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NOTICE

ULS ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2013

Notice is hereby given that the **Uganda Law Society** will hold its Annual General Meeting (AGM) on **Saturday 23rd March 2013** at the **Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe** starting at **9:00am**.

The AGM will be preceded by the Annual Conference on **Friday 22nd March 2013** at **2.00pm** under the theme **"Accountability in Governance: Ensuring Integrity & Mitigating Professional Risk."**

The AGM Agenda will be as follows:-

1. Prayer and Adoption of the Agenda.
2. Communication and Introductory Remarks from the Chair.
3. Commemoration of 20 years of the Uganda Law Society Legal Aid Project (LAP).
4. Consideration of the 2012 Annual General Meeting Minutes and Matters Arising.
5. Presentation of the 2012 ULS Annual Report by the Executive Council.
6. Presentation of the Treasurer's Report on the Audited Accounts for 2012 and ULS Master Budget for 2013.
7. Election of ULS Executive Council Members.
8. AOB (For Notified Items Only)

Dated this **25th** day of **February 2013**.

By Order of Council,

Grace Babihuga Nuwagaba

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR - UGANDA LAW SOCIETY

NB: ATTENDANCE IS STRICTLY LIMITED TO ONLY PAID UP MEMBERS FOR 2013

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LIST OF ACRONYMS

ADR:	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AGM:	Annual General Meeting
CHUSS:	College of Humanities and Social Sciences
CLE:	Continuing Legal Education
CMA:	Capital Markets Authority
CMP:	Common Market Protocol
CoBMAS:	College of Business and Management Sciences
CSO:	Civil Society Organisation
DGF:	Democratic Governance Facility
EAC:	East African Community
EALS:	East Africa Law Society
EGM:	Extraordinary General Meeting
IBA:	International Bar Association
IBA/ARF:	International Bar Association - Africa Regional Forum
JLOS:	Justice, Law and Order Sector
KCCA:	Kampala Capital City Authority
LAP:	Legal Aid Project
LRC:	Legal Resource Centre
MDA:	Ministries, Departments and Agencies
ULS:	Uganda Law Society



FOREWORD FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear colleagues in the legal profession and all committed to upholding the Uganda Law Society (ULS) vision, mission and values:

First, I wish to express my deep gratitude to the Executive Council that has served the ULS membership for the valuable and insightful contribution in ensuring that the ULS continued to be effective; not forgetting all the institutions and individuals that have supported us financially or otherwise during the past two years.

The ULS operates effectively for two reasons. The first being that we have a talented, dedicated & reliable governing Council and staff body; each and every one of whom has a crucial role in the smooth running of the operations of the Society. This team is our backbone and their efforts cannot be undervalued.

The second reason for our success so far is that we have exceptional support from our membership and development partners; not to mention other likeminded local, regional and international institutions. The Society is supported in numerous ways, the main ones being annual subscription by the membership which assists in day-to-day running of the ULS Secretariat programmes; and monetary donations from development partners like NORAD/NBA, JLOS, DGF and ASF among others, that have aided the fulfillment of the ULS mandate and mission. This support is greatly appreciated and necessary as it allows the Secretariat to extend this generosity to indigent, vulnerable and marginalized Ugandans in need of ULS services like free legal services. In the period under review for instance, we registered a clientele of **15,552** accessing justice. We also made acquaintance with some potential funders who have expressed interest in the ULS' mandate and mission and look forward to possible future collaboration with them in further enhancing the ULS.

I also commend the Executive Director of the ULS Secretariat and her entire team for their professionalism, diligence and commitment to service and continual support to the ULS Membership and Council in ensuring that the ULS delivers on its mandate. Achievement of the substantial development that the ULS has made over the years would have been extremely difficult without their loyalty and considerable involvement.

During the past two years, our calling was to advocate for **“professional development and welfare of the ULS membership, a commitment to access to justice and the Rule of Law in all that we do”**, as reflected in the ULS mission.

In 2012, the Council focused on emulating international best practice in delivering our services in a more integrated manner and in tandem with other associated public services such as public interest intervention, pro bono services, dissemination of information and provision of learning and welfare services to the membership. The Council therefore undertook the following in fulfillment of its mandate:

- ✓ **Development of the Architectural Plan for the ULS House:** In a bid to enhance our corporate image and borrowing from best practices in the region and beyond, the Executive Council with technical assistance of a professional architectural firm initiated development of a plan for a multiple storeyed building intended to house the ULS Secretariat with other ultra modern facilities; all for the benefit the ULS membership.
- ✓ **Representation, relevance and influence of the ULS:** The Council worked toward improving the professional image of the ULS as perceived by the public, Parliament, the Executive, the Judiciary, Bar Associations as well as other local, regional and international institutions. This was achieved through continuous engagement and networking meetings, international fora where linkages were created and strengthened; and by engaging the media to inform the masses on Rule of Law issues and the ULS' mandate.

Council and some members also represented the ULS at various local and international fora. During the 2011 International Bar Association Conference in Dubai, members of the Council bid for ULS to host the first ever International Bar Association - African Regional Forum (IBA-ARF) which was hosted in August 2012.

- ✓ **International networking and integration activities:** In a bid to enhance professional standards and endear the membership to exploit opportunities in the international legal arena and economy, the ULS was privileged to organize and host two international conferences namely; the IBA-ARF in August 2012 and the East Africa Law Society Annual Conference and General Meeting in November 2012. These fora provided a platform for lawyers from Uganda, the greater Africa and elsewhere in the world to gather and exchange ideas on contemporary developments with respect to legal practice, alternative dispute resolution, the Rule of Law and Access to Justice among others. The ULS membership was afforded the opportunity to generate new working networks and business ventures with leading law firms from countries in Africa and beyond.

The Council also ensured that the interests of the legal profession in Uganda were integrated in the on-going East African Community integration processes through the ULS International Relations and Regional Integration Committee and the Policy, Advocacy and Research Department which also serves as the EAC Integration matters desk; with the aim of enhancing ULS participation in these processes.

- ✓ Formulation of the **"Bell the Cat"** Project as resolved by members at the 2012 ULS Annual Conference and General Meeting, with the aim of cleaning up the legal profession both at the Bar and the Bench; so as to uphold the ethics, standards and performance of the profession. A concept paper on this project was developed and shared with relevant stakeholders and members of the ULS, Judiciary and general public were encouraged to use this opportunity to avail evidence and channel complaints to the ULS leadership for necessary action and follow up. So far, some advocates indulging in unprofessional conduct have also been named and summoned to the Law Council for hearing of complaints against them.
- ✓ **Expansion of the Scope of the Benevolent Initiative:** The Council undertook a study of the possibility of expanding the scope of this initiative picking from best practices from other Bar Associations to include support to members with ailments or injury in addition to bereavement. A Committee was thus established to oversee the same.
- ✓ **Launch of the Annual Pro Bono Day** for the first time on February 2nd, 2012 where **326** lawyers turned up to support the initiative and attended to **685** clients. Lawyers who offered their free services that day also derived considerable personal satisfaction from their efforts, and this initiative seeks to endear more lawyers

to support the Pro Bono Scheme.

- ✓ **Development of the LAP Client's Charter** with oversight and policy guidance of the ULS Legal Aid and Pro bono Committee, to serve as a quality assurance mechanism in our services to those in need of legal aid.
- ✓ **Continued generation of ideas, flow and dissemination of information:** Creation of a think-tank where members' opinions and views about contextual issues were generated was one of the initiatives of this Council. These ideas that were obtained through use of emails and the ULS website were and continue to be used to generate opinion/position papers and statements by the ULS as well as providing comments on Bills before Parliament and other fora. There was also improvement in dissemination of information to the membership which has led to their increased participation in ULS activities.
- ✓ **Increasing visibility of accredited legal specialists:** The membership directory was uploaded on the ULS website in 2012 and we continued to support the visibility of accredited lawyers by uploading the compliance report to the website. This has provided public awareness and satisfaction with lawyer specialization and has enhanced the trust and confidence of the public regarding the administration of the justice system.

In addition to the above the ULS commenced development of the ULS Council Charter and Operations Manual which are currently in draft form awaiting further discussion.

There were some great achievements registered in 2012 such as expansion of the Legal Aid Project of the ULS through establishment of **3** additional legal aid clinics in Soroti, Mbarara and Arua to extend this service to areas not previously accessed.

As with all ventures, our term of office was no easy feat. There were challenges which served to inform and enhance our strategy and provided learning points in our assignment.

To the membership, thank you for your support in every way to the Council and ULS Secretariat in ensuring that the ULS activities were run more efficiently. We encourage you to own and take pride in the ULS' continued success and growth. Special mention and gratitude also goes to the ULS Committee's for their willingness to serve and proper representation of ULS interests.

As we come to the twilight of our service, we remember not only our partners today in providing our professional service to our nation, but those who have traveled this important journey before us. We never ventured alone and thank all who assisted us. Our collaboration extended our reach and increased our impact.

FOR GOD AND MY COUNTRY



James Mukasa Sebugenyi
President - Uganda Law Society



FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

The year as ended 31st December 2012 saw the ULS ascend to even greater heights. It presented fresh opportunities that enabled us to enhance our services, extend our reach to relevant stakeholders and increase our visibility both within our domain and to regions beyond. The ULS remains committed to working according to its mandate as stipulated in the Uganda Law Society Act, Cap 276 of the Laws of Uganda.

The last year has been one with the most international activities in our fifty-six year history. It has seen the ULS projected onto the international stage while increasing our relevance on the national scene. We are exceptionally proud of the efforts of our staff in supporting us to continue to deliver higher quality services to our members, to government and to the public. This year is testament to the commitment and strength of every single member of our team – and is proof that the ULS is all about teamwork, professionalism and service.

This report takes us on a journey through the many achievements and highlights of the last twelve months and it summarises our operating and financial performance for stakeholders. We hope that it will also reinforce our passion and commitment to you, our friends and partners. Above all, we hope it demonstrates that delivering services to our stakeholders and remaining relevant in our society has remained, and always will be, our highest and most important priority.

The number of activities and events held over the last twelve months in comparison with previous years has more than doubled with the Society hosting two international events namely; the International Bar Association Africa Regional Forum (8th -10th August 2012) that brought together over **500** lawyers from all over the world. The ULS together with the East Africa Law Society (EALS) organised and hosted the “mother of all” EALS Annual Conference and General Meeting that were held from 16th -17th November 2012. The Conference brought together over **700** lawyers from all five countries of the East African Community and senior practitioners from the United Kingdom and the United States of America.


