclusion of a representative of the Uganda Law Society on the Presidential Investors' Roundtable on Investment and Trade (PIRIT)
- Commitment to initiate a process with appropriate stakeholders to ring fence local content for the Uganda Legal profession in the petroleum industry

Africa Bar Association Annual Conference

On 3rd to 7th October 2021, President Pheona Nabasa Wall represented the ULS at the Africa Bar Association Annual Conference in Niamey, Niger. This conference was held under the theme of Accountable Governance as a panacea for the unending conflict in Africa: The Legal Profession as the Driver.



EALS AGM 2021 in Zanzibar

The ULS President together with the entire ULS Executive Council traveled to Zanzibar for the 2021 EALS Annual General meeting.



New- African French Summit in Montpellier France

On 8th October 2021, the President attended and participated in the New-African French summit Montpellier France. This summit was aimed at establishing a new perspective and help develop forms Africa and France's relationship could take in the future.

International Bar Association Rule of Law Forum Showcase

The President also represented the ULS at the International Bar Association Rule of Law Forum Show Case which took place on 2th of October 2021. She particularly addressed the issue of "Equality before the Law- Bar Perspectives on the impact of the Covid-19 Pandemic", together with fellow bar leaders.

URA Bomba Ya Business Series

On the 5th of November 2021, the President of ULS also took part in a panel discussion at the URA Bomba Ya Business series where she deliberated on the regime of Tax Dispute Resolution in Uganda and touched the aspect of ADR.



Launch of Uganda Christian University Rule of Law Club

On the 10th of November 2021, the President of ULS delivered a presentation on "The Role of Students in Upholding the Rule of Law in Uganda to UCU law students". On the day in question, the President also launched the University's Rule of Law Club.



Engagement with Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) on Independence of the Judiciary

On 10th November 2021, President Pheona Wall took part in a luncheon organised by Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS) Kenya on the independence of the Judiciary. This luncheon, which was comprised of several distinguished panellists; involved the sharing and exchange of ideas, experiences, successes and challenges on the development and strengthening of effective legal and judicial systems in the region.

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**PROFESSIONAL AND
MEMBERS' AFFAIRS**

The ULS Annual Law Conference 2021

On 25th-26th August 2021, the Uganda Law Society held a two day Annual Law Conference themed; "Positioning the Ugandan Legal Profession for Regional and International Trade". The objective of this conference was to open up the legal profession to take advantage of possible opportunities in trade and investment as well as endearing the lawyers to contribute to the integration of legal services into the world economy. Over 500 lawyers were in attendance both physically and virtually.



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Young Lawyers Mentorship Series

In the months of August and September respectively, the ULS also held two Young Lawyers Mentorship Series for young lawyers. On 20th August 2021, the series hosted Mrs. Candy Wekesa Okoboi- Head Legal Department at Stanbic Bank. She spoke on “Excelling in the Corporate World, what every lawyer needs to know.” On 24th September 2021, the series also hosted Justice Musa Ssekana of the High Court of the Republic of Uganda who discussed the topic, “The Expectations of the Bench from the Bar”.

The ULS Young Lawyers' Committee presents:
THE YOUNG LAWYERS' MENTORSHIP SERIES

Excelling in the
CORPORATE WORLD
What every lawyer must know

With **Mrs. Candy Wekesa Okoboi**
Head Legal Department at Stanbic Bank

Moderator:
Brian Kambaho Karogo
Associate, Arcadia Advocates

20TH AUGUST 2021
2:30PM-4:00PM

zoom Webinar ID: 897 0287 2708
Passcode: 691639

Hosted by Law Society

The ULS Young Lawyers' Committee presents:
THE YOUNG LAWYERS' MENTORSHIP SERIES

The
EXPECTATIONS
of the Bench from the Bar

With **Hon. Justice Musa Ssekana**
Justice of the High Court of Uganda
Winner Excellence from the Bench ULS
Award 2021

24TH SEPTEMBER 2021
2:30PM-4:00PM

zoom Webinar ID: 828 1868 0082
Passcode: 012741

Moderator
Ms. Juliet J. Nabadda
Associate, Bowmans (AF) Mpinga Advocates)

Commemorating the Life of Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture

On 27th September 2021, the Judiciary organized the 4th Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial lecture in commemoration of the life of Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture. The President of the ULS, Ms. Pheona Nabasa Wall made opening remarks on the theme of the day, “Administration and Delivery of Justice in Uganda through the years”.



