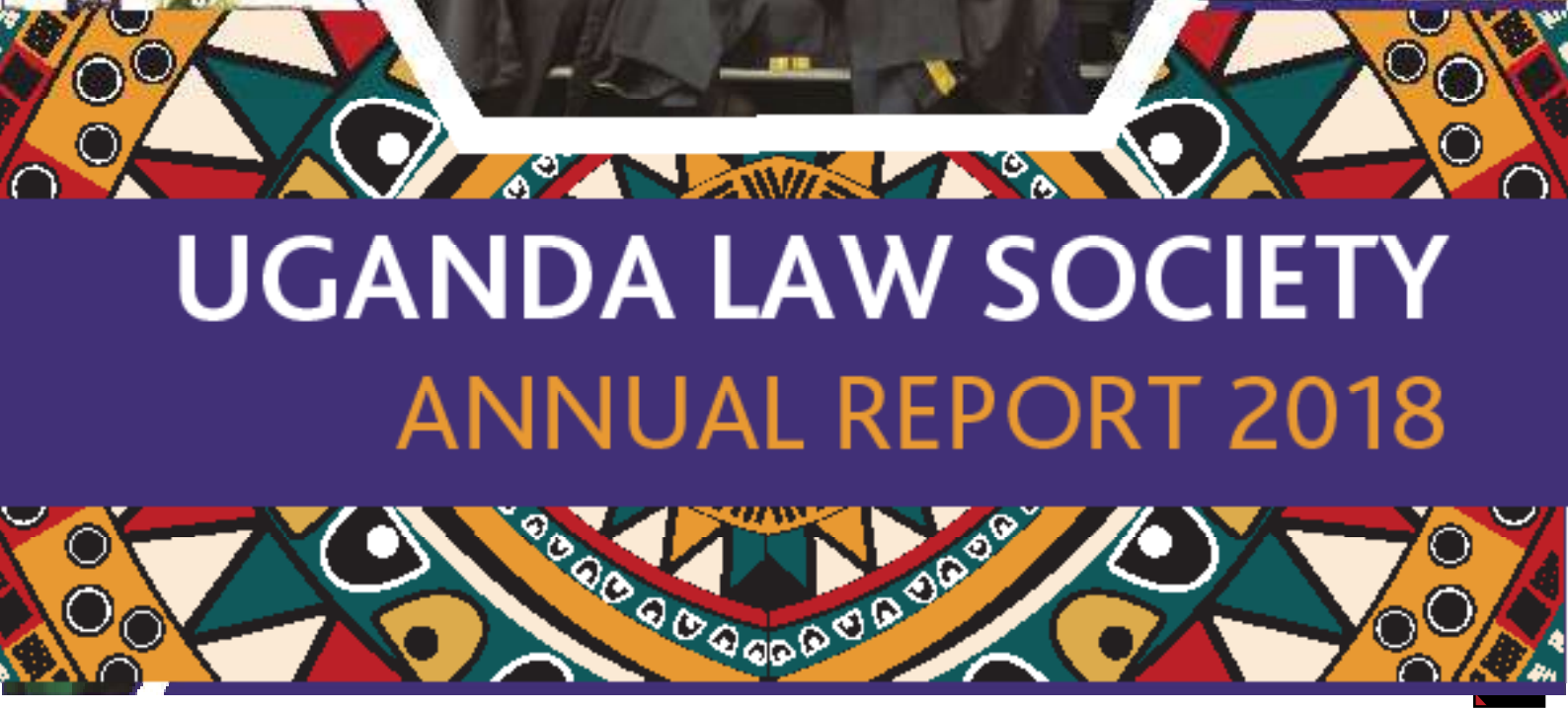


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NOTICE OF THE UGANDA LAW SOCIETY 2019 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY given that the Annual General Meeting (AGM) of the UGANDA LAW SOCIETY (ULS) will be held on **Saturday 6th April 2019** at the **Imperial Resort Beach Hotel, Entebbe** starting at **9:00am**. The AGM will be preceded by the ULS Pre - AGM on **Friday 5th April 2019** under the theme: ***"Institutional Corruption as a threat to Economic Development - Our Role as Lawyers"*** starting at **2:00pm**.

The purpose of the meeting is to transact the business set out below:

1. National anthem, EAC anthem and inter-denominational prayer.
2. To receive communication from the President of the ULS.
3. To present and consider for adoption the minutes of the 2018 Annual General Meeting.
4. To present for consideration and adoption the 2018 ULS Annual Report by the ULS Executive Council.
5. To present for consideration and adoption the Treasurer's Report on the Audited Accounts for 2018 and ULS Master Budget for 2019.
6. To conduct the election of the ULS Executive Council 2019 - 2020.
7. A.O.B. (For Notified Items Only).

DATED this 4th day of March 2019.

BY ORDER OF COUNCIL

HARIMWOMUGASHO FRANCIS
HON. SECRETARY - UGANDA LAW SOCIETY.

NB: 1). AGM Attendance is limited to only paid up Members for the year 2019.



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Acronyms

ADR	Alternative Dispute Resolution
AGM	Annual General Meeting
CBA	Canadian Bar Association
CEO	Chief Executive Officer
CLE	Continuing Legal Education
DGF	Democratic Governance Facility
EALS	East Africa Law Society
ED	Executive Director
ICAMEK	International Center for Arbitration and Mediation Kampala
LAB	Legal Aid Bill
LAP	Legal Aid Project
LDC	Law Development Center
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
ULS	Uganda Law Society





Foreword from the President

Dear Learned Colleagues:

It is with great honor and pleasure that I present to you the Uganda Law Society 2018 Annual Report. This report demonstrates your value as members to the ULS and provides our accountability as leaders to you our valued members. You will find our accomplishments in this report and the great interventions with the support of our development partners namely; the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS), the Norwegian Bar Association (NBA/NORAD), UN Women, International Rescue Committee (IRC) and supporting Law Firms and to all friends of ULS.

Overall it has been a worthwhile year because we have touched many lives and impacted communities, strengthened our strategic linkages and partnerships as well as served our members diligently.

Strategic interventions:

On behalf of my Executive Council, I would like to thank you all for mandating us to serve you in 2018. During the year under review, in line with the ULS Strategic Plan (2017-2021), we purposed to dream bigger about our role as a proficient Bar Association through advising Government and our stakeholders on all matters touching to and ancillary to the law, fostering access to justice, the

rule of law and good governance in Uganda. In this regard, as the Executive Council, we are proud of the significant changes that we have been able to implement during our first year in office. These changes have been tailored towards improving the customer care experience of our membership as well as creating visible change in the lives of the indigent, vulnerable and the marginalized across the country. In this regard, we appreciate members who enrolled onto the pro bono and duty counsel schemes which has made access to justice for the indigent, vulnerable and the marginalized a reality. We also appreciate the four ULS innovators who developed the PULIDA WO App which instantly links clients with advocates.

We premised our leadership and oversight of the Secretariat on the theme 'Building Bridges', so as to create meaningful change. To this end, the Executive Council in close collaboration with the ULS Secretariat embarked on interfacing with key stakeholders, actors, partners and the community in Uganda. Through these engagements, the ULS was able to extend olive branches to several stakeholders and influence policy and legislation geared towards promotion of rule of law and good governance in Uganda. These included among others, courtesy calls on a number of offices and institution including among others; the office of the Hon. Speaker of Parliament, the

Honorable Chief Justice, the Honorable Deputy Chief Justice, the Honorable Attorney General, the Solicitor General and the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Ministry of Justice and Constitutional Affairs and the Ministry of Lands Housing and Urban Development.

Rule of Law:

In a bid to promote the Rule of Law per Objective 3 of the ULS Strategic Plan, we launched four Rule of Law Quarterly Reports, 12 Rule of Law Clubs in various secondary schools and Universities. Under the Rule of Law Clubs project, the ULS supported inter university rule of law debates. The ULS in a bid to contribute to precedence worked on a Law Report on Elections Petition.

The year 2018 however, presented one of the biggest challenges ever faced by the legal profession as there were several instances in which the rule of law was threatened. These include threats and illegal detentions of members of the bar whilst in the performance of their duty.

Strategic Public Interest Interventions:

To this effect, in a bid to promote the Rule of Law per Objective 3 of the ULS Strategic Plan, the Executive Council on 11th July 2018 launched the Litigation Department to actively pursue the increasing number of public interest litigation cases.

Membership:

In 2018 we registered a growth in membership from 2616 in 2018 to 2855. Members have continuously developed through professional trainings that were customized to their needs. This Council has strongly recognized, encouraged and empowered young lawyers to take advantage of the opportunities in the legal space. In this regard, the first ever Young Lawyers' Symposium was organized to push young lawyers towards becoming people of influence. The Young Lawyers' Committee through which young lawyers views can be channeled is proactively involved in ULS activities.