In addition to these events, the ULS has significantly increased the number of its other events which serve to contribute positively to the Society's performance; for instance the Members Open Day, the Pro Bono Day among others.

Further, there were several engagements with various stakeholders on topical issues of interest to the ULS and the public from which feedback obtained assisted us in strategizing our operations and informed our course of action. Examples include the ULS High Level Breakfast Meeting held to discuss operationalisation of the **Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Act** of 2012. This together with other meetings held enhanced dialogue between government and other stakeholders which yielded better responses and strategies to problems affecting the Rule of Law in Uganda. Government continues to react more positively with advice in areas necessitating improvement and the ULS intends to maintain this relationship in the future.

The next year will see the ULS and Uganda as a whole operating in a transformed environment, in a country which is becoming increasingly competitive, financially challenging and complex. We are aware of this and will approach the coming years with perception and caution. The ULS is well placed to utilize opportunities and adapt to or meet the challenges posed by these changes and we will do so by using more ingenious strategies while retaining and winning the essential and valuable support of our stakeholders.

Our successes over the last year would not have been possible without the support of the general membership, our development partners and the Executive Council. Your tireless support is much appreciated.

Finally, and most importantly, I take this opportunity to thank all our staff for their hard work, commitment and teamwork. Your achievements are a source of huge pride and it is an immense privilege to work as part of the team.



Grace Babihuga Nuwagaba
Executive Director - Uganda Law Society

REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

A. Council Matters:

UGANDA LAW SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDANCE FOR 2012						
No.	Name	Designation	No. of Meetings held	No. of meetings attended	No. of Meetings missed	Percentage
1.	James M. Sebugenyi	President	5	4	1	80%
2.	Stephen Musisi	Vice President	5	5	-	100%
3.	Diana Nabuuso	Secretary	3	3	-	100%
4.	Harriet Grace Magala	Treasurer	5	5	-	100%
5.	Assumpta Kemigisha	Council Member	5	3	2	60%
6.	Tibayeita Kahungu	Council Member	5	4	1	80%
7.	Paul Ochaya Achellam	Council Member	5	5	-	100%
8.	Shaban Kule Muziransa	Council Member	5	5	-	100%
9.	Cheborion Barishaki	Attorney General's Representative to Council	5	4	1	80%
10.	Frances Namayanja later replaced by Stella Nyandria	Solicitor General's Representative to Council	5	4	1	80%

B. Management of the ULS

The ULS is run on a day-to-day basis by a team of professional staff under the leadership of the Executive Director who is assisted by four departmental heads namely; the Head-Finance and Administration, Head-Legal Aid & Pro Bono Services, Head-Professional Development & Members' Affairs and the Head-Policy, Advocacy and Research. Other members of the management team include the Manager-Legal Resource Centre, the Manager-Pro Bono Services, the Monitoring & Evaluation Specialist and the Systems Administrator.

C. ULS Programmes & Activities

i. Membership Services

The ULS Secretariat continued to serve and communicate with the ULS membership; notifying them about various activities, services and programmes either by the Secretariat or other relevant institutions. The membership was regularly updated using communication via e-mail, sms, personal letters, the ULS website, public notices, ULS newsletters, ULS event reports and radio programmes. Additional services to the membership included:

- i. Continuing legal education seminars;
- ii. Attendance of International fora like the IBA – ARF and the EALS Annual Conference and General Meeting;
- iii. References & accreditations such as letters of good standing;
- iv. Continued development of a members’ directory;
- v. Subscription to the online law library;
- vi. Memorabilia like professional robes, shirts and flaps, T-shirts, casual shirts and pens;
- vii. Issuance of membership IDs;
- viii. Social events such as cocktails, breakfast meetings and dinners.

ii. Access to Justice Services

The Legal Aid Project (LAP) of the ULS as guided by its 2011-2015 Strategic Plan continued to provide a countrywide and diverse range of legal aid services to indigent men, women and children; including legal counsel, legal representation in courts of law, documentation and dissemination of simplified legal material, legal outreach and human rights awareness campaigns. The legal and human rights awareness programmes have largely increased people’s knowledge of their rights and enhanced their capacity and willingness to demand for the observance of the same.

Below is a highlight of achievements registered by LAP in the year under review:

- a) Establishment of new clinics: As per the ULS 2011-2015 Strategic Plan, LAP had planned to extend its services to other parts of the country by at least establishing one new clinic. LAP is pleased to report that with the support from the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF) and the Justice, Law & Order Sector (JLOS), three new clinics in Mbarara, Arua and Soroti were established and are now fully operational.
- b) The LAP Clients’ Charter: This year ULS/LAP successfully developed and distributed a Clients’ Charter that informs clients of the services they should expect to receive from the project and hold it accountable on the stated standards in the Charter.
- c) Increased number of clients served: This year was a remarkable success as the project registered a tremendous increase in the number of clients served in all its programs. A total number of **15,552** clients benefitted from our services as compared to the **9500** clients originally targeted. Out of the total number of cases registered, **1467** cases were successfully concluded with 1084 cases concluded in courts and **383** were concluded through ADR.
- d) Community outreach remained key to the project as this has enhanced the capacity of various communities accessed to demand for the observance of the Rule of Law, accountability and respect for human rights. Through this activity the project was able to sensitize over **2,824** people. The project also undertook capacity building for community based paralegals in Mukono and Mbarara; whereby **120** community paralegals were trained in the application of domestic violence laws, land rights, children’s rights, succession as well as marriage and divorce issues.
- e) The Pro bono Project continued to endear the members of the legal profession to offer pro bono legal services to the indigent, vulnerable and marginalized people in Uganda and has registered remarkable success in the year under review. The project life which is supported by DGF has been extended to August 2014. The Project successfully endeared **242** Advocates; bringing its portfolio of registered Advocates to **878**. Additionally, it registered **442** new cases compared to the previous year’s **259** cases and these cases were allocated to Advocates. With **1107** cases handled, **115** cases were concluded in courts and using ADR.

The Project’s services continue to grow alongside LAP with new coordinating desks at the newly established LAP clinics in Soroti, Arua and Mbarara. The Project remains optimistic that by the end of 2013, all Advocates

will have enrolled into the scheme and resultantly access to justice for the poor, marginalized and vulnerable will increase.

- f) This year the ULS entered into a working partnership with Avocats Sans Frontières under the DGD project; currently being implemented at the various stations of LAP. This project is focused on mobilizing lawyers for the rights of Ugandans with the specific objective of strengthening the capacity of Ugandan lawyers to protect the legal and human rights of indigent, marginalized and vulnerable people in Uganda on a sustainable basis.

iii. Policy, Research and Advocacy Programme

In pursuance of its mandate to advise Government and the public on matters of law; to assist the Courts in the administration of justice and in keeping with its mission to promote the Rule of Law in Uganda, the ULS regularly issued position/press statements and other publications on various issues ranging from matters of public interest to matters of law. Through its Policy Advocacy and Research Department, the ULS undertook the following activities:

- **Publications and other write ups**

During the period under review, **1** issue of the Lawyers' Voice Magazine and **11** monthly issues of the ULS newsletter were published. The Magazine was disseminated to the ULS membership, other stakeholders and members of the general public at various ULS fora while the newsletters were electronically disseminated to the ULS membership and other interested institutions. These two publications continue to provide articles of interest and relevance to those in the legal and other professions.

The ULS also generated **9** position papers on Bills before Parliament and topics of law as well as **24** ULS statements on matters relating to law and of public interest. Other activities undertaken were the drafting, consolidation and production of annual reports such as the ULS 2011 Annual Report, the ULS 5th Annual Rule of Law Report and other documentation including the Report of ULS High Level Stakeholder's Breakfast Meeting which was held to consider and discuss implementation of the newly enacted Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Act of 2012 among other things.

The Department also oversaw the operations of the Legal Resource Centre (LRC) which stores publications on various areas of law. **(See the Research and Publications Committee Report on page 14 for details on activities of the LRC).**

- **Fundraising**

As per its function to coordinate the mobilization of resources for the Society, the Department together with the entire management team generated concept papers/proposals for funding. These included: **1** Expression of Interest to DGF; **6** Concept notes (**3** submitted and successful, **3** pending submission); and **6** Proposals (**3** successful, **1** unsuccessful, **2** pending submission).

- **Policy and Advocacy**

As part of its role with regard to policy and advocacy, the Department also participated at various local and foreign fora (46 in total) and contributed to discussions; sharing with other stakeholders about ULS interests, initiatives and activities as well as learning from other stakeholders about various topical issues. This served to increase stakeholder awareness about the ULS mandate.

iv. Strategic Interest Intervention

The ULS filed a petition in the Constitutional Court for a declaration under Article 137 (3) of the Constitution in which ULS challenged H.E. the President’s failure to appoint a tribunal to investigate the appointment and propriety of Justice Anup Singh Choudry to serve as a judicial officer. Furthermore, the ULS also consulted with the Attorney General who agreed with the ULS’ position on this matter. The matter is still pending hearing for lack of quorum in the Court of Appeal.

v. Public Interest Intervention

The ULS continued to handle matters of public interest as per its mandate to assist and advise Government and the Courts on matters related to law by issuing press releases and position papers on several matters of public interest as well as engaging in dialogue with various significant stakeholders. Matters in which the ULS intervened include but were not limited to: the KCCA Demolition Exercise in Luzira in which residents were forcefully evicted and killed; the ULS EGM following a petition by ULS members to address inadequate performance of courts in the administration of justice as well as issues pertaining to professionalism, integrity, character and practices both at the Bar and the Bench.

vi. Corporate Social Responsibility

The ULS also engaged in corporate social responsibility activities as highlighted below;



The ULS Vice President hands over ULS donations to Uganda Red Cross staff in June 2012



ULS Members offering Pro Bono Services on the Annual Pro Bono Day

D. Engagement with the Judiciary & other JLOS Partners

Following resolutions made by members at the EGM held in November 2012, the ULS Executive Council was tasked to present the EGM Petition and resolutions thereof; to relevant key institutions of Government for action. Accordingly, the ULS President led a team of Council members to meet with the Deputy Speaker of Parliament, the Chief Justice and the Minister of Justice to present the petition and resolutions. These resolutions were also shared with the Attorney General and other authorities in key relevant institutions.

Over the year in review, the ULS also engaged in various other consultative meetings and activities with the Judiciary and other JLOS partners in a bid to enhance Access to Justice and the Rule of Law in Uganda.