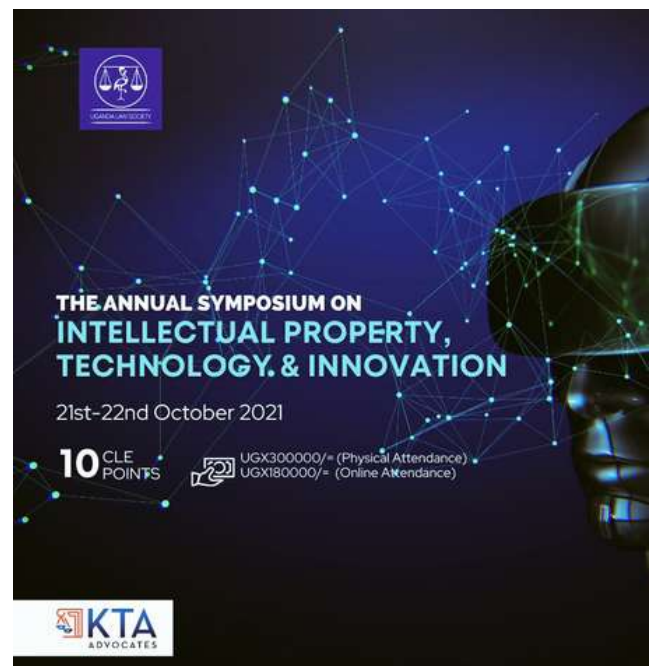
Banking Law and Finance Symposium

On 6th and 7th October 2021, the ULS organized a Banking Law and Finance Symposium aimed at equipping the lawyers with practical aspects of banking; mortgage landscape post Covid-19, evolving trends and new forms of collateral to support or extend credit, post Covid-19 transactions like new forms of lending, impact of new technologies on banking; new innovations and how they impact lending.



Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property, Technology and Innovation

On 21st-22nd October 2021, the ULS organized the Annual Symposium on Intellectual Property, Technology and Innovation. The Conference covered legal nuances of reputational and crisis management through social media; legal, reputational and disciplinary risks of using social media; and the implications of social media footprint and behavior on professional and personal lives.



CLE training on Health and the Law

On 19th October 2021, the ULS Health and the Law cluster organized a seminar examining issues regarding the right to health, the link between right to health and other human rights as well as state obligations towards the right to health.



Retirement Benefits Law

The Retirement Benefits Law Seminar held on 28th October 2021, updated participants as key stakeholders on the legal and policy reforms in the sector, considering the various roles of service providers in the new legislation in a bid to create awareness, foster contribution to the pending reforms as well as enable advocates to advise their clients and the general public effectively.



Developments in Uganda's Land Jurisprudence

On 3rd November 2021, the ULS carried out sessions, updating participants on the approaches taken by the Supreme Court in land matters as regards the Land Amendment Act (lawful and bona fide occupants as well as aspects of civil practice and procedure)



Tax Law Symposium

On 17th and 18th November 2021 respectively, the ULS held a tax law symposium. The Symposium encompassed several discussions on tax assessments, objections and objection decisions, resolving tax disputes before the tax appeals tribunal, international tax (tax avoidance, treaties and multilateral instrument- MLI), understanding transfer pricing and the latest trends in tax litigation



CLE TRAINING
TAX SYMPOSIUM
17th-18th November 2021
8:30am-4:00pm
5 CLE POINTS
FEE: 100,000/=

zoom
Webinar ID: 895 7663 6269
Webinar Passcode: 062638

Insurance Law; what you need to know

On 5th November 2021, the ULS also carried out a training on insurance law, appraising participants on the adjudication of cases in the insurance sector as well as aspects of trade law across borders



INSURANCE LAW AND PRACTICE
What you need to know.