Law Reform Interventions (Legal Aid);

The ULS was part of the drive to push for passing of the Legal Aid Bill. The ULS participated as part of the national working group to advocate for the passing of the Legal Aid Bill as a private members' Bill as well as lobbying signature to accompany a Petition to pass the Legal Aid Bill.

We are humbled by the generous contributions of our members, stakeholders, development partners and friends of the ULS.

Branding the ULS:

The Council has enhanced the strong brand of ULS through the strong media presence and enhancing the great partnerships with different stakeholders.

Appreciation:

On behalf of my Council, I would also like to appreciate and thank our

esteemed donors and development partners in particular; the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF), the Justice Law and Order Sector (JLOS), the Norwegian Bar Association (NBA/NORAD), UN Women, International Rescue Committee (IRC), supporting Law Firms and to all friends of ULS for the great support rendered as we build ULS into one robust, efficient and effective organization.

I would also like to thank the Secretariat and Management headed by Ms. Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso for being our foot-soldiers in outstandingly contributing to our Strategic Objectives.

Obituary:

On a sad note, the Society lost 15 members during 2018. We continue to pray for comfort for their families. May their souls rest in peace.

Conclusion:

As a Council, we shall continue to tailor our interventions to the real challenges facing the nation adopting a top to bottom approach in order to create sustainable change. We shall continue to provide legal aid and pro bono services to the less privileged, provide continuous professional enhancement to our members, make continuous professional contributions to policy and law making processes in Uganda. We shall also continue to promote the rule of law and good governance in Uganda in execution of our statutory mandate.

For God and my Country



Simon Peter M. Kinobe
President - Uganda Law Society





Message from the Chief Executive Officer

"If I have seen further, it is by standing on the shoulders of giants." - Isaac Newton

Dear Colleagues;

For the several successive years (63 years) in particular, the occasion of the Annual General Meetings does not only give us the opportunity to recount and celebrate the accomplishments of the year ending but also grants us as members of the society to relate and interconnect with each other building synergies in the legal profession and the business sector.

Over the many years of our existence, the Uganda Law Society has sustained its brand and continues to be a very vibrant organization focused on being a proficient and modern bar association fostering access to justice rule of law and good governance in Uganda.

To that effect the secretariat set out to be an invaluable supporting the Professional and Business development of members. The ULS Secretariat is currently comprised of different departments and projects which includes the Departments of; Professional Development and Members affairs, Rule of Law, Litigation, Finance and Administration, and Legal Aid and Pro-Bono Services which are responsible for running the day to day activities at the Secretariat.

During 2018, the Uganda Law Society

through the Secretariat continued to work towards achieving the ULS Strategic Objectives highlighted in the Strategic Plan (2017-2021). As such, a number of events and activities were held to recognize members' efforts, in developing the legal profession taking into consideration their different demographic categories so as to effectively meet all needs of members.

The ULS continues to take pride in the cluster system introduced to provide quality service to members in terms of knowledge and skill development. Other activities include mentorship programs for young lawyers.

Recalling from the resolution passed during the April 2018 AGM, the Executive Council directed that Secretariat finds an alternative venue for office space in preparation for the ULS House construction process.

Colleagues, on that note, I wish to relay to you that following Council's directive, the Secretariat moved to a new location in Buye- Ntinda off Ntinda – Kisaasi road to pave way for development of the ULS Home on Plot 5A Acacia Avenue Kololo. During the year, the Society launched our International Arbitration and Mediation Center Kampala (ICAMEK)

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on 16th August 2018 in partnership with Uganda Bankers Association. The ICAMEK Secretariat is located at Trust Towers, Plot 4 Kyadondo Road, Nakasero Kampala.

During the year, the Society embarked on various interventions and activities geared towards promotion of access to justice to the vulnerable, indigent and marginalized under the LAP. The ULS LAP project received more financial and technical support from our development partners which included DGF, JLOS, CBA, UN Women and IRC. This enabled us to open up 3 more legal aid clinics and obtained 5 motor vehicles to support access to justice. 65955 clients have directly benefited through court representation, community sensitisation and radio talk shows. The Pro bono scheme enrolled membership up to a total of 1565 advocates.

We have also promoted and protected rule of law observance through our mandatory state of the rule of law quarterly reports, launched rule of law clubs in universities and schools, undertaken strategic litigation and engaged Parliament in law reform through contributing to Bills before Parliament. The Society launched the Litigation Department which strengthened our capacity to handle public interest matters.

The ULS has demonstrated leadership and represented the members of the community's interests, growth of the membership base from 2616 in 2017 to 2855 in 2018 under the Professional Development and Members' Affairs Department.

The ULS' advocacy component reviewed existing and proposed legislation, generated concept papers and other proposals to Government and other stakeholders on emerging policy and pro actively identified social concerns for inclusion.

We have continued to strengthen the brand and visibility of ULS through strategic networking and partnerships with like minded institutions.

As we get into the third year of our Strategic Plan 2017-2021, this report

during 2018 and allows us to measure our progress in the goals set out in the Strategic Plan.

I wish to thank all our members for their continued financial and technical support to ULS' activities, interventions and programs.

We also thank the entire staff of ULS, the Management team for implementing the strategic interventions, programs alongside the goals of ULS. We thank the Executive Council led by President Simon Peter M. Kinobe for their guidance and supervision.

Special appreciation goes to our distinguished development partners including DGF, JLOS, UN Women and IRC for their continued support without which the ULS would not be able to meaningfully contribute to justice and the promotion of human rights and the rule of law.

As Secretariat, we are extremely humbled and privileged to serve you our members with steadfast and unwavering commitment. We feel very proud of all that was achieved together throughout the year and we remain excited about the prospect of an equally challenging future ahead.

It is our hope that you find this report informative and fulfilling.

Enjoy Reading
Thank you



Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso
Chief Executive Officer





REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL

About the Uganda Law Society

The Uganda Law Society (ULS) was established in 1956 by the Uganda Law Society Act Cap 276. As the national Bar Association, the ULS is among other objectives enjoined to protect and assist the public in Uganda in all matters touching, ancillary/incidental to the law; to assist the Government and the Courts in all matters affecting legislation and administration and practice of law in Uganda; and to maintain and improve the standards of conduct and learning of the legal profession in Uganda.

Over the years, the ULS has been and continues to be at the forefront in promotion of Access to Justice and the Rule of Law in Uganda as well as in development of the Legal Profession as per its mandate and vision. The ULS has engaged in numerous activities and efforts including the following: promoting the respect for the rule of law, fostering access to justice through establishment of various legal aid clinics and championing human rights including women and children's rights.

VISION

To be a Proficient Bar Association in Fostering Access to Justice, the Rule of Law and Good Governance In Uganda.

MISSION:

To develop a skilled and empowered legal profession in execution of its statutory mandate to foster and improve Access to and Administration of Justice as well as Good Governance in Uganda.

VALUES:

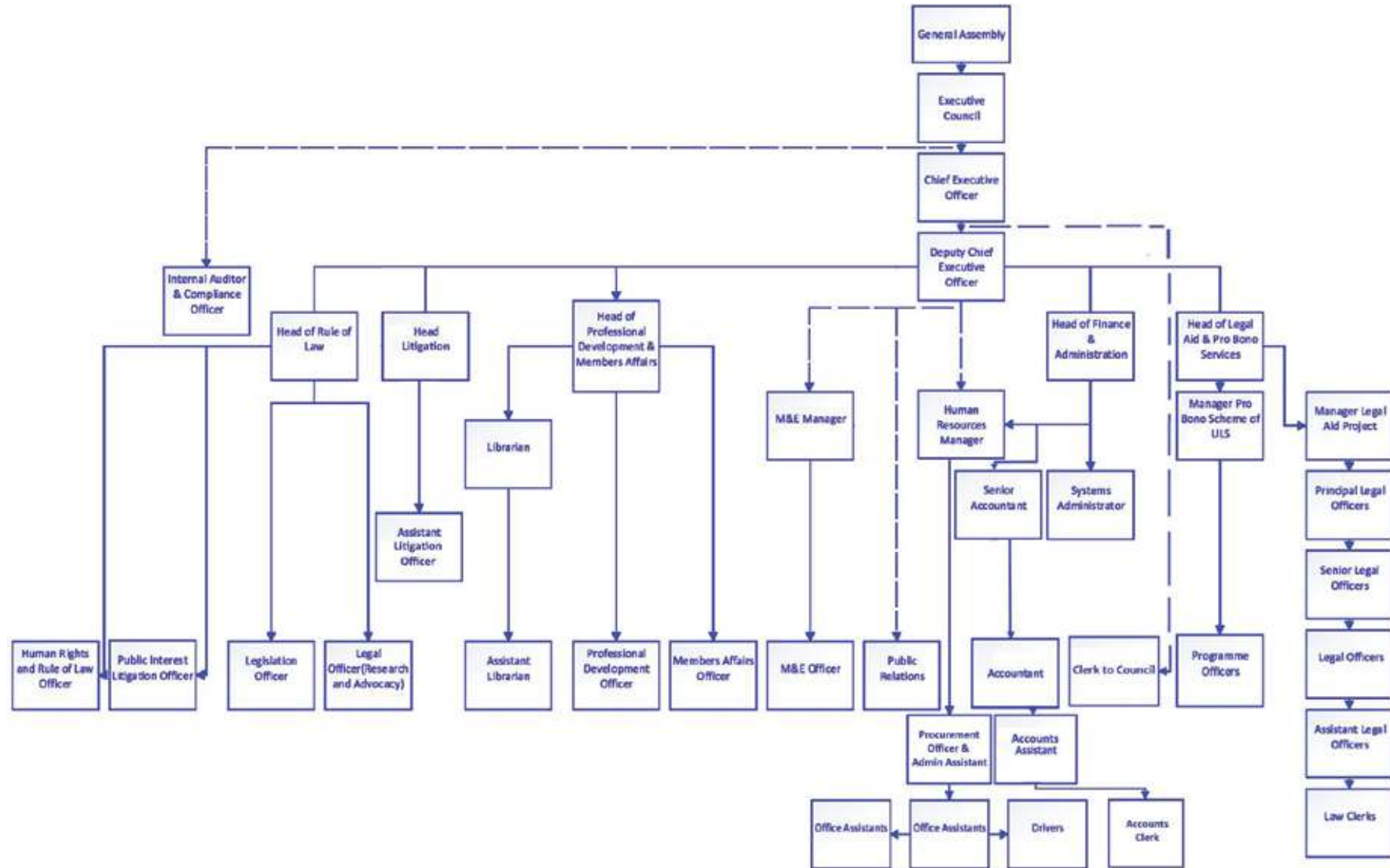
Integrity, Competence, Accountability, Independence and Professionalism.