E. Regional Integration & International Relations

In 2012, the ULS continued its networking relations with likeminded regional and international organizations. These relations have continued to flourish and to develop the ULS' capacity to effectively deliver on its mandate and participate in other regional processes. Below is an account of some of the networking events that the ULS took part in among others:

i. Canadian Bar Association/Eastern Africa Regional Bar Workshop

The ULS together with other Bar Associations in East Africa were invited to a two-day workshop in Nairobi from **January 20 - 21, 2012**. The workshop which was facilitated by the Canadian Bar Association in collaboration with the Law Society of Kenya was intended to provide the participants with the opportunity to share and exchange

experiences related to operational challenges faced by Bar Associations in the region and to devise strategies to address them. Suggestions on formulation and adoption of internal policy were made and best practices were shared and discussed. Also discussed were the issues of demographic changes and challenges faced by the legal profession in the respective jurisdictions represented at this workshop as well as strategies on how to address them.

This meeting provided the ULS with best practices from the region on effective management of internal operations of the Bar Association, engagement of upcountry and young lawyers in society activities as well as effective use of committees, policies and staff to conduct law society business.

ii. The East Africa Law Society Meeting/Training on the EAC Legal and Policy Formulation Processes

The ULS together with other sister Bar Associations in the region participated at a two-day meeting/training conducted from **June 18 - 19, 2012** in Kigali, Rwanda. Bar leaders, Chief Executive Officers, Policy Officers and other members of the EALS converged to discuss the EAC legal and policy formulation processes; and how Bar Associations could effectively participate in the same. At this meeting, participants generated their country-specific road maps for engagement in the EAC legal and policy formulation processes and resolved to regularly share and assess progress made in their respective jurisdictions toward EAC integration. This meeting was beneficial to the ULS in that it provided insight on the legal and policy framework at EAC level and how the ULS could actively participate in EAC processes.

Subsequent to the above meeting and as resolved by participants to contact and liaise with their respective national Ministries charged with East African Community Affairs with a view to enhance their participation in the integration legal and policy formulation processes, a ULS team led by the ULS President visited Hon. Eriya Kategaya - the Minister of East African Affairs on **June 27, 2012**. The purpose of this meeting was to discuss possible areas of cooperation in the legal and policy formulation processes of the EAC. Following this visit the ULS has been constantly involved in EAC integration related processes by the Ministry.



ULS paying a courtesy call on the now deceased Hon. Eriya Kategaya, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister for East Africa Community Affairs

Additional high level strategic meetings with the Speaker of EALA and other relevant stakeholders including the Chapter Chair Uganda on EALA and all Ugandan MPs at EALA were planned but are yet to be conducted.

iii. The East Africa Law Society support to Human Rights Defenders

The EALS under the East African Lawyers for Human Rights Defenders assigned the Chairperson of the Human Rights Committee and another Kenyan lawyer to file an application for leave to file an amicus curie in the case of the Kenyan lawyer who was arrested in Uganda following the Ugandan terror attacks. The lawyer who had instructions to defend some of the Kenyan suspects was arrested upon arrival at Entebbe. He has since filed a case at the EACJ.

The application for leave has been drafted and is being processed at the EALS Secretariat and subsequently filed. When application is granted, an amicus curie/intervener will be filed at the EACJ.

iv. Meetings of the Sub-Committee on Free Movement of Persons, Labour and the Right of Establishment

During the reporting period, the ULS was represented on a Sub-Committee on *Free Movement of Persons, Labour and the Right of Establishment*; one of the small committees tasked with implementation of the EAC Common Market Protocol (CMP) at the Ministry of East African Community Affairs in Uganda. Various meetings were held by this sub-committee to track progress made by relevant individual local ministries, departments and agencies in harmonization of the CMP with respect to free movement of persons, labour and the right of establishment. The ULS together with other MDAs shared institution specific expert opinions on the effective implementation of the CMP as well as progress made so far in this respect. This has and continues to offer the ULS the opportunity to actively participate and meaningfully contribute to the integration processes in the region.

v. The National Consultation on the EAC Social Development Framework, EAC Dialogue Framework and the Civil Society Mobilization Strategy

This meeting was convened from **March 22 - 23, 2012** at the Fairway Hotel, Kampala in accordance with the Directives of the 15th Meeting of the Sectoral Council of Ministers held **January 23-27, 2012** and the 1st Meeting of the Sectoral Council on Gender, Youth, Children, Social Protection and Community Development held **February 27 - March 2, 2012**. The meeting was intended to facilitate consultations among member states on the EAC Social Development Framework, EAC Dialogue Framework and the EAC Civil Society Mobilization Strategy toward better engagement and consultative dialogue for the private sector, civil society and other interest groups in the EAC integration process. The ULS and other participants shared views on how to enhance social dialogue and development; as well as CSOs and other relevant institutions' participation in the EAC region toward effective regional integration.

vi. The EAC Partner States Meeting on Harmonisation of Commercial Laws held at the Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala

The ULS was invited to participate at a 6-day Partner States Committee meeting held **September 10 - 15, 2012** on approximation of municipal laws. The agenda was to harmonise the Partner States' commercial law. The specific laws considered were those governing Contracts and Sale of Goods. Participants identified and considered the main principles and other areas for harmonisation in their respective relevant laws; ensuring that these were in harmony with the principles of the CMP. The Committee also generated the Report on *Harmonisation of the Partner States' Commercial Laws*. Areas of divergence between the Partner States' respective commercial laws in question and the CMP were also to be identified and considered by the participants at this meeting however, due to time constraints this was deferred to a subsequent meeting in November 2012. This provided yet another great opportunity for the ULS to contribute to legislative reforms in the region.

vii. The International Bar Association- Africa Regional Forum (IBA - ARF)

The International Bar Association in collaboration with the ULS as the host Bar Association organized and hosted the first ever IBA - Africa Regional Forum in Uganda. The event was held at the Commonwealth Resort Munyonyo from **August 8 - 10, 2012** under the theme *“Building the Foundations of a Successful Future: The Rule of Law and Economic Confidence in Africa”*. This meeting attracted a large gathering of lawyers from all over Africa and other jurisdictions to discuss issues related to enhancement of the performance and sustainability of the legal profession in Africa in various fields of law. The forum that was preceded by a Young Lawyers meeting and a Bar Leaders Conference; featured **9** working sessions covering areas such as *International Legal Business Practice, International Arbitration, International Mergers and Acquisitions, Financing Africa’s Infrastructure, Promotion of Human Rights, Legal Process Outsourcing, the Future of International Criminal Justice in Africa; Extractive Industries and new energy markets of the continent, and Regional integration in Africa* among others.



viii. The International Bar Association Annual Conference 2012

The IBA Annual Conference was held from **September 30 - October 5, 2012** in Dublin, Ireland. The event featured a wide collection of substantive sessions, workshops and panels; addressing issues ranging from arbitration to mergers and acquisitions law, from human rights to the ethics of the legal profession. The ULS President and Vice President together with other ULS members joined thousands of private practitioners, in-house counsel, human rights advocates, judges, Bar leaders, business leaders, and government representatives from several jurisdictions the world over for yet another of the IBA’s unique blend of professional development, international networking and life-long relationship building.

ix. East Africa Law Society Annual Conference and General Meeting

From **November 16 – 17, 2012**, the East Africa Law Society (EALS) held its Annual Conference and General Meeting at the Commonwealth Resort Munyonyo in Kampala. The theme of the Annual Conference was **“Globalisation of Legal Practice: Which Way?”** The event which was organized by the EALS in collaboration with the ULS as the host Bar Association attracted over **700** participants from Bar Associations within the East African region, Africa and beyond. The Conference that was preceded by a leading Law Firms Dinner held on **November 15, 2012** at the Kampala Serena Hotel was officially opened by **H.E. Hon. Edward Sekandi**, the Vice President of the Republic of Uganda and featured a keynote address by **Mr. Michael Strivens**, a Partner at **Baker & McKenzie LLP** in London.

Key thematic areas for discussion included; *Emerging Legal Issues in Electronic Transactions, Social Responsibility for lawyers, Managing an International Practice, Reforming Administration of Justice, IBA Resolutions on cross border legal practice and Social Development and the Law.*

F. Other ULS Events of the Year

i. ULS Annual Conference and General Meeting

The ULS Annual Conference and General Meeting were held on **March 30** and **31, 2012** respectively at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe. This year’s Conference theme was **“Challenges of Today’s Legal Practice: Constraints in the Delivery of Effective Legal Services”**. The ULS registered an even larger number of Advocates in attendance compared to the previous year at the two events i.e. **790** advocates attended the Pre-AGM and **954** attended the AGM.

At the AGM, the ULS membership passed a vote to extend the Executive Council’s term of office by one extra year.



Members at the Pre AGM Conference



Panel of discussants at the Pre AGM Conference

ii. Annual Rule of Law Symposium 2012

As part of the activities to mark Uganda's fifty years as an independent State and in customary commemoration of the ULS Annual Rule of Law Day, the ULS under the auspices of its partners Konrad Adenauer Stiftung and Justice, Law and Order Sector (JLOS) found it pertinent to reflect and take stock of the developments of the Rule of Law in Uganda over the past 50 years. Organized under the theme "*The Rule of Law in Uganda: 50 years after Independence*" on Monday, **October 8, 2012** at the Imperial Royale Hotel, Kampala, the event was purposed to enhance the capacity of the ULS members to engage in advocacy for the Rule of Law in Uganda. The event also featured a keynote address by the *Hon. Justice James Ogoola* and panel presentations by three eminent panelists namely: *Mr. Peter Mulira*, *Dr. Miria Matembe*, and *Mr. Moses Byaruhanga*. The meeting was attended by over **700** members of the legal fraternity from across the country from both state and non-state entities.



Left: Participants at the ULS Rule of Law Symposium



Hon. Justice James Ogoola delivers the keynote address at the ULS 5th Annual Rule of Law Symposium

Following the Rule of Law Symposium on October 8, 2012, the ULS held a **High Level Stakeholders' Breakfast Meeting** on **October 11, 2012** at the Sheraton Hotel. This meeting was organized and held as part of the ULS' Rule of Law activities which in addition to this meeting included four regional radio talk shows and the main Rule of Law Symposium.

The meeting was purposed to draw heads and representatives of select institutions to a candid but objective round-table discussion on three issues namely communication and enforcement of the newly enacted **Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Act** 2012, comments on the Constitutional right to bail and the law on Preventive Arrest; and a discussion on the state of remand homes in Uganda.

The meeting was attended by the Minister of Internal Affairs, representatives of the Chieftaincy of Military Intelligence, the Head of the Legal Department of the Uganda Peoples' Defense Forces, as well as members from the Uganda Human Rights Commission and other Civil Society stakeholders. During this meeting, participants were able to collectively propose solutions to strengthen the Rule of Law in Uganda.