5TH NOVEMBER 2021
8:30am-2:00pm
5 CLE POINTS
Webinar ID: 845 0766 9508
Webinar Passcode: 905406

SPEAKERS

 Alhaji Kaddunabbi Ibrahim Lubega CEO IRA	 Sande Protazio IRA Director Planning Research & Mkt Dvt		
 Miriam Magala ZEP -RE Company Secretary & Head of Legal	 Sarah Atuhaire IRA - Head Insurance Fraud Investigation Unit	 Morris Amogola CEO Minnet Uganda	 Barbara Nabakka IRA Senior Legal Officer
 Jonathan Kisakye Deputy Principal-Insurance Training College	 Kwikiriza Benson Ag. Manager Complaints & Litigation IRA	 Erastus Ayuko General Manager Jubilee Insurance Company	 Barbara Khabuya CEO Vericlims & Properties Ltd

Oil and Gas Law: Challenges and Opportunities

The seminar held on 26th October 2021, appraised participants on the developments in the sector; challenges and opportunities in the management and exploitation of mineral resources. The Seminar also discussed the challenges in the extractive sector in Uganda and sought to engage policy makers in a discussion about the solutions to the challenges faced in this sector.

Annual Women in Law Conference and Awards Dinner

On November 12 2021, the ULS Female Lawyers Committee organized the Annual Women in Law (WIL) Conference and Awards Dinner under the theme: **“Leadership and Opportunity in Crisis.”** at Mestil Hotel Kampala. The objective of the conference was to encourage women to actively participate and take a lead in the legal profession. The event also recognized the outstanding performance of women who have influenced and mentored other women lawyers.



Award Winners

Best Corporate Female Lawyer of the year

Ms. Olivia Kyalimpa

Best Law Practice of the year

Justice Centers Uganda

Best Female Managing Partner of the year

Hon. Shamim Malende

Female Lifetime Achiever

Hon. Lady Justice
Florence Nakachwa J.

Female Prosecutor/State Attorney of
the year

Ms. Kukunda Clare

Best Female Human Rights Lawyer of the
year

Hon. Shamim Malende

Best Female Academic Lawyer of the year

Mrs. Karungi Annette
Mutabingwa

Best Young Lawyer of the year

Ms. Acam Bruna Patricia

Best Female Magistrate of the year

HW Prossy Katushabe

Distinguished Service Awardee of the year

Hon. Lady Justice Stella
Arach Amoko

Best Female Lawyer in armed forces

Lt. Christabel Tusiime
(UPDF)

Best Female Lawyer in Legal Aid Service
Provision

Ms. Bridget Nasasira

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Rule of Law and Law Reform Initiatives

Annual Rule of Law Week

During the week of 11th October-15th October 2021, the ULS held the Annual Rule of Law Week themed ***“Getting on the Radar: Effective remedies in advancing the Right to Health in Uganda”***. The week was filled with several activities which included Radio talk shows, Probono activities carried out by University Rule of Law Clubs, Plea Bargain Sessions, the University Rule of Law Clubs Symposium, the launch of the 3rd ULS Quarterly Rule of Law Report and finally the 13th Annual Rule of Law Symposium. The symposium enabled stakeholder participation as a phenomenon indicator of improving planning, performance and implementation of quality health services in the country. The symposium, which took place at Golden Tulip Hotel also publicized rights to health to the public as well as highlighting transparency and accountability among the stakeholders.



Meeting with Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

On 3rd November 2021, the ULS Tax and Revenue Cluster led by the coordinator Mr. Justus Rutembeberwa and Mr. Cephas Birungi took part in consultative meetings on proposals for tax measures for the financial year 2022/23 budget. This was on invitation from the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development

Meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Environment and Natural Resources to discuss the EACOP (Special Provisions) Bill, 2021

On 10th November 2021, a delegation from the Uganda Law Society (ULS) led by President Pheona N. Wall and Ms. Asmahaney Saad- the convener of the Natural Resources Cluster presented the ULS position on the East African Crude Oil Pipeline (EACOP) (Special Provisions) Bill, 2021. This was before the Parliamentary Committee on Environment and Natural Resources.



Meeting with the Parliamentary Committee on Finance Planning and Economic Development on the Public Finance Management (Amendment Bill 2021

On 11th November 2021, the Vice President of ULS- Ms. Diana Angwech and the convener of the Natural Resources Cluster- Ms. Asmahaney Saad appeared before the Parliamentary Committee on Finance, Planning and Economic Development. They presented the ULS views on the Public Finance Management (Amendment Bill 2021).



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Legal Aid Initiatives

LAUNCH OF THE PRISON DECONGESTION PROGRAM

In fulfilment of the ULS *Strategic Objective 2* on providing access to justice; the ULS on 29th October 2021 officially launched the Prison Decongestion Program. This was in partnership with the Uganda Prisons Service and the Law Development Center.