HOW WE ARE GOVERNED

The ULS is established by the Uganda Law Society Act of 1956, CAP 276 of the Laws of Uganda. It is governed by an Executive Council which reports to the General Assembly of the ULS Membership.

Pursuant to Section 24 of the Uganda Law Society Act, the ULS Executive Council hereby presents the ULS Annual Report for the year 2018. This Report covers key activities undertaken by the Executive Council through the Secretariat.

ULS ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE





Front row left to right: Ms. Pheona Wall (Vice President), Mr. Simon Peter M. Kinobe (President) and Mr. Aaron Besigye (Treasurer) Back row left to right: Mrs. Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso (ULS Chief Executive Officer), Mr. Henry Ampurire (Council Member - Western Region) Mr. Enoch Kyabakaya (Council Member - Eastern Region), Ms. Anne Karungi (Council Member - Central Region), Ms. Shamim Amolo (Council Member - Northern Region) and Mr. Francis Harimwomugasho (Honorary Secretary)

About the Executive Council

The Uganda Law Society Executive Council is a policy organ comprised of ten members namely the President, the Vice President, the Honorary Secretary, the Treasurer, the Attorney General's representative, the Solicitor General's representative as well as four regional Council Representatives. These members, other than the Attorney General's and the Solicitor General's representatives, are elected annually by the General Assembly at the Annual General Meeting (AGM).



UGANDA LAW SOCIETY EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETINGS ATTENDANCE FOR 2018

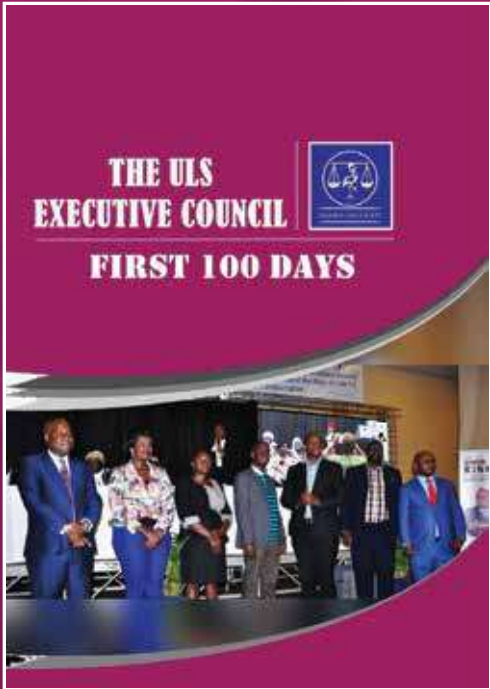
NAME	Designation	Meetings Held	Meetings Attended	Meetings Missed	%age
Simon Peter M. Kinobe	President	4	4	None	100%
Phaona N. Wali	Vice President	4	4	None	75%
Francis Harinwomugesho	Honorary Secretary	4	4	None	100%
Aaron Basigya	Treasurer	4	4	None	100%
Anna Karungi	Council Member - Central Region	4	3	1	75%
Hany Ampurira	Council Member - Western Region	4	2	2	50%
Shamsi Amolo	Council Member - Northern Region	4	4	None	100%
Enoch Kyabakya	Council Member - Eastern Region	4	4	None	100%
J.B.R Souza	Attorney General's Representative to Council	4	1	3	25%
Stella Nyandiro	Solicitor General's Representative to Council	4	1	3	25%

Highlights of the 2018 Major Executive Council Activities

The Executive Council in collaboration with the ULS Management team continued with the proactive implementation of the ULS Strategic Plan (2017-2021).

During the reporting period, the ULS' strategies were enhanced through engagements with various stakeholders, officiating and facilitating ULS engagements like appointing and orienting Executive Council Committees, facilitating professional development seminars, involvement in rule of law initiatives, issuing statements and engaging the Parliament of Uganda on a mass for law reform.





The first 100 days

The Executive Council was sworn into office on 7th April 2018. Subsequently, a number of strategic engagements and activities were undertaken aimed at being accomplished in the first 100 days in office to set pace and pave way for systematic carriage of the Executive Council's mandate during their term of office . The highlights of the first 100 days in office follow;

Consolidating the good practices of the Uganda Law Society

1. Appointment of new ULS committee members and heads
2. Explore training and mentorship programmes for staff and Council members
3. Professionalize clusters and ensure each cluster has a host office
4. Review the external audit report and implement recommendations

Rule of Law Initiatives

1. Set up a Litigation department and establish a hotline to deal with legal impunity and to implement Rule of Law quarterly report recommendations
2. Litigate against KCCA on conversion of land from leasehold to freehold as resolved by the AGM.

Legal Aid Pro Bono Initiatives

1. Formulate a Strategy Paper on issues of LAP to address the transition to ULS
2. Set up a High Level Advisory Board on Legal Aid
3. Advocate for reform of the state brief system

4. Introduce Council to LAP clinics and commence team building initiative to appreciate the strategies
5. Increase recognition for pro bono lawyers
6. Increase legal aid foot print in the country
7. Visibility for lap activities

Building Bridges

1. Set up a taskforce to establish the Benevolent Scheme as resolved at the AGM
2. Engage in dialogue with young lawyers, senior and women lawyers on their role.
3. Lead efforts to commence building ULS house on 1st July 2018
4. Support the Rule of Law Advisory Panel to continue with their role
5. Visits with all strategic offices/officers to include; the Honorable Chief Justice, the Honorable Deputy Chief Justice, the Honorable Attorney General, the Solicitor General, the Director of Public Prosecutions, Uganda Revenue Authority, Chairperson Law Council, Secretary Law Council and Law Firm/ Advocates

Visibility and business growth for members

1. Set up a task force to come up with strategies to improve ethical legal practice in Uganda
2. Set up a business development committee
3. Set up a liaisons office to deal with our new incoming members
4. Dealing with deterrent arrears and penalties preventing our absentee members from coming back
5. Deal with CLE issues to include but not limited to regional distribution of free CLE, establishment of a CLE calendar and more free CLE
6. Deal with compliance issues as relates to inspection of chambers, unfulfilled CLE points among others
7. Negotiate members' benefits.
8. Appointment and set up of the advisory committee on the ULS innovation center
9. Commence plans to set up the ULS arbitration center



THE NORWEGIAN BAR ASSOCIATION DELEGATION VISIT: "On 11th April 2018, the ULS President Simon Peter M. Kinobe and the Norwegian Bar Association (NBA) President Jens Johan Hjort signed minutes after the NBA delegation visit to Uganda during their annual monitoring of Legal Aid interventions and 25 years of LAP at the ULS Secretariat with a view to continue working together



COURTESY CALL ON THE LEGAL AID SERVICE PROVIDERS NETWORK : The ULS Executive Council paid a courtesy call on the Legal Aid Service Providers Network (LASPNET) and met with LASPNET Board, ED Sylvia Namubiru Mukasa and staff on 24th April 2018



VISIT TO THE NETHERLANDS EMBASSY : On 24th April 2018, the ULS Executive Council paid a visit to the Netherlands Embassy and met with H.E Hank Jan Bakker and discussed a number of partnership opportunities with the Ambassador



COURTESY CALL ON THE DPP : On 25th April 2018, the ULS Executive Council visited the Directorate of Public Prosecutions where they met with the DPP Hon. Mike Chibita and team to discuss ways in which the two institutions could support one another in the justice space. The president invited State Attorneys to subscribe membership to the ULS like before.