The High Level Stakeholders' meeting in progress



Participants at the ULS Rule of Law High Level Stakeholders' Meeting pose for a picture. At the centre is the Minister of Internal Affairs Hon. Eng. Hillary Onok and to his left, Mr. James Mukasa Sebugenyi; President - ULS

iii. ULS Extraordinary General Meeting

Following a members' petition, an Extraordinary General Meeting (EGM) was convened by the ULS in accordance with **Section 16** of the *Uganda Law Society Act Cap 276*, on **November 1, 2012**. This petition which highlighted a number of challenges that have engulfed the Judiciary and legal profession in the administration of justice;

sought to obtain solutions to address these anomalies. Intensive deliberations were held by the ULS membership over three separate meetings held on **November 1st, 8th and 23rd, 2012** and by consensus; resolutions were made to address the irregularities in the justice system. The ULS Executive Council was subsequently tasked with the responsibility to present the petition to the Judiciary, the 9th Parliament through the Speaker, the Minister of Justice and the Attorney General; seeking full support for the implementation of the Resolutions and to report back to the Membership on progress made at the next AGM on March 23rd, 2013.



Mr. Andrew Kasirye delivers the petition to ULS members at the Extraordinary General Meeting



Lawyers attending the EGM

iv. Annual Lawyers' Dinner

On **December 7, 2012**, the ULS celebrated the close of the year with a Dinner Dance at the Sheraton Hotel, Kampala. Members from all manner of legal practice, both in the private and public sector attended in large numbers. The event featured a presentation from Orange Uganda and great entertainment by two local artists; Radio and Weasel.



President Sebugenyi proposes a toast at the Annual Lawyers Dinner



Some senior lawyers who attended the dinner



Some ULS staff members at the Annual Lawyers Dinner



Members of the 2012 Annual Lawyers Dinner Planning Committee

REPORTS FROM THE UGANDA LAW SOCIETY COUNCIL COMMITTEES

1. TRAINING AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Chaired by Mr. Oscar John Kihika

Other Committee members were: Ms. Dorothy Kabugo, Ms. Hope Atuhaire, Mr. Ivan Engoru, Mr. Ronald Tusingwire and Mr. Julius Ojok.

This Committee oversees and provides policy guidance on the implementation of the Continuing Legal Education programme of the Law Council with day-to-day technical support being offered by the ULS Secretariat.

During the period under review, the Committee organized and conducted twenty one (21) seminars in various areas of law, generally geared at enhancing and sharpening the legal knowledge of all Advocates practicing in the various areas of law in a bid to ensure that they remain relevant and competitive in the regional and global market. These seminars among others included: -

1. Understanding Insolvency Law and Practice;
2. Climate Change/Environmental Preservation Training;
3. A Workshop on Shaping our Future – organised by the Female Lawyers' Committee;
4. Trial Advocacy (in Gulu);
5. Land Litigation;
6. Principles of International Trade & East African Regional Integration Law;
7. Intellectual Property Rights & the Lawyer;
8. Developments in the Banking Sector and the Lawyer;
9. Taxation Practice and Taxation of Petroleum in the Oil & Gas Sector;
10. The Living Advocate: Professional Ethics and Practice Challenges;
11. Developments in the ICT Sector and its Implications on the Legal Profession;
12. Litigating Labour Disputes;
13. Capital Markets & Securities in the Digital Era;
14. Managing Oil and Gas: How much do you know?
15. EAC Regional Integration process: Where are the Young Lawyers;
16. The Living Advocate: Professional Ethics & Practice Challenges;
17. Human Resource Management for Lawyers;
18. How to Increase Your Income and Clientele through Client Care;
19. Land Litigation in Uganda: Opportunities and Challenges (in Fort Portal);
20. Practice Development/Management;
21. Retirement Benefits Law.

In the year under review, the Committee was reconstituted after the AGM and held four meetings in which among others, it initiated a survey on members needs which informed the CLE Calendar 2013 and assigned its members to moderate at all CLE training seminars so as to generate feedback for the Committee through a duty Rota.

The membership is commended for their support, cooperation and participation at CLE seminars in the past year and their usual cooperation will be much anticipated and appreciate in 2013.

2. MEMBERSHIP WELFARE AND SOCIAL AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

Chaired by Mr. Mike Okua

Other Committee members were: Mr. Stephen Musisi, Ms. Anne Karungi, Ms. Faith Nassali, Mr. Simon Kinobe, Ms. Lillian Drabo and Ms. Diana Nabuuso.

This Committee works closely with the Professional Development and Members Affairs Department of the Secretariat and oversees and offers policy guidance on members' welfare and social needs. During the period under review, the Committee championed the planning, organization and successful conduct of key events which included the:

1. Annual Conference and General Meeting;
2. Members' Open Day;
3. A Dinner organized by the Female Lawyers Committee in honour of Hon. Lady Justice Julia Sebutinde;
4. Members' Social Event/Cocktail;
5. Annual Rule of Law Day Symposium;
6. The International Bar Association - Africa Regional Forum;
7. East Africa Law Society Annual Conference and General Meeting; and
8. Annual Lawyers Ball.

The ULS registered great participation by the membership at the above events all year round which served to enhance social and professional networking among the lawyer.



Lady Justice Julia Sebutinde shows off her plaque



A standing Ovation in honour of Justice Sebutinde

On a sad note however, the Society lost the following members and legal personalities during the year in review:

1. Mr. Christopher S. Nkina
2. Mr. Resmus Oboth Okwalinga
3. Major Timothy Zakama
4. Mr. Tom Opok
5. Hon. Justice Joseph Mulenga Nyamihana
6. Professor Joseph M.N Kakooza
7. Mr. Robert Mawanda
8. Mr. Morris Ogang
9. Mr. Jude Thaddeus Atiang Otim
10. Mr. Bernard Tibesigwa

May their souls rest in eternal peace.

3. RESEARCH AND PUBLICATIONS COMMITTEE

Chaired by Ms. Harriet Grace Magala

Other Committee members include Mr. Victor Agaba, Mr. John Mugalula, Mr. Ivan Engoru, Mr. Timothy Atuheirwe, Mr. Godfrey Akena, Mr. Brian Kalule and Mr. Frank Tumusiime.

The Committee overseas research, publications and dissemination of up-to-date legal material (both in soft and hard copy) to legal practitioners in Uganda. During the year under review the Committee with support from the Policy Advocacy and Research Department undertook the following activities:

- **Information Acquisition and Processing:** The Legal Resource Centre (LRC) received information materials some of which were donated and purchased for reference purposes. The materials included; law reports, textbooks, legislation, audio & visual materials; and periodicals.
- **Donations:** The LRC received a myriad of legal text from partners that included the Huddersfield Law Society, the Law Society of Ireland, Konrad Adenauer Stiftung, the Uganda Human Rights Commission, the EAC Secretariat, EALS, to mention but a few.

- **Publishing and Law reporting:** The Committee published the 2006/2007 edition of the ULS Law Report (ULSR), and **220** copies of the Report are available on the market at **UGX 70,000** per copy. Other publications made during the reporting period included Issue 4 of the Lawyer's Voice Magazine and monthly newsletters; all of which were widely disseminated to stakeholders.
- **E-Resources:** Aside from continuing to subscribe to the Uganda Online Law Library (www.ugandaonlinelawlibrary.net), the LRC installed KOHA Library Integrated system Software that simplified and enhanced library functions.
- **Production and dissemination of Memorabilia items and other legal regalia:** The LRC led the production and dissemination of ULS shirts and blouses, T-shirts; key holders and magazines that increased ULS visibility amongst its stakeholders.
- **Exhibitions:** In a bid to enhance our networks and visibility, the ULS through the LRC participated in one exhibition organized by Uganda National NGO Forum during the Anti-Corruption week.
- **Information and Communication:** This component continues to manage the members' IT portfolio through sms messages, emails and the Society's social media accounts.

4. LEGISLATION, HUMAN RIGHTS & GOVERNANCE COMMITTEE

Chaired by Mr. Nicholas Opiyo

Other Committee members were: Mr. Rwakafuuzi Kiiza Ladislaus, Mr. John Baptist Kakooza, Dr. Christopher Mbazira, Ms. Ruth Sekindi, Prof. John-Jean Barya, Mr. Edgar Agaba and Mr. Cephas Birungyi.

The Legislation, Human Rights and Governance Committee was established to oversee the review of legislation, and provide policy guidance on human rights and other governance issues on behalf of the ULS with the technical support of the ULS Secretariat.

Though the Committee was not operational for most of the period under review, until September 2012 when the Committee was reconstituted and a new head- Mr. Nicholas Opiyo was appointed. The following were its undertakings notwithstanding its late commencement:

- **ULS Position Papers, Press Statements and contributions to Bills:** The Committee reviewed, provided input and presented to Parliament and key stakeholders on various bills that included; *The Oil and Gas Bills; The Geographical Indications Bill, 2008; The Prohibition and Prevention of Torture Act; The Tobacco Control Bill; The Anti Homo-sexuality Bill; The HIV/AIDS Prevention and Control Bill of 2010; The Transfer of Convicted Offenders' Bill; The Uganda Communications Regulatory Authority Bill, proposed amendments to the Law Development Centre Act, Cap 132; The Draft Bailiffs' Bill and Rules* to mention but a few. The Committee also issued Press Statements and prepared papers on topical issues.
- **Consideration of a proposal/request to ULS from INFOC Uganda to draft a bylaw:** INFOC Uganda requested for technical support from the ULS in drafting a bylaw for the regulation of NAADs Procurement at parish level. The Committee provided technical and advisory support to INFOC in a bid to ensure compliance with the 2011 NAADs Procurement Guidelines. Although the Committee did not draw bylaws as requested, it provided an analysis of issues to be considered by the different bylaw making lower government agencies. This is due to the fact that the mandate to make bylaws under the Local Government Act is bestowed upon the local governments.

5. INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS AND REGIONAL INTEGRATION COMMITTEE

Chaired by Ms. Anne Abeja Muhwezi

This Committee is comprised of: Mr. Barnabas Tumusingize, Mr. Mike Okua, Mr. Innocent Kihika, Mr. Andrew Kibaya, Mr. Enock Barata and Ms. Assumpta Kemigisha Sebunya.

The International Relations and Regional Integration Committee of the ULS was established with the aim of ensuring that the interests of the Legal Profession in Uganda are integrated in the on-going regional and international events and processes.