This partnership will facilitate the increase in the provision of legal aid services particularly amongst inmates who have been on remand for prolonged periods of time.

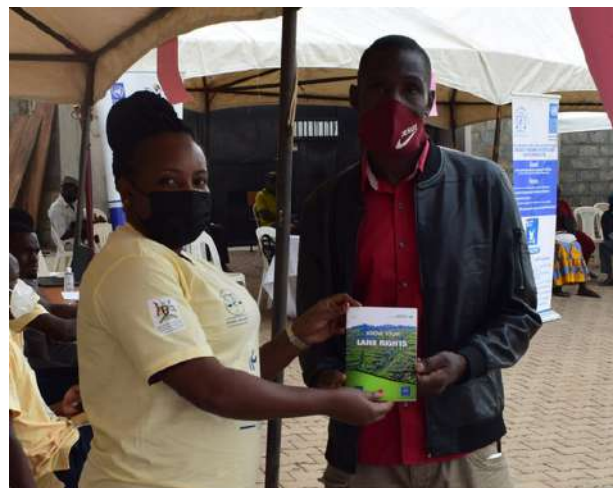


The Legal Aid and Pro Bono Project of the Uganda Law Society engaged in several activities to enhance access to justice. During this review period, the project particularly engaged in several plea bargaining sessions that saw the closure of 115 cases at the Buganda Road and Nansana Courts respectively. The Pro Bono Project of the ULS also partnered with Freedom House and LASPNET to enhance access to justice through prison decongestion at Kitalya, Kigo and Murchison Bay Prisons respectively.



THE PRO BONO DAY 2021

On 17th December 2021, ULS successfully held the 11th Annual Pro bono day at LDC Grounds Kampala. The theme for this year's pro bono day was "Developing Pro bono initiatives to strengthen access to justice in a post pandemic world".



ULS IN THE PRESS



Features

Ugandan campaigners vow to keep on fighting for Bugoma Forest

Residents and civil society groups have been waging a legal battle against a sugarcane development project.



Fri Apr 9, 2021

Security forces accused of human rights violations

The Uganda law society has accused



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Legal fraternity concerned about proposal to scrap bail

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Fri Oct 15, 2021

Law society opposes proposal to scrap bail for capital offences



Uganda: Bail Reforms Dominate Uganda Law Society Report



The Monitor (Kampala)

18 Oct

By Anthony Wesaka

Museveni says Gov't to Fund Law Society as Donor Support Dries Up

George Asimwe · September 4, 2021 3 minutes read



Uganda Law Society led by Pheona Wall meeting with Museveni at State House in Entebbe. The meeting was



ULS HOUSE UPDATES

Construction of the ULS House kicks off

The ULS Executive Council on 9th September 2021 handed over the ULS House Site to M/S Henley Property Developers, to start the construction of the long awaited home for the ULS members. The event was graced by past presidents, the ULS House Fundraising committee members and several dignitaries.



ULS HOUSE STATUS UPDATE



The site staging area, site offices, and temporary facilities are 60% complete.



The contractor has mobilized and cleared the site for the first part of construction.



Leveling the parking lower level is 50%.



Leveling for the building base will be completed before the end of the week.



As of 23rd November 2021

ULS HOUSE STATUS UPDATE



The site staging area is almost getting done.



Leveling of the parking area (2B) has commenced



Commenced demolition of the boundary wall.