THE INSPECTOR GENERAL OF GOVERNMENT

ENGAGEMENT: On 25th April 2018, the Executive Council led by President Simon Peter Kinobe, Hon. Treasurer Aaron Besigye on the paid a courtesy call on the office of the Inspector General of Government (IGG) and met with Hon. Lady Justice Irene Mulyagonja to discuss strategic partnerships between the two institutions and how best to enhance access to justice.



COURTESY CALL ON THE UGANDA LAW REFORM

COMMISSION: On 25th April 2018, the ULS Executive Council team with the ULS CEO paid a visit to the Uganda Law Reform Commission



COURTESY CALL ON HUMAN RIGHTS CENTRE : On 26th April 2018, the ULS President together with the ULS CEO paid a visit to the Human Rights Center headed by Mrs. Margaret Sekaggya (second from the left – front row)



ADVOCATS SANS FRONTIÈRES MOU: On 3rd May 2018, the ULS represented by CEO Joyce Nalunga and Advokats Sans Frontières represented by Country Director Romain



ELECTORAL COMMISSION VISIT: On 3rd May 2018, the Executive Council visited the offices of the Electoral Commission and met with Hon. Justice Simon Mugenyi Byabakama, Chairperson of the Electoral Commission, Commissioners and staff.



VISIT TO THE MINISTRY OF JUSTICE AND CONSTITUTIONAL AFFAIRS: On 5th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council led by President Simon Peter M. Kinobe, the Vice President Pheona Wall, the Hon. Secretary Frands Harimwomugasho and the management team led by CEO Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso, Deborah Gasana and Micheal Kalungu visited the offices of the Ministry of Justice & Constitutional Affairs and met with Gen. Kahiinda Otafiire.

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THE FOUNDATION FOR HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVE VISIT: On 11th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council visited the offices of the Foundation for Human Rights Initiative (FHRI) for a meeting with Dr. Livingstone Sewanyana, the FHRI Executive Director to discuss inter-institutional partnership and defense of Human Rights.



COURTESY CALL ON THE SPEAKER OF PARLIAMENT: On 14th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council and members of the ULS Management Team paid a courtesy call on the Hon. Speaker of Parliament Hon. Rebecca A. Kadaga. Part of the agenda was to push for the debate of the National Legal Aid Bill in Parliament.



COURTESY CALL ON UGANDA ASSOCIATION OF WOMEN LAWYERS (FIDA Uganda): On 15th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council and members of the ULS Management team paid a courtesy call on the Uganda Association of Women Lawyers (FIDA) and met with Dr. Damalie E. Naggita-Musoke FIDA Board Chairperson and Irene Ovonji-Odida FIDA CEO.



ULS AS A MEMBER OF THE JLOS FAMILY MET THE JLOS SENIOR TECHNICAL ADVISOR: On 16th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council led by President Simon Peter M. Kinobe, the Hon. Secretary Harimomugasho Francis, Stella Nyandria (Law Council representative), ULS CEO Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso and Debora Gasana – Head LAP paid a courtesy call on Ms. Rachel Odoi-Musoke the JLOS Senior Technical Advisor at the JLOS Secretariat in Kampala.



THE PRIVATE SECTOR FOUNDATION OF UGANDA ENGAGEMENT: On 16th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council paid a courtesy call on the offices of Private Sector Foundation of Uganda (PSFU) and had a meeting with Mr. Gideon Badagawa, the PSFU Executive Director to discuss potential strategic partnership with ULS.



COURTESY CALL ON THE SOLICITOR GENERAL: On 16th May 2018, the ULS Executive Council and the ULS Management team paid a courtesy call on the offices of the Solicitor General and met with Mr. Francis Atoke, the Solicitor General of Uganda. In attendance was the President, Stella Nyandria, Harimwomugasho Francis, Moses Kiyemba, Deborah Gasana and Joyce Nalunga Birimumaaso.



THE NATIONAL COALITION OF HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS UGANDA VISIT: On 17th May 2018, a team from the National Coalition of Human Rights Defenders Uganda (NCHRD-U) led by Robert Kirenga, the NCHRD-UED visited the ULS Secretariat to discuss unified strategies of working together to promote the defense of human rights. ULS was represented by Head LAP Deborah Gasana, Manager Pro bono Eva Nalugwa Kabanda and Head Rule of Law Irene



THE INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT LAW ORGANIZATION ENGAGEMENT VISITED: On 24th May, 2018 Country Representatives of the International Development Law Organization (IDLO) visited the ULS Secretariat and had a strategic meeting with ULS VP Mrs. Pheona Nabasa Wall and the ULS management team led by Head LAP Deborah Gasana, Eva Nalugwa Kabanda (Manager Pro bono)



THE UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR HUMAN RIGHTS VISIT TO ULS SECRETARIAT: On 29th May 2018 the ULS Executive Council led by President Simon Peter M. Kinobe, Treasurer Aaron Besigye, Council member Central Anne Kalungi, Moses Kiyemba (Head Litigation) and Clerk to Council Aidah Nanjala met with and were introduced to Nicole Bjerler, the Head of Office of the Uganda Office of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights (OHCHR). This meeting also discussed strategic partnerships and the possibility of future collaboration.



ULS MANAGEMENT MEETING WITH THE MAKERERE LAW SCHOOL PRESIDENT: On 4th June 2018 the President of the ULS and management team led by Moses Kiyemba (Head Litigation) held a meeting with the president of Makerere Law School together with members of his cabinet to lay groundwork for how the ULS could support the Law School.



THE ULS COMMITTEE MEMBERS MEETING WITH THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
On 12th June 2018, the ULS Executive Council held a meeting with the various ULS Committee Members to lay a strategy for how these Committees will support the Council in fulfilling its mandate



THE PRESIDENTIAL VISIT TO THE JUDICIAL TRAINING INSTITUTE: On 14th June 2018, the ULS President Simon Peter M. Kinobe was at the Judicial



THE PRISON DECONGESTION PROGRAM: On 26th June 2018 the ULS Legal team comprised of Luzira Clinic Senior Legal officer Christine Owor, Legal officer Elias Bwambale and paralegals with the Officer in Charge before entering the prison to sensitize inmates on their Rights and Court processes. This activity was undertaken under the ULS Luzira Decongestion Program



RULE OF LAW CLUB LAUNCHES IN SCHOOLS: On 16th July 2018, ULS launched a Rule of Law Club at St. Lucia Namagoma High School in Kampala. The students were very keen on the rule of law and how they can begin to participate in the process. The team also visited Kyambogo College School to address students on rule of law issues in preparation for the launch of a rule of law club at the school later in the term.



THE PRO BONO DAY PRESS CONFERENCE
On the 21st June 2018 the ULS Executive Council, Management team and staff held a Press Conference to inform the general public of the 8th Annual Pro-Bono Day which was to be celebrated around the country to be held on 22nd June 2018



THE UN WOMEN FUNDS ULS TO DO LEGAL AID ACTIVITIES FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN



THE ULS FEMALE LAWYER'S HIGH TEA EVENT: On 13th July 2018, the ULS Executive Council was in attendance at the Female Lawyer's High Tea Event. This event was organized by the ULS Female Lawyer's Committee under the theme "Soaring Like an Eagle: How to maintain your Competitive Edge in the Legal Profession."



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THE MINISTER OF LANDS ENGAGEMENT: On 17th July 2018, the ULS President Simon Peter M. Kinobe supported by Vice President Pheonah Wall, Hon. Secretary Harimwomugasho Francis, Bernard Oundo, ULS CEO Joyce Nalunga, Moses Okwai nga (Manager Legal Aid Services) met Hon. Betty Amongi the Minister of Lands, Housing and Urban Development to discuss various issues pertaining to the Ministry and how the ULS can support the same in the performance of its duties.



MONITORING AND EVALUATION TRIP OF THE ULS LEGAL AID CLINICS: On 17th July 2018, the ULS Council represented by the Treasurer Besigye Aaron, Hon. Secretary Harimwomugasho Francis and Law Council Representative Stella Nyandria together with Secretariat Management team carried out a Monitoring and Evaluation trip of the ULS Legal Aid Clinics in the Western Region of Uganda. They visited the clinics of Kabale, Mbarara and Kabarole where they interacted with staff and held discussions with members in the regions to discuss challenges faced in practice as well as how the ULS can aid the advocates in the regions.