During the reporting period the Committee led and supported the ULS in the following activities that have been detailed in the Executive Council Report but briefly are as follows:

1. Canadian Bar Association/Eastern Africa Regional Bar Workshop in January 2012.
2. The National Consultation on the EAC Social Development Framework, EAC Dialogue Framework and the Civil Society Mobilisation Strategy in March 2012.
3. Meetings of the Sub-Committee on Free Movement of Persons, Labour and the Right of Establishment:
4. The East Africa Law Society Meeting/Training on the EAC Legal and Policy Formulation Processes in June 2012.
5. The EAC Partner States Meeting on Harmonisation of Commercial Laws in September, 2012.
6. East Africa Law Society (EALS) AGM in November 2012.

Other activities:

- **Updates on EAC Processes:** Through the Committee, the ULS membership received and shared updates on EAC processes or developments.

In the New Year, the Committee intends to meet regularly and to follow up on pending activities as highlighted above on the ULS roadmap for engagement in EAC processes as well as working towards enhancing ULS participation in relevant integration activities in the region. The Committee will also work to strengthen ULS linkages with other relevant institutions within and outside the region; in fulfillment of its mandate.

6. COMMERCIAL BAR COMMITTEE

Chaired by Mr. Alex Rezida

Other Committee members were: Mr. Timothy Masembe Kanyerezi, Mr. James Mukasa Sebugenyi, Mr. Didas Nkurunziza, Mr. John Fisher Kanyeihamba, Mr. Mohammed Mbabazi, Mr. Naboth Muheirwe, Ms. Lydia Nakamalira, Ms. Joanita Bushara and Ms. Assumpta Kemigisha.

This Committee, through various networking meetings continued with its mandate of working to improve the conditions of commercial practitioners in Uganda while picking best international practices to advance commercial law practice in Uganda.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES OF THE UGANDA LAW SOCIETY TO VARIOUS STATUTORY BODIES

1. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE CAPITAL MARKETS AUTHORITY

Report by Mr. John Fisher Kanyemibwa

Mr. John Fisher Kanyemibwa, a Board Member at the Capital Markets Authority (CMA) represents the ULS and serves on the Legal and Compliance Committee as well as the Audit and Risk Management Committee of the Board. During the period under review, the Board met eight times and held sixteen committee meetings. Mr. Kanyemibwa attended seven Board meetings and eight of the nine Committee meetings.

The Legal and Compliance Committee has been very instrumental to the Authority in guiding the discussions for further amendments to the Capital Markets Authority Act that need to be undertaken to make the Authority compliant with the International Organisation of Securities Commissions principles and other changes to the legal and regulatory framework. The principles for the amendment of the Act were sent to the Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development.

During the period under review:-

- a) Mr. Kanyemibwa was facilitated by the CMA to undertake a study tour and capacity building program/conference in Nairobi, Kenya from **July 23 - 27, 2012** focusing on offerings and reporting with regard to Capital Markets.
- b) The CMA provided facilitators at a ULS training on **Executing Risk Management Strategically** for the professional benefit of the ULS Membership on **20th August 2012**. Over **100** ULS members benefited from this training with requests for future collaborations with the CMA.

2. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE AUDIT COMMITTEE OF KYAMBOGO UNIVERSITY

Report by Ms. Doris Akol

Ms. Akol was nominated to represent the ULS on the Kyambogo University Audit Committee in April 2012 and only one meeting was held in 2012. During this period, the following was the Committee's main achievement was the preparation, approval and passing of the Audit Charter. The Charter was designed to provide guidance on how to handle issues of internal controls, risk management, corporate governance and spells out the roles and responsibilities of the internal audit unit, the Chief Internal Auditor, the Board Audit Committee and Management.

The Council passed the Audit Charter on April 20, 2012.

3. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE UGANDA REGISTRATION SERVICES BUREAU, DEPARTMENT OF BUSINESS REGISTRATION AND LIQUIDATION USERS COMMITTEE

Report by Mr. Nelson Nerima

On 2nd April, 2012, the ULS President nominated 5 ULS representatives namely; Mr. Nelson Nerima, Mr. John Fisher Kanyemibwa, Mr. Kabiito Karamagi, Ms. Gertrude Wamala and Mr. Jeremy Kibuuka Musoke to the Department of Business Registration and Liquidation Users Committee.

a) Committee Membership

The entire membership of the Users Committee comprises; the Uganda Registration Services Bureau, Uganda Bankers Association, Uganda Revenue Authority, Uganda Investment Authority, Uganda Law Society, Department

of Citizenship and Immigration/Ministry of Internal Affairs, Uganda Law Reform Commission, Institute of Certified Public Accountants of Uganda, National Information Technology Authority, Public Procurement and Disposal Authority; Justice Law and Order Sector, Non-Governmental Organizations Board, Private Sector Foundation Uganda, Centre for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution, Uganda National Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Uganda Manufacturers Association, Competitive Investment Climate Strategy Secretariat and the Kampala City Traders Association.

The mandate of the Committee is to harmonize business registration procedures for all stakeholders and make the Uganda Registration Services Bureau more user-friendly.

During the reporting period, the Committee also reviewed and critiqued the draft Insolvency Regulations, and is due to submit their comments to the First Parliamentary Council of the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs for consideration and onward forwarding to the Minister.

4. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE LAW COUNCIL

Report by Mr. John Mary Kiwuuwa and Ms. Eva Luswata Kawuma

During the reporting period, Mr. John Mary B. Kiwuuwa and Ms. Eva Luswata Kawuma represented the ULS at the Law Council, having been re-appointed at the previous ULS Annual General Meeting for the second term. The Law Council is a body established by the Advocates Act [Cap. 267,] and is mandated to regulate the legal profession in Uganda.

In the reporting period, the Council received a new member, Mr. Othembi Frank Nigel the Director, Law Development Centre who replaced Mr. Wante Elijah E.M, who retired from service in March, 2012. By virtue of **Section 17 (1) (b)** of the **Advocates (Amendment) Act No. 27** of 2002, the Director, Law Development Centre also doubles as a member of the Disciplinary Committee of the Law Council. Mr. Othembi therefore replaced Mr. Wante on the Disciplinary Committee. However, despite his retirement, Mr. Wante still sits on the Disciplinary Committee to hear part heard complaints- as required by the law.

Planned activities for 2012

In fulfilment of its mandate, the activities conducted by the Law Council included: -

- Conducting Disciplinary Committee meetings: During the year under review, Mr. Kiwuuwa was appointed the Chairperson of the Law Council Disciplinary Committee, replacing Mr. Wante. The Committee received 183 complaints, which were brought to the attention of the concerned Advocates for response. The Committee held 39 meetings, and concluded a total of 87 cases. Out of 183 complaints, 179 were brought against male Advocates as compared to 4 against the female Advocates. The Committee commends the female practitioners for the good example they have once again demonstrated and hopes that their male counterparts shall borrow a leaf to give the profession a good image.
- Inspection of Chambers: The Council inspected a total of 675 Chambers, out of which 606 were approved for practice and published in the New Vision Newspaper of 17th December 2012. Although a good number of chambers recorded an improvement in their standards, some of them still need to improve their image by refurbishing their premises.
- Conducting Bar Course Pre-entry examinations where 405 out of the 1096 students who sat for the Pre-entry examination passed and were admitted at the LDC;
- Conducting Council meetings of which three were held,
- Vetting applications for enrolment of advocates;
- Working to amend the Advocates Act and the Uganda Law Society Act and regulations thereunder to suit the social-economic changes;

- Launch of the Pro bono Board of trustees;
- Inspection of universities teaching law programmes;
- Supervision and control over the provision of legal aid; and
- Supervision of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) compliance.

The Council faces challenges, which have time and again been raised in its previous reports, yet no action has been taken by the concerned authorities. These include an excessive workload with very few staff, inadequate funding, failure by some advocates to honour Disciplinary Committee proceedings, to mention but a few.

In conclusion, we at the Law Council would like to thank the Chairperson, the Hon. Justice J.W.N Tsekooko (JSC) for his wise leadership and constant guidance, which has enabled us to carry out our work effectively.

5. REPRESENTATIVE TO THE MAKERERE UNIVERSITY APPOINTMENTS BOARD

Report by Mr. Henry Rwaganika

The year 2012 saw Makerere University Appointments Board continue to fulfill its mandate as set out in the Universities & other Tertiary Institutions Act, 2001 (as amended). During the year appointments to all levels of academic and non-academic staff were made and a number of promotions especially of Academic staff were carried out. Notably, there were more promotions of academic staff to the ranks of Professor and Associate Professor. On the other hand there were few disciplinary cases. Equally, there were few cases of staff whose services were terminated. However, there were unprecedented numbers of staff resigning from the University service.

Further, Mr. Rwaganika continued to represent the Board on the Establishment and Appointments Committees of two colleges viz; the College of Business and Management Sciences (CoBAMS) and the College of Humanities and Social Sciences (CHUSS) where several meetings were attended. In addition he was appointed to chair a new Council Committee of the Appointments Board created to handle the establishment and appointments function of non- academic staff of the University. The Committee sat a number of times during the year in review.

FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATION COMMITTEE

Chaired by Ms. Harriet Magala

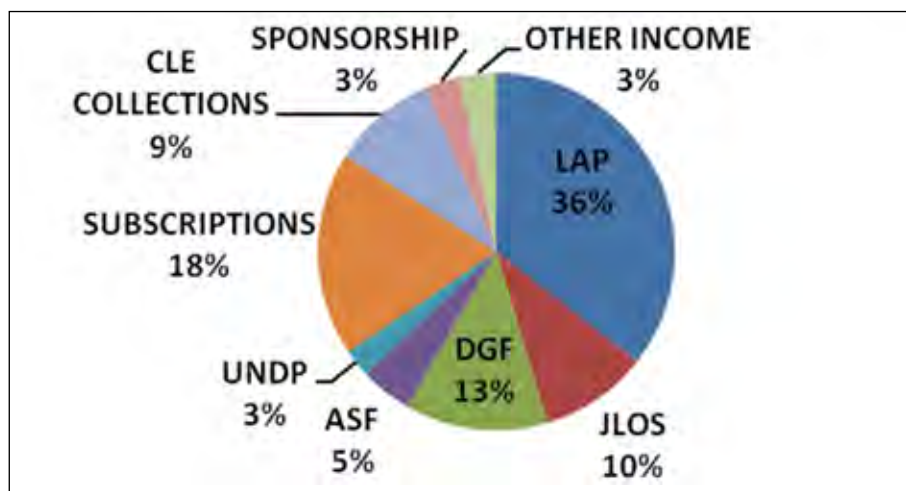
Other Committee members were: Mr. James Mukasa Sebugenyi, Mr. Stephen Musisi, Mr. Cephas Birungyi, Mr. Hodge Semakula and Mr. Titus Kanya.