Commenced tests for all required materials by GOU Central Materials Lab

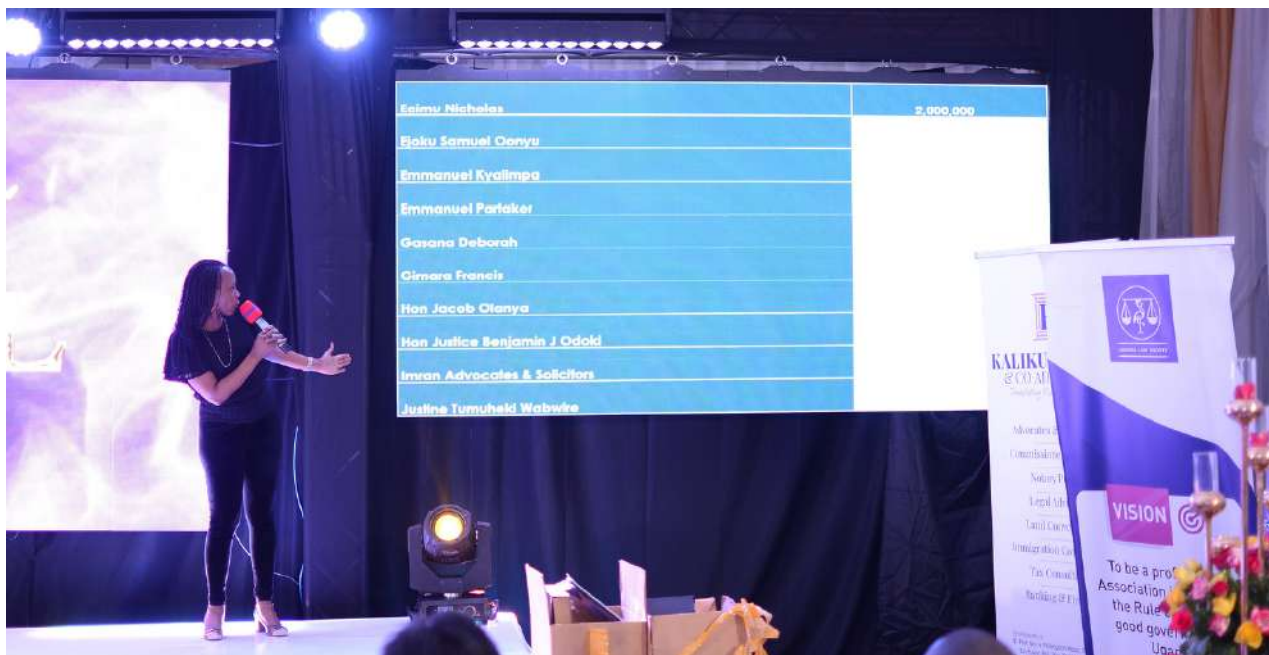


As of 13th December 2021

ULS HOUSE FUNDRAISING DINNER 2021

On 16th December 2021, ULS held the Annual lawyers' Ball which also doubled as a fundraising dinner for the ULS House Project. About One hundred and eighty Million Ugandan shillings was collected at the event towards supporting the ULS House Project.

ULS is thankful to all those made pledges and requests that all these pledges are fulfilled.



ULS HOUSE *Appreciation List*



ULS HOUSE COMMITTEE

Mr. James Ssebugenyi - *Chairperson*
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Mr. Akena George- *Paralegal*
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Ms. Shane Musanase- *Advocate*
Ms. Pheona Wall- *President ULS/ Adv.*
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Mr. Conrad Obol Oroya- *Advocate*
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Mr. Milton Fred Ocen- *Chairperson/Adv.*
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Mr. David Kaggwa- *Advocate*

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Mr. Moses Okwalinga- *CEO ULS*
Ms. Mable Nimwesiga- *Internal Auditor*
Ms. Leah Nasasira- *Deputy CEO*
Ms. Maureen Kwabakya- *Procurement Officer*
Mr. Aziz Kitaka- *Communications Officer*

Thank You



UGANDA LAW SOCIETY

IN BUILDING OUR HOME
Every Brick Counts

ACCELERATION OF THE ULS HOUSE PROJECT

Dear Learned Colleagues,

We have a mission - to build our Home. We cannot accomplish the mission without the financial support of our Members. Over the next 12 months, we require UGX 7.1 Billion for completion of Phase 1 of the ULS House project. At the end of Phase 1, the ULS Secretariat will move back to Kololo and our Members will have better access to their Secretariat. We will have more room and amenities for our growing Membership and we will work more efficiently to serve our Members and the Public. The Legal Aid offices will be housed on the 1st floor for the Citizenry to access our free legal services.

Each Member's contribution of 1.4 Million in the next 12 months will enable us complete phase 1 of the ULS House project. We call on your accelerated support.

You can pay your contribution by:

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Acct Name: Uganda Law Society- ULS House

Bank: Standard Chartered Bank

Account No: 0102010622410

Branch: Speke Road

Mobile Money

Airtel:

07075552562 (Uganda Law Society)

MTN:

0787013313 (Moses Okwalinga)

Ruth Sebatindira SC

Chairperson ULS House Fundraising Committee

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EVERY BRICK COUNTS



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ULS ANNUAL LAWYERS' BALL 2021



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ULS ANNUAL LAWYERS' BALL 2021





Departed Members

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2022 YEAR**