THE AFRICAN LEGAL AID TEAM AT INTERNATIONAL CRIMINAL COURT (ICC): On 4th July 2018, ULS participated in a training on victims' participation in the ICC at the Hague and Domesticating the ICC provisions at the International Criminal Division of the High court of Uganda (ICD)



LAUNCH OF THE 3RD QUARTERLY ULS STATE OF THE RULE OF LAW REPORT: On 3rd July 2018 the ULS President, together with the Hon. Deputy Speaker of Parliament, the Ambassador to the Netherlands to Uganda and representatives from the British High Commission and American Embassy launched the ULS Rule of Law Report covering the period from April to June 2018



COURTESY CALL ON THE HON. THE CHIEF JUSTICE : On 12th July 2018, the ULS President Simon Peter M. Kinobe and Executive Council represented by the Treasurer Besigye Aaron, Honorary Secretary Harimwomugasho Francis and Central Region Representative Anne Karungi, the ULS CEO Joyce Nalunga and the Manager Legal Aid Ckwalinga Moses met with the Hon. Chief Justice Bart Katureebe to discuss pertinent matters affecting both the Bar and the Bench



COURTESY CALL ON THE HON. PRINCIPAL JUDGE : On 12th July 2018, the ULS President Simon Peter M. Kinobe and the Executive Council represented by the Besigye Aaron, Harimwomugasho Francis and Anne Karungi met with the Hon. Principal Judge Yorokamu Bamwine to discuss the challenges that advocates are facing in the performance of their duties as well as areas where ULS' input might be needed.

In the meeting, the President called for more regular Bar-Bench fora and reigniting of the Case backlog reduction initiatives.

The Hon. Chief Justice appreciated ULS for its various initiatives and offered his support for the Bar-Bench Fora and the Judicial Scorecard initiatives. He asked ULS to offer concerted support for the Administration of Justice Bill because an independent Judiciary is an effective Judiciary.

VAs a result of the engagements and activities carried out within the first 100 days, the following results were registered:

No.	TASK	WHAT WAS DONE
A). CONSOLIDATING THE GOOD PRACTICES OF ULS:		
I	Appointment of new committee and cluster members and heads	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ULS Committees and chairpersons appointed • ULS Cluster conveners, co-conveners and coordinators appointed
ii	To explore training and mentorship programs for staff and Council members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council in bid to strengthen the Secretariat embarked ULS staff capacity building sessions every Friday at Secretariat.
iii	Professionalize clusters and ensure each has a host office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council appointed for each cluster a convener, co-convener, coordinator and a host office. • A law reform cluster was created and members appointed to strengthen the institutional capacity of ULS.
iv	Review the external audit report and implement recommendations	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council embarked on all recommendations which include disposing off all old stock and inventories. • A Concept Note reducing ULS costs and adopting an anti-corruption policy in order to strengthen the financial status of ULS was developed.
B). RULE OF LAW INITIATIVES:		
i	<p>To set up Litigation Department and establish a hotline to deal with impunity and implement Rule of law Quarterly report recommendations.</p> <p>Litigate against KCCA on conversion of land form leasehold to freehold as resolved by the AGM.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Litigation department was established on 11th July, 2018 • Enhancing ULS Hotline 0800100150/0800100151. • The 2nd Rule of Law Quarterly Report was launched on the 3rd July, 2018. • The Council met the Kampala Land Board and the process commences
C). LEGAL AID & PRO BONO INITIATIVES:		
i	Formulate a strategy paper on issues of LAP to address transition	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council created a paper which entails adopting a state brief scheme which will avail state brief fund and income to the ULS in transition.
ii	Set up a high level Advisory Panel on Legal Aid	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Legal Aid Advisory Board was appointed to offer an oversight role of LAP Activities, lobby for LAP funds and strengthen LAP advocacy and sustainability.



iii	To Reform the state-brief system and introduce	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A concept note was made to reform this state brief and make ULS a key stakeholder who receives all state brief cases and allocates them to member advocates under the Criminal cluster.
iv	To introduce the Council to LAP clinics and commence team building initiative to appreciate the strategies.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council conducted monitoring visits to LAP clinics in the Western and Eastern Regions engaged regional advocates in order to team build and strategize. • Conducted a Child Justice training sponsored by JLOS for staff and Justice actors
v	Increase recognition of Pro bono lawyers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council organized the Pro bono week, the Pro bono day on the 22nd June 2018 and as a way of recognition publicized a list of all active Pro bono lawyers on a Banner. This motivated members to join the ULS Pro bono scheme. • The Pro bono day was a huge success, the first on its kind which attracted over 1000 advocates and over 3000 clients.
vi	Increase the Legal Aid Project Footprint all over the country.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Negotiated and obtained funds for 3 more legal aid clinics
vii	Advocate for the Legal Aid Bill to be Passed by parliament	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participated in the organization of three high level stakeholder workshops with Parliamentarians on the Legal Aid Bill • Met the Hon. Speaker of Parliament and Minister of Justice to advocate for the passing of the LAB.
D). BUILDING BRIDGES :		
i	Set up a taskforce to establish the benevolent scheme as resolved at the AGM.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council created a Benevolent Task Force which has committed to handle members' concerns and interests raised in the AGM.
ii	To engage in dialogue with young lawyers, Senior and women lawyers on their role.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council organized the first Young lawyers' Symposium which attracted about 710 Young Lawyers at Law Development Center Auditorium. • The Council continued to advance the Mentorship program, engage and invite senior members to apply and become mentors for the young lawyers. • The Council facilitated the organization of a Female Lawyers' High tea which attracted female lawyers on the theme
		<p>” Soaring like an Eagle. Having a Competitive Edge in the legal profession. “</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council in recognition and appreciation of the great role senior members of the Bar have invited Senior lawyers to apply for Ranking under the new Advocates (Senior Ranking) Regulations.

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iii	To lead efforts to commence building ULS House on 1st July 2018.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council in bid to lead efforts for the ULS House secured premises in Ntinda for the secretariat to move by 13th August 2108 and pave way for building the ULS House.
iv	To support the High Level Advisory Panel on the Rule of Law to continue with their role.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council has continued to support and enhance good relations with the previously appointed Rule of Law Advisory Panel led by Professor Ssempebwa. • The Council also issued its Rule of Law Quarterly report and continued to keep watch of all rule of law issues in the country and with the guidance of the Rule of Law Advisory Panel • The Council enhanced relations with the established CISTIJ and has engaged and lobbied the Hon. Speaker of Parliament to pass the pending Administration of Justice Bill and ensure independence of the Judiciary.
E). VISIBILITY AND BUSINESS GROWTH FOR MEMBERS:		
i	To start the process of updating the ULS website	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The website and all social media platforms revamped and well updated. ULS viewership and visibility has increased Face book from 5485 to 10532. ULS Twitter, ULS Instagram, ULS Linked has greatly increased.
ii	To visit all strategic offices, include, Chief Justice, Hon. DCJ, Attorney General, Solicitor General, DPP, Secretary Law Council, Chairperson Law Council and Law firms.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic engagements done and conducted as in pictorials.
iii	To set up Task force to strategize on improving Ethical legal practice in Uganda	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The task force is yet to be created and currently matters are referred to law council which has a mediation desk.
iv	To set up liaison office to deal with our new incoming members.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Liaison Unit created under our members’ affairs department where we refer new members to our list of mentors (senior members of the Bar to introduce them to ULS and mentor and induct them.
v	To deal with deterrent arrears and penalties preventing our absentee members from coming back.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Council granted a subscription waiver for a grace period for three (3) months from 16th April to 16th July 2018. This was aimed at encouraging absentee members to come back, subscribe, be in good standing with the society, be proactive in clusters and committees and increase our membership.



ii	To deal with compliance issues, unfulfilled CLE points and inspection of chambers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Council engaged Law Council and wrote seeking remedial on behalf of the members. Much as the ULS application was rejected some members' issues were sorted. The Law Council CLET Committee handled individual remedial applications. The Council engaged the Law Council for timely inspections and during monitoring visits and in particular some chambers were inspected in the Western region.
iii	To negotiate members benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Council engaged service providers like Total to see how members can acquire fuel cards at discounted fuel rates, discounted gym membership at Paradise Gym Aracia mall and insurance cover for members with Jubilee insurance.
	To conclude negotiation of Standard bank for members packages	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council embarked on the process.
	To appoint and set up an advisory Committee on the ULS Innovation Center	A concept note was prepared. The aim is to provide space and platform for members mostly young lawyers who have not yet enrolled, do not own law firms nor have space to learn legal practice.
	To commence plans to set up Arbitration center	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Executive Council in partnership with key stakeholders like Uganda Bankers Association, Private Sector Foundation (U) has registered a company International Arbitration and Mediation Center Kampala (ICAMEK). The Council together with the established International Arbitration & Mediation Center Board has engaged the stakeholders like Judiciary and Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs (MOCJA) to bless the Center.
i	To set up business development committee	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Council appointed a Strategic Mobilization Committee, a Business Development Committee empowered to identify business opportunities for ULS for future self-sustainability, mobilize resources and prepare it for transition period.