The Finance and Administration Committee oversees the finances, administration and human resources aspects of the ULS. In keeping with Objective **4** of the ULS Strategic Plan 2011-2015, the Committee strove to strengthen the institutional capacity of the ULS in a bid to propel it into a modern Bar Association. In the reporting period, the following were the Committee's key performance indicators:

a) Finance

▪ **Members Subscriptions & Donations**

We are proud to report that as at the time of submitting this report, actual against budgeted membership subscriptions for 2012 had been met at 96%. This is in addition to other donor funds, sponsorships, sale of legal regalia and memorabilia through which the ULS was able to attract to finance its programme activities as detailed in the appended audit report. However, as we grow and become more relevant these funds are not enough to sustain the ULS programmes and activities and extra efforts have to be made to source more funding.



b) Human Resource

During the reporting period, initiatives like the medical insurance scheme, regular capacity building trainings were undertaken to improve and motivate the staff body. That notwithstanding, **7** staff resigned to pursue better opportunities, while **18** staff were recruited to take on new projects that came on board during 2012.

c) Procurement and Disposal of Assets

A Contracts Committee was constituted to oversee procurement processes of the Secretariat in accordance with the PPDA Guidelines.

This year the ULS/LAP opened up **3** new clinics in Soroti, Arua and Mbarara with aid from JLOS and DGF under the Pro bono project on operation costs. The following capital investments were made in the reporting period for

these 3 clinics; 9 computers, 1 laptop, 3 printers, 9 UPS, 3 motorcycles, 7 desks, 3 filing cabinets, 12 office chairs, 3 registries and law books while due to the depreciation levels, some assets such as the Executive Director's vehicle and LAP project vehicles of Kabarole, Jinja and Gulu clinics were disposed of through open bidding.

Additionally, a storage facility was set up for our records, a security house built and refurbishment of the outside building done to enable the Secretariat to accommodate new staff for some new projects like the ASF and CBA - SAJEA projects.

d) Transport

This year the ULS' operations have been relatively smooth with respect to transport due to the fact that most of the clinics (except for the new clinics) had received better vehicles and hence the vehicle operational costs reduced.

e) Auditors/Accounts

During the year under consideration, the ULS Auditors were as follows:

For the Uganda Law Society

AA & L Associates
Certified Public Accountants of Uganda
P.O. Box 29645, Kampala Uganda
J.P Plaza, 2nd Floor, Side B
Plot 61/67 Nkrumah Road

For the Legal Aid Project

Carr Stanyer Sims & Co
Certified Public Accountants
P.O. Box 6293, Kampala Uganda
Kisozi House, Plot 8, Kyaggwe Road

Overall, strict financial controls were emphasized and adhered to during the year under review. With the above procedures, the ULS membership as well as our development partners have our assurance that the ULS is in position to deliver on its objectives and able to realize its vision and mission as an organization.

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AUDITED ACCOUNTS

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Stephen Musisi	- Vice President
Harriet Grace Magala	- Treasurer
Nabuuso Diana	-Secretary (Retired August 2012)
Assumpta Kemigisha Ssebunya	- Member Central Region
Kahungu Tibayeita	- Member Western Region
Shaban Nkutu Muziransa	- Member Eastern Region
Paul Ochaya Achellam	- Member Northern Region
Cheborion Barishaki	- Representative office of the Attorney General
Stella Nyandria	Representative

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Kampala, Uganda

Stanbic Bank Limited
Forest Mall Branch
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P.O.Box 7131
Kampala Uganda

AUDITORS:

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Certified Public Accountants,
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Plot 61-67, Nkumah Road,
P. O. Box 29645,
Kampala, Uganda.

1.0 INTRODUCTION

1.1 Background

The Uganda Law Society (ULS) is a corporate body established by the Uganda Law Society Act (Cap.276) with perpetual succession and a common seal. ULS is considered among the Leading Bar Associations in East and Central Africa. The Society currently has of One Thousand Four Hundred and forty four (1444) advocates.

1.2 Vision, Mission and Goal

Vision

To excel as a professional body in the development of the legal profession and the promotion of justice in Uganda

Mission

To improve the professional standards of members of the Legal Profession, and to promote Human Rights, and the Rule of Law in Uganda by assisting the Government and the Judiciary in the Administration and practice of Law for the benefit of the people of Uganda

Goal

To contribute towards a public well served by a competent, ethical, honourable and independent Legal Profession

1.3 Objectives of the Society

(a) Statutory Objectives

- ◆ To maintain and improve the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Uganda.
- ◆ To facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession in Uganda as regards conditions of practice and otherwise.
- ◆ To represent, protect and assist members of the legal profession in Uganda as regards conditions of practice and otherwise.
- ◆ To protect and assist the public in Uganda in matters touching, ancillary or incidental to the law.
- ◆ To assist the Government and the courts in all matters affecting legislation and the administration and practice of the law in Uganda.

(b) Corporate Objectives

- ◆ To maintain and improve the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Uganda.
- ◆ To protect and assist the public in Uganda in matters touching, ancillary or incidental to the law.
- ◆ To strengthen collaboration with the Government of Uganda, the Judiciary and the Legislature on all matters affecting Legislation, Human Rights, Rule of Law, Good Governance and the Administration and Practice of law in Uganda.
- ◆ To promote networking, collaboration of local and international stakeholders and legal fraternities by building linkages and exchange of expertise in the legal profession

2.0 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2012

The Executive Council present their annual report together with the audited Financial Statements of the company for the year ended 31 December 2012, which show the state of the Society's affairs.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

The principal activity of the Society is to maintain and improve the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession

ACCOUNTING STANDARDS

International Financial Reporting Standards have been adopted and are in use.

RESULTS

The operating results for the year ended 31 December 2012 are given on page 12

EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS

The Council Members who held office during the year are as follows:

Mr. James Mukasa Ssebugenyi	President
Mr. Steven Musisi	Vice President
Ms. Harriet Grace Magala	Treasurer
Ms. Diana Nabuuso	Secretary (Retired during 2012)
Mr. Paul Ochaya Achellam	Council Member
Mr. Kahungu Tibayeita	Council Member
Mr. Shaban Nkutu Muzitansa	Council Member
Mrs. Assumpta Kemigisha Ssebunya	Council Member
Mr. Cheborion Barishaki	Rep. From the Attorney General
Ms. Namayanja Frances	Rep. From The Solicitor General

AUDITORS

The Uganda Law Society appoints auditors at their Annual General Meeting. The Society's current auditors, AA & L Associates, have expressed their willingness to continue in office.

By order of the Executive Council



PRESIDENT

Date 19/2/2013

3.0 STATEMENT OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS RESPONSIBILITIES

The Uganda Law Society Act (CAP.276) requires that the council prepares accounts for each accounting year, which give a true and fair view of the state of affairs of Uganda Law Society as at the end of the accounting year and of its operating results for the year. It also requires the Executive Council to ensure that the Uganda Law Society keeps proper accounting records, in respect of those financial statements, and in particular to;

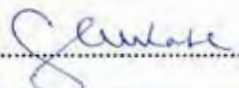


- Select suitable accounting policies and then apply them consistently;
- Make judgments and estimates that are reasonable and prudent;
- State whether applicable accounting standards have been followed; and
- Prepare the financial statements on the going concern basis unless it is inappropriate to presume that the Society will continue in business.

The Council is responsible for keeping proper accounting records, which disclose with reasonable accuracy at any time the financial position of Uganda Law Society to enable them to ensure that the financial statements comply with accounting policies and guidelines of the Society. They are also responsible for safeguarding of the assets of the Society and hence for taking reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The Executive Council is ultimately responsible for the overall control environment and corporate governance. The Executive Council delegates the responsibility for these to the different Committees. Standards and systems of internal control are designed and implemented by management to provide reasonable assurance as to the integrity and reliability of the financial statements and to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of the Society's assets.

The Executive Council accept responsibility for the annual financial statements, which have been prepared using the appropriate accounting policies supported by reasonable and prudent judgments and estimates, and in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. The Council Members are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the state of financial affairs of Uganda Law Society and of its operating results. The Council Members further accept responsibility for the maintenance of accounting records, which may be relied upon in the preparation of the financial statements, as well as adequate systems of internal financial control.

Nothing has come to the attention of the Council to indicate that Uganda Law Society will not remain a going concern for at least the next twelve months from the date of this statement.

PRESIDENT		Date:	<u>19/2/2013</u>
TREASURER		Date:	<u>19/02/2013</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER		Date:	<u>19/02/2013</u>

INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE COUNCIL OF UGANDA LAW SOCIETY

We have audited the financial statements on pages 11 to 24 which have been prepared under the historical cost convention and on the basis of the accounting policies set out there on. We obtained all the information and explanations, which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for our audit.

Executive Council's Responsibilities for the Financial Statements

Under the provisions of the Uganda Law Society Act, the Council Members are responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and for such internal controls as the Council Members determine are necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with international standards on auditing. Those standards require that we comply with ethical requirements and plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the Financial Statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgement, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers internal controls relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal controls.

An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the Financial Statements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

**INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF 2012
UGANDA LAW SOCIETY**

Opinion

In our opinion, proper books of account have been kept and the accompanying financial statements which are in agreement there with, give a true and fair view of the state of the Financial affairs of UGANDA LAW SOCIETY as at 31st December 2012 and its incomes, expenditure and cash flows for the year then ended, comply with International Financial Reporting Standards.

Report on other Legal and regulatory Requirements

As required by the Uganda Law society Act (Cap. 276), we report to you:

- i) We have obtained all the information and explanations which to the best of our knowledge and belief were necessary for the purposes of our audit.
- ii) In our opinion proper books of account have been kept by Uganda Law Society, so far it appears from our examination of those books
- iii) The Uganda Law Society Statement of Financial Position and Statement of Comprehensive Incomes are in agreement with the books of accounts.