ULS PROGRAMMES & ACTIVITIES

The ULS undertakes activities, initiatives and programs in line with her 2017 – 2021 Strategic Plan. These undertakings are geared towards the realization of both the ULS' statutory and corporate objectives. During 2018 the ULS Implemented activities in line with four Strategic Objectives under the ULS 2017 – 2021 Strategic Plan:

*During the reporting period,
the ULS engaged in the following activities;*

Strategic Objective: To be invaluable to members' professional and business development

The ULS through the Professional Development and Members' Affairs Department conducted activities to enhance members' professional and business development. This Department is manned by the Head Professional Development and Members' Affairs, the Program Officer who work closely with 4 ULS Committees namely: the Professional Development and Members Affairs Committee, the Female Lawyers Committee, the Young Lawyers Committee and the Membership Welfare and Social Affairs Committee. The ULS hereunder conducted a number of activities for members including:

1. Members' Events:

The New Law Year Day, the 2nd ULS Annual Law Conference, Pre-AGM Conference, and ULS Annual General Meeting (AGM), the Annual Pro-bono day, the Rule of Law Symposium, the ULS Extraordinary General Meeting, the High Tea Event, Young Lawyers' Training, the Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture, the EALS pre-AGM Conference and EGM the ULS House Stone-Laying Ceremony and the ULS end of Year Lawyers' Ball / ULS House Fundraising Dinner.

2. CLE Events:

In accordance with the ULS CLE calendar, 40 seminars were held. In total 63 events conducted including; 2 Bar - Bench Fora, 1 Young Lawyers' event, 36 Seminars conducted in partnership with other institutions and 3 upcountry events. The trainings per the CLE calendar were carried out as follows;

The ULS registered the following achievements;

- i. Financial sustainability of CLE Programs – save for a few upcountry, most of the CLE seminars broke even
- ii. Widened & deepened partnerships with institutions offering legal professional development courses e.g. ILI, Judiciary, ICSA, UCLF, IFIC, Maxwell Coaches, Uganda Bankers Association, JAU, Inspire

International as well as improved partnership with Institutions/Government parastatals who funded seminars – Stanbic Bank, UCC, NSSF, MTN, JLOS among others.

iii. Increased member involvement in CLE activities and increased involvement in activities of accredited law faculties across the country including student sensitization.

iv. Creation and increased rapport with the Regulator – Law Council which is always ready and willing to participate in events when we invite them.

v. Increased member awareness on the CLE accreditation procedures/processes and remedial application.



During the Practice Management Training in partnership with the Huddersfield Law Society

Strategic Objective 2: To Promote Access to justice for indigent, Vulnerable and Marginalized Persons

The ULS promotes access to justice for indigent, vulnerable and marginalized persons in Uganda through the Legal Aid and Pro Bono Services Department which operates as the Legal Aid Project (LAP).

The Department's activities are overseen by the LAP Committee. During the reporting period, the LAP continued to provide access to justice interventions in the 15 offices which include three new offices funded by the Democratic Governance Facility (DGF). The DGF further supported the LAP with a donation of 5 vehicles.

The Project provided legal advisory, legal representation in courts and through Alternative dispute Resolution, Legal and human rights awareness programs, prison decongestion and Pro Bono services. Additionally, through its Pro Bono Scheme, the department worked with the ULS membership to offer free legal services to the less privileged in society.

The LAP received the JLOS Excellence Award while under the Pro bono scheme, 15 pro bono outstanding advocates were awarded.

Working together with LAP Committee the department worked on governance policies like the Sexual Harassment Policy. A Legal Advisory Board was also appointed to oversee LAP interventions.

Through these services LAP assisted a total number of 65955 clients out of which 42134 were female and 23821 were male. The department also spearheaded the organization of the pro bono day in which over 300 clients were assisted. The project also engaged communities in sensitization through radio talk shows; in total 101 radio talk shows were held nationally.

**A full report of the Legal Aid Project is available*



On 4th October 2018, at the JLOS Award Ceremony, the Legal Aid Project of ULS received the JLOS Excellence Award



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Strategic Objective 3: To Promote the Rule of Law and Human Rights Protection in Uganda.

The tasks under this objectives are majorly executed under the Rule of Law and the Strategic Litigation Departments;

The Rule of Law Department consists of the Head Rule of Law, Legal Officer-Research and Rule of Law Officer. The Department spearheaded several activities which included among others publishing the state of the Rule of Law Quarterly reports, providing professional support to collective processes of Law Review and Reform through submitting position papers on various Bills to Parliament among other initiatives.

Through the department 12 Rule of Law Clubs in universities and secondary schools were launched. We also coordinated and organized the hosting the Rule of Law week as well as the activities of the Coalition in Support of the Independence of the Judiciary (CISTI). The input by the ULS Rule of Law Advisory Panel, the Rule of Law and Strategic Litigation Committee as well as the Research and Publications Committee was fundamental.



The Head Litigation Department Moses Kiyemba and the Litigation Officer Gabriel Acaye prepare to file an Appeal in the matter of ULS & 2 Others Vs Attorney General Petition no. 4/2018

The Litigation Department of the ULS was officially launched on the 11th of July 2018. This department is headed by the Head of Litigation assisted by a Litigation Officer and is tasked with handling all matters that pertain litigation that involve the ULS. The Department the ULS handled the following cases:

vi. Uganda Law Society Vs Attorney General

(COA-00-CV-CPC-0009-2010)
This Petition sought to challenge the takeover by the DPP and subsequent dismissal of Criminal Case 344/07 (UGANDA VS IVAN NKASIBWE & SAM EDOTU) which commenced by private prosecution by the petitioners inconsistent and in contravention with Articles 20, 45, 120 (3) (a) of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda. This case is pending in Court.

vii. Uganda Law Society Vs Attorney General

(COA-00-CV-CPC-0053-2012)
This petition seeks for a declaration that unwarranted attacks on the Judges and Justices of the Courts of Judicature contravene Article 144(2)(3)(4) and (7) of the constitution. The case is pending in court.

viii. Uganda Law Society Vs Attorney

General

(COA-00-CV-CPC-0011-2012)

This petition sought to challenge government's failure to appoint a tribunal to investigate Mr. Justice Anup Singh Choudry as being inconsistent with Article 144 (4) of the 1995 Constitution of the Republic of Uganda. This case was withdrawn because it was overtaken by events.

ix. Simon Tendo Kabenge Vs Uganda Law Society & Another
(COA-00-CV-CA-069-2015)

The applicant sought judicial reliefs from the court on basis of being discriminated against by the 1st respondent in favour of the 2nd respondent in his nomination and participation as a candidate for the impugned election. This case is pending.

x. Uganda Law Society Vs. Attorney General (Constitutional Petition No. 52 of 2017)

This petition seeks to challenge Sections 9(1),(2),(5) & 11(3)(a) of the Public Finance Management Act. The conferencing of the matter was concluded. The case is pending.

xi. Uganda Law Society Vs Attorney General (SCCA NO. 4 OF 2018)

This is an Appeal from the majority decision of the constitutional court

of Uganda sitting at Mbale (The Hon. Mr. Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo, DCJ/PCC; The Hon. Mr. Justice Remmy Kasule; The Hon. Lady Justice Elizabeth Musoke, and The Hon. Mr. Justice Cheborion Barishaki, JCC) (The Hon. Mr. Justice Kenneth Kakuru, JCC dissenting) on the 26th day of July 2018. The hearing was concluded and judgement will be delivered on notice.

xii. Uganda Law Society Vs Kampala City Council Authority & Others

This is an application for Judicial review of a decision by the Kampala District Land Board refusing to convert the leasehold tenure of the applicant to a freehold tenure. The hearing of this case was set for on 26th March 2019.

Strategic Objective 4: To Strengthen the ULS Capacity to Become a Modern Bar Association

One of the strategic interventions under this objective is to mobilize resources and initiate construction of the ULS multipurpose building.

The ULS House Building Project

To become a modern bar association, the ULS embarked on the ULS house construction project. On 31st August, 2018, the Executive Council led the official launch of the ULS House Building Project at Plot 5A John Babiha Avenue in Kololo. This event was followed by several fundraising drives and planning meetings that were championed by

the ULS Investment Committee and the ULS Strategic Mobilisation Committee..

On 14th December 2018, the ULS had a groundbreaking stone laying ceremony at which was officiated by the Attorney General, Hon. William Byaruhanga. The day was concluded with a fundraising dinner and Annual Lawyers' Ball whose Chief Guest was

the President of Uganda H.E Gen. Yoweri Kaguta Museveni who pledged five (5) billion Uganda shillings towards the ULS house project. In addition, a total cash collection of UGX 714,754,325 towards this project was recorded as at 31st December 2018.

The ULS House Fundraising Drive



Past President James M. Sebugenyi S.C makes his remarks at the launch of the ULS House Fundraising Drive on 31st August, 2018.



The ULS Secretariat fundraising team engaging advocates in the law firms



The ULS President and Chairperson Strategic Mobilisation Committee, Mr. Bernard Oundo take part in the fundraising drive





On 14th December 2018, the Attorney General Hon. William Byaruhanga officiated over the Stone-Laying Ceremony at Plot 5A John Babiha Avenue

Strategic Objective 4 is also implemented under the Department of Finance and Administration to strengthen financial stability. The core duties include; financial management, human resources management, general administration and vehicle fleet management across the ULS and all her projects. To strengthen financial stability; the ULS together with all her projects raised UGX 8,047,341,544/= Billion as operating income out of its targeted annual income of 8,047,341,544 which is 88% return. *Attached within are the detailed ULS audit accounts.*

Nomination and Appointments of ULS Representatives to Various Boards and Statutory Bodies

UGANDA LAW SOCIETY REPRESENTATIVE TO OTHER INSTITUTIONS 2018	
INSTITUTION	REPRESENTATIVE
Media Council	Assumpunta Kemigisha
Anti - Pornography Committe	Chahrles Dalton Opwonya
Continuing Legal Education Training Committe	Daniel Ruhweza
Midway Uganda	John Mugalula
Legal Aid Clinic Advisory Board / LDC	Musa Modoi
Oil Sector Committee of Parliament	Frank Tumusiime
Makerere University Appointment Board	Jude Mbababali
St Augustine International University Council	John Oscar Kihika
Representative to the Steering Committee for the Promote Awareness and Understanding of Human Rights Project	Mana Nassali
Task Force to Ammend the Evidence Act	Annet Mutabingwa
Technical working group on the Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Cap.4	Joseph Matisko
Law Council Representatives	Bruce Kyerere
Bar Course Advisory Board	Mbabazi Mohammed
The National Building Review Board to be Established Under Section 3 of the Building Control Act, 20013	Milton Ocen
Kampala City Council Authority (KCCA) Representative	Allan P. M Nshimye
Audit Committee of Kyambogo University	Fredrick K. Sentongo
Representative to the Pan Africans Lawyer Union	Bruce Kyerere
Center for Arbitration and Dispute Resolution (CADER)	Francis Gimara
Judicial Service Commission	Norah Namatovu Winyi





Advocates at the New Law Year Ceremony on 29th January 2018

ULS EVENTS

The Opening of the New Law Year

On 29th January 2018, members of the legal fraternity convened at the High Court grounds to commemorate the opening of the New Law Year. The event was graced by several dignitaries including the Vice President of Uganda, the Speaker of Parliament, the Deputy Attorney General, the Chief Justice of Uganda, the Deputy Chief Justice, Justices of the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeal, Judges of the High Court, Registrars and Magistrates. Also present were representatives from other institutions involved in the justice system of Uganda.





Panel discussion during the Annual Law Conference

The 2nd Annual Law Conference

The ULS held its Second Annual Law Conference from 27th-28th March, 2018 under the theme: *"The Legal Profession and Uganda's Economic Development: Locating the Missing Link"*. Over 500 legal professionals, local and international representatives from various spheres including academia, civil society and the media took part in this event. Besides offering solutions and challenging legal professionals, the Conference was also an opportunity for lawyers from all spheres to network.

The ULS Annual Conference and General Meeting

On 6th April, 2018, the ULS held its Annual Pre-AGM Conference at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel Entebbe under the theme: *"Role of Lawyers and the Law Society in the 21st Century"*. The Keynote speech was made by Mr. Pherozee Nowrojee. The Panel discussants included Ms. Jacqueline Asimwe- Lawyer and Activist, Mr. Alex Matovu- Lawyer with Signum Advocates and Mr. Tom Mbalinda- Advocate. The AGM was subsequently held on 7th April 2018. A new Executive Council under the leadership of Mr. Simon Peter M. Kinobe was elected.



A cross-section of members at the AGM



The Annual Pro Bono Day

To enhance corporate social responsibility of the legal profession and in a bid to enhance access to justice, the Pro Bono Scheme held its annual ninth national Pro bono day on the 22nd June 2018. The Pro bono day was organized under the theme 'Access to Justice through pro bono: celebrating milestones, reaffirming commitment'. 3187 clients (1891 male and 1296 female) attended the Pro Bono day in the nine regions of Kampala, Gulu, Soroti, Masindi, Arua, Mbarara, Kabarole, Kabale and Jinja.



Advocates marching during celebrations and later interviewing Pro-bono clients

Launch of Quarterly Reports on the State of the Rule of Law

4 quarterly reports on the state of rule of law affairs in the country were generated and launched during each of the 4 quarters. These reports detail and discuss select rule of law issues arising in a particular quarter, the issues arising are identified and recommendations are made to respective government authorities and other stakeholders.



On 18th September 2018, the Speaker of Parliament the Hon. Rebecca Alitwala Kadaga officiated over the launch of the 3rd Quarterly state of the Rule of Law Report on at the Serena Hotel

The ULS Annual Rule of Law Week

The ULS hosted the Rule of Law week from 15th – 19th October, 2018. During the week the following activities were held;

a) Radio Talk Shows: Radio talk shows were held on Vision Radio in Mbarara, Voice of Karamoja in Kotido, on 17th October, Delta FM in Soroti, Rupiny radio in Gulu and Mighty FM in Kitgum on 18th October. The ULS was

represented by the legal officers under the Legal Aid Project, advocates and Executive Council representatives in the respective areas where the talk shows were held. The talking points during the talk shows were around the theme of the Annual Rule of Law symposium which was to be held at the end of the week.



Ms. Agnes Wazemwa, ULS Legal Officer Soroti speaking on Delta fm on Youth Participation and the Rule of Law.

b) **The High Level Stakeholders Breakfast Meeting:** The 8th Annual Rule of Law High Level Stakeholders Forum was hosted on 19th October 2018 at the Imperial Royale Hotel. This meeting gathered stakeholders from relevant Government agencies and key partners from the Justice, Law and Order Sector, the development community, civil society organizations, academia and the ULS. At this meeting, candid discussions were held on pressing issues on the rule of law with different stakeholders.



Participants at the High Level Stakeholders Breakfast Meeting

c) **The Annual Rule of Law Symposium:** On 19th October 2018, the ULS 11th Annual Rule of Law Symposium was held at Imperial Royale Hotel under the theme “Youth participation in Good Governance, Law and Democracy: Confronting the Bottlenecks”. This event featured a keynote presentation by Mr. James Luyimba – Miti, a retired diplomat and author; a presentation on A Legislators view on Youth participation in Good Governance, Law and Democracy by Hon. Anne Adeke Ebaju, National Youth Representative, Parliament of Uganda and a panel discussion by four panelists on various topics as listed below:

- Corporate Accountability – Mr. Arthur Nsereko - Head Network of Public Interest Lawyers (NETPIL)
- Public Trust Doctrine – Mr. Silver Kayondo, General Partner at Ortus LLP
- Legislative Accountability – Ms. Anne Tendo, African Prisons Project
- Criminal Justice System – Her Worship Roselyn Nsenge, Magistrate Grade 1, LDC Court



Panelist discussion at the Rule of Law Symposium.



A cross-section of participants at the Symposium

The Inaugural Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture

On 21 September 2018, the ULS was part of the Inaugural Benedicto Kiwanuka Memorial Lecture that took place at High Court Grounds in Kampala under the theme: “The Enduring Legacy of Benedicto Kiwanuka; Reflection on the Past, Present and Future of the Administration of Justice in Uganda.”



The ULS Executive Council and some Senior Council with the Vice President of Uganda Edward Kiwanuka Ssekandi Hon. Chief Justice Bart Katurebe, the Hon. Deputy Chief Justice Alphonse Winyi-Dollo, the Principal Judge Yorokamu Bamwine, Retired Justice James Ogola and other dignitaries at the memorial lecture.





Participants at the 1st Young Lawyers Symposium

The Young Lawyers' Symposium

On 6th July 2018, the ULS held its first ever young lawyers symposium at the Law Development Centre (LDC) under the theme “*Becoming a person of Influence*”, with focus on business and personal growth of the young ULS members. The Symposium was

organized against the backdrop of ULS's initiatives to ensure maximum participation and encourage growth of young lawyers within ULS. The training was conducted by certified Maxwell Coaches with a wealth of experience in creating influential leaders giving the

young professionals a great opportunity to explore and increase their knowledge on how to position themselves as people of influence in various spheres.