KASL ACCOUNTANTS

*Certified Public Accountants
KAMPALA, Uganda.*

Date *Feb 20th - 2013*



UGANDA LAW SOCIETY
Audited Financial Statements
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2012

4.0 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31st DECEMBER 2012

ASSETS	Notes	2012		2011	
		UGX.	UGX.	UGX.	UGX.
Non-Current Assets					
Property and Equipment	8.1.1	303,711,901		296,802,942	
Financial Instruments at FV	8.1.2	-		32,730,013	
		303,711,901		329,532,955	
Current Assets:					
Inventory	8.1.3	17,258,988		7,152,805	
Prepayments	8.1.4	7,572,072		8,213,696	
Receivables	8.1.5	5,130,069		21,641,667	
Cash and Bank	8.1.7	551,708,153		513,476,192	
		581,669,282		550,484,360	
Total Assets		885,381,183		880,017,316	
FUNDED BY:					
Capital and Reserves					
General Fund	6.1.1	285,353,136		257,631,951	
Capital Fund	6.1.2	303,711,901		296,802,942	
Benevolent Fund	6.1.3	18,071,991		64,702,979	
Development Fund	6.1.4	149,026,524		153,000,160	
		796,163,552		772,138,032	
Current Liabilities					
Payables	8.1.8	68,333,000		38,467,780	
Accruals	8.1.9	8,801,833		11,860,430	
Legal Aid Project	8.1.10	52,082,798		57,551,073	
		129,217,631		107,879,283	
Total Equity and Liabilities		885,381,183		880,017,316	

The Financial Statements were approved by the Executive Council on 17th Feb 2013 and signed on its behalf:

..... PRESIDENT
..... TREASURER

AA & L Associates
Certified Public Accountants

UGANDA LAW SOCIETY
Audited Financial Statements
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2012

**5.0 STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31
DECEMBER 2012**

	Note	2012 UGX.	2011 UGX.
<u>INCOME:</u>			
Revenue	8.1.14a	959,392,064	837,686,048
Grants & Donations	8.1.14b	943,093,721	813,115,754
Other incomes	8.1.14c	<u>98,499,927</u>	<u>41,550,589</u>
<u>Total Income:</u>	8.1.14	2,000,985,712	1,692,352,391
<u>EXPENDITURE</u>			
Administrative Costs	8.1.15a	824,577,481	495,344,519
Other operating Costs	8.1.15b	<u>1,192,517,710</u>	<u>922,097,875</u>
Total Expenditure	8.1.15	2,017,095,191	1,417,442,394
Operating (Deficit)/Surplus for the year		<u>(16,109,479)</u>	<u>274,909,997</u>

6.0 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN RESERVES

6.1.1 General Fund

The closing balance on this account is made up of Accumulated Reserves (surpluses / Deficits as follows:

	2012	2011
	UGX.	UGX.
Balance as at 01 January	257,631,951	78,161,428
Surplus/ Deficit for the year	(16,109,479)	274,909,000
Change in Benevolent Fund	46,630,988	(25,909,000)
Change in Development Fund	3,973,636	(105,794,026)
Change in Operating & Donor Fund	<u>(6,773,960)</u>	<u>36,264,026</u>
Balance as at 31 December	<u>285,353,136</u>	<u>257,631,951</u>

6.1.2 Capital Fund:

The closing Balance on this account represents the value of noncurrent Asset

Balance as 01 January	296,802,942	333,244,488
Additions during the Year	45,717,352	16,235,000
Depreciation Charge for the Year	(37,525,892)	(52,676,546)
Write off of Disposed Asset (NBV)	<u>(1,282,500)</u>	<u>-</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>303,711,901</u>	<u>296,802,942</u>

6.1.3 Benevolent Fund:

The closing balance on this account represents funds set aside to meet Benevolent Expenses as management may decide:

Balance at 01 January	64,702,979	38,793,979
Transfers to General Fund	<u>(46,630,988)</u>	<u>25,909,000</u>
Balance at 31 December	<u>18,071,991</u>	<u>64,702,979</u>

6.1.4 Development Fund:

The closing balance on this account represents members' contributions towards future Development Projects:

Balance at January	153,000,160	47,205,660
	<u>(3,973,636)</u>	<u>105,794,500</u>
	<u>149,026,524</u>	<u>153,000,160</u>

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PRESIDENT

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TREASURER

7.0. STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

	2012	2011
	UGX	UGX
Cash Flows From Operating Activities		
(Deficit) Surplus for the year	(16,109,479)	274,909,997
Adjustments For:		
Depreciation	37,525,893	52,676,546
Non Operating Activities Included		
Interest Income	(52,563)	(798,122)
Profit/ loss on Disposals	(9,717,500)	1,850,000
Investment Income	(14,123,802)	(33,115,000)
Changes In Working Capital		
Decrease in Prepayments	641,624	1,516,956
Decrease in Trade and other Receivables	16,511,598	(21,910,380)
Decrease/increase in inventories	(10,106,183)	37,185
Decrease/ increase in Payables	21,338,348	(53,153,288)
Net Cash Generated From Operations	25,908,936	222,013,894
Cash Flows From Investing Activities		
Purchase of property and Equipments	(45,717,352)	(16,235,000)
Proceeds from sale of Equipment	11,000,000	1,850,000
Interest received	52,563	798,122
Investment Income	14,123,802	33,115,000
Decrease in Investments	32,865,012	(798,123)
Net Cash Generated From Investments	12,324,024	18,729,999
Cash Flows From Financing Activities		
Net cash Generated from Financing Activities	-	-
Cash And Cash Equivalents		
Net Increase In Cash And Cash Equivalent	38,231,961	280,687,134
Opening Cash and Bank Balance as at 1 st January	513,476,192	232,789,058
Closing Cash and Bank Balance as at 31 st December	<u>551,708,153</u>	<u>513,476,192</u>

8.0. NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

ACCOUNTING CONVENTION

The accounts are prepared in accordance with historical cost convention as modified by any of the revaluation of some of the Society's noncurrent assets.

Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

The principal accounting policies in the preparation of these financial statements are set out below. These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented unless otherwise stated.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared using the modified accrual basis of accounting and in compliance with international Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The financial statements are presented in the functional and reporting currency, Uganda Shillings (UGX), and prepared under the historical cost convention.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with IFRS requires the use of estimates and assumptions. It also requires management to exercise its judgment in the process of applying the company's accounting policies.

The principle accounting policies adopted in the preparation of these Financial Statements are set out below.

These policies have been consistently applied to all years presented, unless otherwise stated.

(i) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include investments in fixed deposits and securities. These are recognized at fair value. After initial recognition at Fair value every reporting date in accordance with IFRS 9

(ii) Tangible fixed assets

The tangible fixed assets are valued at their acquisition price less the cumulative depreciations. The depreciations will be calculated as a percentage of the acquisition price according to the Straight line method on the basis of the economic life span, taking the residual value, if any, into account.

The depreciation percentages applied are:

Leasehold Land	35 years
Buildings	4%
Law Books	25%
Computers and Accessories	33.3%
Furniture and Fittings	12.5%
Office Equipments	12.5%
Motor Vehicles	25%
Generator	25%

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012
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Gains and losses from disposal of Tangible Assets are determined by reference to their carrying Value

(iii) Reserves

General Fund:

The General fund is made up of Accumulated Reserves also described as retained Earnings

Capital Fund:

The capital fund represents the carrying Amounts of property & equipments as at 31st December 2012

Benevolent Fund

This fund is made up of funds set aside to meet Benevolent expenses as management may decide.

Development Fund

This fund represents members' contributions towards future development projects.

(iv) INCOME RECOGNITION

Incomes represent amounts received or receivable from members' subscriptions, donors and sale of inventory on a pre-determined basis, recognised in the period to which they relate.

(v) RECOGNITION OF CONSTRUCTION EXPENDITURE

Contract costs associated with the construction contract are recognised as expenses by reference to the stage of completion of the contract activity at the end of the reporting period. The stage of completion of the contract is often referred to as the percentage of completion method.

Contract costs will be recognised by the Society as an expense in the Income Statement in the accounting periods in which the work to which they relate is performed.

(vi) PROJECT COMMITMENTS

Project commitments represent projects where contracts have duly been signed with the respective implementing partners, but 3rd party disbursements have not actually been made. These have simply been disclosed in the notes to the financial statements.

(vii) CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS

For purposes of the Statement of Cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise of Bank balances with Stanbic Bank Limited, DFCU bank limited and Standard chartered Bank limited. It also includes a Fixed Deposit of UGX 100,000,000 held in UBA Bank Limited

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012
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(viii) RECEIVABLES

Receivables are recognised as benefits that arise from economic events that would result in the inflow of resources to the entity.

(ix) PAYABLES

Payables are recognised as obligations that arise from past economic events the settlement of which will result in an outflow of resources from the Society.

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

8.1.1 PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENTS

	LAND LEASE HOLD	BUILDINGS	LAW BOOKS	MOTOR VEHICLES	MOTOR CYCLE & GENERATOR	COMPUTERS & ACCESSORIES	FURNITURE & EQUIPMENTS	Total
Cost								
01/01/2012	71,111,000	263,675,866	1,600,000	50,640,000	28,905,468	69,545,778	110,419,860	595,897,972
Additions	-	23,675,500	-	-	-	6,835,000	15,206,852	45,717,352
Disposals	-	-	-	(27,140,000)	(2,200,000)	-	-	(29,340,000)
31/12/2012	71,111,000	287,351,366	1,600,000	23,500,000	26,705,468	76,380,778	125,626,712	612,275,324
Accumulated Depreciation								
At 01/01/2012	15,802,440	64,242,296	1,600,000	43,482,500	28,905,468	66,167,816	78,894,510	299,095,030
Disposal Charge for the year	-	-	-	(25,857,500)	(2,200,000)	-	-	(28,057,500)
At	1,580,245	10,547,035	-	5,875,000	-	4,734,243	14,789,370	37,525,893
31/12/2012 Net Book Value	17,392,685	74,789,331	1,600,000	23,500,000	26,705,468	70,902,059	93,683,880	308,563,423
31/12/2012	53,728,315	212,562,035	-	-	-	5,478,719	31,942,832	303,711,901
31/12/2011	55,308,560	199,433,570	-	7,157,500	-	3,377,962	31,525,350	296,802,942

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012-
CONTINUED**

8.1.2 FINANCIAL INSTRUMENTS

The investment in African Alliance Trust Funds matured at the end of the year and the proceeds were returned to the Society and are included in cash and cash Equivalents.

	2012	2011
	UGX.	UGX.
At 1 January	32,730,013	31,931,890
Interest income	134,999	798,123
Matured Investment	<u>(32,865,012)</u>	-
At 31 December	<u>Nil</u>	<u>32,730,012</u>

8.1.3 INVENTORY

	2012	2011
	UGX.	UGX.
Uganda Law Society(ULS) Reports	701,388	1,344,357
Professional Gowns	770,000	170,000
T-Shirts	854,760	4,893,448
Car Tyre Cover	45,000	135,000
Key Holders	330,000	610,000
Law Reports	9,850,000	-
Professional Shirts	592,000	-
Corporate Shirts	<u>4,115,840</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>17,258,988</u>	<u>7,152,805</u>

8.1.4 PREPAYMENTS

Insurance	369,996	865,992
Data Net	4,410,868	4,245,634
Web Site Hosting-Robert	-	431,715
Property Rates	835,998	834,990
Wrad Comms	1,458,331	1,642,081
Data Staff	333,331	-
Computer Frontiers	<u>163,548</u>	<u>193,284</u>
	<u>7,572,072</u>	<u>8,213,696</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER
2012 -CONTINUED**

8.1.5 RECIEVABLES

On 30th January 2013, the Executive Council resolved that Receivables to a tune of UGX. **15,698,296** be written off as bad debts in the Accounts of ULS. Accordingly the Receivables have been written down to UGX **5,130,069** against the statement of Comprehensive Income

	2012	2011
	UGX.	UGX.
Gumikiriza Philomera	-	918,000
Godfrey Himbaza	-	20,000
George Spencer	-	420,000
Samuel Mukeeri Mugisa	-	210,000
Ngobi Balidawa Moses	-	160,000
Bukenya John Bosco	-	592,371
Nabwire Norah	178,500	-
Canadian Bar Association	-	678,000
DGF Project	4,600,000	-
DFCU Bank	-	45,000
Accrued Income	351,569	-
Wambi Tom	-	2,900,000
Byamukama James	-	75,000
Ministry Of Justice & Constitutional Affairs	-	475,000
Uganda Law Society Reports	-	4,460,000
Percy Aubrey	-	210,000
George Muwanguzi	-	420,000
Jude R Gamukama	-	210,000
Kakooza Isaac	-	650,000
Private Sector Society	-	9,198,296
	<u>5,130,069</u>	<u>21,641,667</u>

**NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER
2012- CONTINUED**

8.1.7 CASH AND BANK BALANCES

Inclusive in Bank Balances is a fixed Deposit of UGX.100, 000,000 in United Bank of Africa maturing in March 2013.

	2012	2011
	UGX.	UGX.
Stanbic Bank A/C	10,578,500	-
Standard Chartered Bank – Operating Account	137,439,551	69,480,739
Standard Chartered Bank – Building Fund Account	149,026,524	153,000,160
Standard Chartered Bank – Benevolent Fund Account	18,071,991	64,702,979
Standard Chartered Bank – DGF Account	99,788,950	52,117,959
Standard Chartered Bank –CBA Account	24,666	36,837,747
DFCU – Continuing Legal Education/ Uls	15,765,576	102,194,933
DFCU Bank – ULS/ JLOS	21,012,395	35,019,275
Cash at Hand	-	122,400
United Bank Of Africa	<u>100,000,000</u>	-
	<u>551,708,153</u>	<u>513,476,192</u>

8.1.8 PAYABLES

kamwe business Centre	49,017,500	-
State Wide Insurance	-	10,000
Nayebare Alice	-	98,650
Inspectorate of Government	-	285,000
Nangwala,Rezida & Co.Advocates	-	250
Kaddu Faluku	370,000	-
Prepaid Membership Fees	14,886,000	15,158,650
New Vision Group	1,700,000	-
Nimrod Stationery	2,359,500	-
Imperial Royal Hotel	-	22,595,230
Continuing Legal Education Trainings:		
FIDA Uganda	-	20,000
Kibeedi & CO.Advocates	-	100,000
Mohammed Ali Kajubi	-	50,000
Andrew Wamina	-	150,000
	<u>68,333,000</u>	<u>38,467,780</u>

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER
2012-CONTINUED

8.1.9 Accruals & Provisions:

	2012	2011
	UGX	UGX
Umeme	1,107,520	729,141
National Social Security Fund	-	269,651
G4S Security	1,000,000	-
Uganda Telecom	945,901	679,651
Audit Fees	5,310,000	5,900,000
UNHRC-UNDP	-	4,282,500
National Water and Sewerage	<u>438,412</u>	<u>-</u>
	<u>8,801,833</u>	<u>11,860,430</u>

8.1.10 Related Party Payables

Legal Aid Project		
LAP Receivables	(2,364,706)	(4,042,692)
Lap Payables	<u>54,447,504</u>	<u>61,593,769</u>
	<u>52,082,798</u>	<u>57,551,077</u>

There is an existing agreement between Uganda Law Society and Legal Aid Project to Apportion shared costs equally between the two Parties. Accordingly the receivables under LAP have been aggregated with the payables for fair Presentation.

8.1.11 CONTINGENCIES

ULS is still in negotiations with Uganda Revenue Authority for a waiver over un paid Taxes which previously were not provided for under Law amounting to UGX 117,000,000. Its not clear whether ULS has a Legal Obligation to pay and Management is still unsure about when it will be resolved

8.1.12 CAPITAL COMMITMENTS

The Society in the year 2012 expanded its Office Capacity by adding offices. This was completed at the time of Audit.

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012

8.1.13 EVENTS AFTER END OF REPORTING PERIOD

The Executive Council resolved that a sum of UGX. **15,698,296** of long outstanding and untraceable debtors be written off as bad debts in the accounts of Uganda Law Society in Financial year ended 31 December 2012.

		Actual-2012 UGX	Budget- 2012 UGX	Actual- 2011 UGX
Revenue	8.1.14a			
Subscriptions		579,710,000	600,000,000	574,620,000
Legal Regalia Income		7,075,698	20,000,000	-
Continuing Legal Education		271,623,335	180,000,000	172,350,000
ULS Reports Volume 1 & 11		1,798,031	4,000,000	6,529,948
Sponsor ships		99,185,000	90,000,000	84,186,100
		<u>959,392,064</u>	<u>894,000,000</u>	<u>837,686,048</u>

Subscription payable per member is 400,000. This is later apportioned as follows, UGX 300,000 for membership fees, UGX 80,000 Development Fees and UGX. 20,000 Benevolent Fees.

Grants & Donations	8.1.14b			
UNDP-Human Rights		77,934,161	75,000,000	49,017,500
Advocates Sans Frontier		148,907,500	148,907,500	-
JLOS- CLE Trainings		309,472,000	200,000,000	193,784,000
Legal Aid Basket Fund		138,818,896	135,398,120	106,832,774
DGF Project- DANIDA		267,961,164	267,961,164	-
Partnership For Transparency		-	-	70,882,040
Danida Rule of Law		-	-	12,490,000
Plan Uganda- Kamuli		-	-	39,009,278
Canadian Bar Association		-	97,828,000	341,100,162
ICJ- Public Interest Litigation		-	40,000,000	-
		<u>943,093,721</u>	<u>965,094,784</u>	<u>813,115,754</u>

Other Incomes	8.1.14c			
Investment Incomes		14,123,802	12,000,000	33,115,000
Sundry Incomes		10,250	-	6,124,367
Miscellaneous Income		696,500	-	1,513,100
Bank interest receivable		52,563	-	798,122
Profit on Disposal of Assets		9,717,500	-	-
Refunds Probono		59,589,712	-	-
Refunds from CBA		14,309,600	-	-
		<u>98,499,927</u>	<u>12,000,000</u>	<u>41,550,589</u>

TOTAL REVENUE	8.1.14	<u>2,000,985,712</u>	<u>1,871,094,784</u>	<u>1,692,352,391</u>
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**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR
 ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012- CONTINUED**

EXPENDITURE	8.1.15	Actual-2012 UGX	Budget- 2012 UGX	Actual- 2011 UGX
Administration	8.1.15a			
Salaries and Wages		278,303,724	220,422,984	149,717,942
10% NSSF contribution		28,034,772	22,042,298	19,670,776
Staff Welfare		42,270,600	44,200,000	14,569,270
Printing and Stationery		16,945,653	17,000,000	10,806,200
Telephone, Internet and Postage		19,548,498	17,040,000	22,593,0322
Automobile & local Travel		21,465,486	28,558,000	17,839,479
Conferences & Annual G. M		86,924,880	74,000,000	51,687,050
Promotion , Advertising & P		8,384,000	9,000,000	6,932,400
Audit Fees		5,310,000	5,000,000	5,900,000
Bank Charges		3,646,580	3,360,000	2,611,563
Benevolent & Social Responsibility		3,375,200	5,000,000	5,016,000
Property recurrent Insurance & S		10,591,933	11,620,000	9,427,307
Organisational Subscriptions		7,274,130	8,000,000	6,630,500
Planning & Monitoring		16,824,200	19,870,000	20,666,750
Social Events (Open Day & Dinner)		149,752,490	64,000,000	66,021,600
Utilities		6,835,115	7,104,000	3,529,743
Repairs and Maintenance		17,166,988	23,760,000	22,005,592
Office Supplies		6,641,886	6,000,000	7,091,515
Hospitality		4,797,000	4,000,000	1,778,600
Travel and Networking		54,254,350	39,000,000	29,930,100
Membership Identity Cards		4,619,700	4,000,000	-
Publication (magazines & Reports)		15,912,000	17,000,000	19,069,100
Bad Debts		15,698,296	-	-
		-	-	1,850,000
		<u>824,577,481</u>	<u>649,977,282</u>	<u>495,344,519</u>
Other Operating Costs	8.1.15b			
Capital Investments		-	18,352,052	-
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Trainings		227,045,293	180,000,000	91,697,170
Resource centre expenses		8,226,715	10,662,000	8,143,341
Consultancy		9,350,000	10,000,000	-
JLOS		308,830,120	200,000,000	109,690,085
Advocates Sans Frontier		42,523,400	148,907,500	-

**NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME FOR THE YEAR
 ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 2012- CONTINUED**

	Actual-2012 UGX	Budget- 2012 UGX	Actual- 2011 UGX
DGF Projects	410,208,069	267,961,164	-
IBA Conference	4,241,250	-	27,900,600
UHRC- UNDP	77,934,000	75,000,000	48,599,000
Partnership For Transparency	13,878,039	-	58,392,650
Rule of Law Conrad Aduer	-	-	36,522,880
Strategic Planning	6,000,000	8,000,000	32,171,900
Legal Regalia	1,090,000	-	155,250
Software Licences	2,683,750	3,750,000	3,457,249
Probono Project	-	135,398,120	140,073,262
Canadian Bar Association Expenses	40,481,181	97,828,000	302,216,742
Capacity Building	-	15,000,000	10,401,200
Professional Fees	2,500,000	5,500,000	-
Depreciation Expense	37,525,892	34,800,000	52,676,546
	<u>1,192,517,710</u>	<u>1,211,158,836</u>	<u>922,097,875</u>
8.1.15	<u>2,017,095,191</u>	<u>1,861,136,118</u>	<u>1,417,442,394</u>



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