Participants at the Launch of the Judiciary Performance Scorecard Report 2017 and Award Gala

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On the 15th August 2018, the ULS was part of the launch of a nationwide dissemination of the Judiciary Performance Scorecard Report 2017 which was collaborated by CEPIL with the members of the Coalition in Support of Independence of the Judiciary (CISTIJ)¹. In addition, awards were given to outstanding Judicial

Officers for their exemplary performance in the dispensation of Justice in 2017. The ceremony was presided over by the Honorable Chief Justice Bart Katureebe and attended by select members from the Judiciary and the civil society organizations.

The East Africa Law Society (EALS) Annual Conference and General Meeting

The 23rd EALS Annual Conference and General Meeting took place on 27th November to 1st December 2018 at the Pride Inn Paradise Beach, Mombasa - Kenya, under the theme : "*Continental Free Trade Area: Challenges & Opportunities for the Legal Profession.*"

The Conference provided an unparalleled platform for legal practitioners across the region to catch up on regional legal sector developments over the course of the year. 156 ULS members attended this event and obtained 10 CLE points towards their compliance.

At the AGM on 1st December 2018 on the motion presented by the Governing Council it was resolved that; membership subscription be restructured to ensure uniformity of subscription payments across the membership and an amount equivalent to \$10 per subscribed member of the institution be payable and the South Sudan Bar Association be admitted into membership of the East Africa Law Society, and granted full benefits of membership.

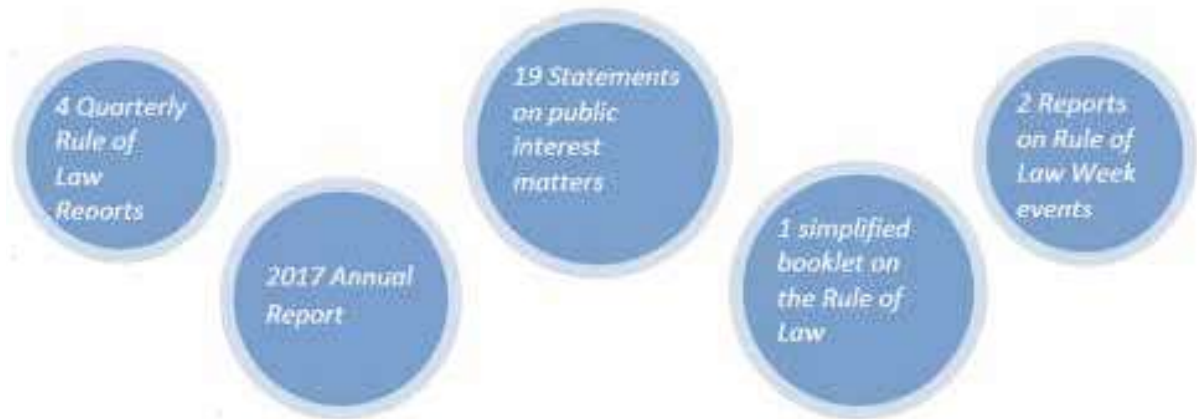
Annual Lawyers /ULS House Fundraising Dinner

On 14th December 2018, the ULS closed the year with a dinner at the Serena Hotel Kampala. This dinner was also held to fundraise for the construction of the ULS House. The dinner was graced with the attendance of the President of Uganda H.E General Kaguta Museveni.



PUBLICATIONS OF THE UGANDA LAW SOCIETY

The ULS published a number of write-ups in the review period, key among which were



SOCIAL MEDIA VISIBILITY:



51,747
VISITS
www.uls.or.ug



4,215
FOLLOWERS
[@ug_lawsociety](https://twitter.com/ug_lawsociety)



10,317
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Uganda Law Society

REPORTS FROM THE ULS COUNCIL COMMITTEES

The Elections Committee- Chaired by Ms. Norah Matovu Winyi

Other members of the Committee include; Fredrick Mbaziira, Caroline Bonabana, Chemisto Shuaib and John Mary Mugisha.

This Committee was instrumental in making preparations for the 2018 Executive Council Election that were held at the AGM on 7th April 2018 at the Imperial Resort Beach Hotel. The Committee held 9 meetings to consider the committee report on the 2017 elections, schedule committee meetings, draw an action plan for the 2018 Executive Council elections and division of responsibilities and review the draft budget. The Committee also developed materials to facilitate the 2018 Elections including notices of elections, elections guidelines, nomination form, ballot papers, campaign guidelines and guidelines for organizing a presidential debate.

Although a presidential debate was organized at the request of the Young Lawyers Committee, it did not take place as scheduled due to the unavailability of one of the candidates.

The Executive Council elections were successfully held and 1,030 members cast their votes and elected the following candidates:

NAME	POSITION
Simon Peter M. Kinobe	President
Pheona N. Wall	Vice President
Francis Harimwomugasho	Honorary Secretary
Aaron Besigye	Treasurer
Anne Karungi	Council Member-Central Region
Henry Ampurire	Council Member - Western Region
Shamim Amolo	Council Member - Northern Region
Enoch Kyabakaya	Council Member - Eastern Region
J.B.R Suuza	Attorney General's Representative to Council
Stella Nyandria	Solicitor General's Representative to Council

The Elections Committee also organized a hand over ceremony which was presided over by the first female President of the Uganda Law Society Justice Solomy Bbosa. At this ceremony the outgoing ULS President, Francis Gimara handed over the instruments of power to the in-coming President Simon Peter Kinobe.

The Committee makes the following good practices and recommendations:

- Designating a staff or two to support the Elections Committee was particularly useful. However, members noted that the 2 staff members were overwhelmed as they were the same persons were tasked with the preparations for the ULS 2nd Annual Conference and the AGM.
- It is recommended that the 2 designated staff members be relieved of some of their regular duties for a period of one month so that they devote sufficient time to the tasks involved in preparing for the ULS elections.
- Nominations were successfully done and completed on the designated dates mainly due to the early commencement of the planning process, increased mobilization of ULS members and use of an elaborate system to sensitize them about the electoral process. The use of social media greatly assisted the Committee to communicate to the membership and the Secretariat in a timely and effective manner.
- As members' confidence in the ULS electoral process for Executive Council members continues to improve the Committee believes that the number of contested positions will also increase. It is therefore recommended that the communications budget for the Elections should be increased to ensure that all members including members stationed upcountry are reached in time with messages relating to the ULS elections other than emails as some members upcountry do not have limited access to internet services.

- There should also be budget for the purchase of election equipment as a contingency plan, just in case the Electoral Commission is not able to lend out the materials in future.

- Use of the Legal Aid clinics upcountry to circulate information can also be helpful. Council members representing the different regions must be used as conduits to mobilize the members in their respective regions to attend the AGM, pay up their membership fees and take up leadership within the Society.
- The Committee reiterates its recommendation that compiling the Polling Roll should start early. The Secretariat should start sending out reminders in mid-January to build the momentum towards the AGM and the Executive Council elections.

- The ULS should acquire aprons that are branded for the ULS elections.

- As the number of ULS voters increase it is prudent for ULS to be fore-sighted and invest in the acquisition of a ballot counting machine like those used at airports to ensure a quicker and efficient tallying process.

- It is the belief of the Committee that holding a presidential debate is a welcome development in the democratic processes of the Society. Therefore, in future, it is best that if the position of President is contested the Elections Committee should include a date on the Roadmap for such a debate to be organized in a timely manner.

Strategic Mobilisation Committee- Chaired by Mr. Bernard Oundo

Other members of this committee include Nicholas Ecimu, Gyaviira Bonna, Allan Rwakakooko, Diana Nabuuso, Mikka Eriya, Bonita Mulelengi, Dorah Kayondo, Zimbe Zefani, Ayebare Robert, Canon Godi Muhumuza, Severino Twinobusingye, Diana Doris Akiidii and Isaac O.Ekirapa.

This Committee was at forefront of the ULS House Building Fund Project,

championing several fundraising drives that were capped with the ULS House Fundraising Dinner on 14th December 2018 at the Kampala Serena Hotel.

This Committee also set up a call centre for the purpose of mobilizing funds for the ULS House. To this effect, the Strategic Mobilisation committee had six meetings during the course of 2018, some of which were here held in partnership with the Investment Committee as well as the Membership Welfare and Social Affairs Committee. In fulfillment of this strategic direction, a number of consultative meetings were held with the cultural leaders of Bunyoro Kingdom, Lango Cultural Foundation, Ker Kwaro pa Acholi, Tooro Kingdom, Buganda Kingdom, Iteso Cultural Union, and Tieng Adohola.

Training and Professional Development Committee Chaired by Allan Nshimmye

Other members of the Committee include Isaac Newton Kyagaba, Fredrick Sentomero, Alex Matovu, Primah A. Kyamabadde, Owen Murangira, Daniel Lubogo, Julius Muhumuza, Eva Mugerwa, Albert Mooli, Kabubi Andrew, Kajubi Muhammad and Muhammad Mbabazi. During reporting period, the committee held (4) four meetings with the agenda of planning and finalizing the training program for 2018 and monitoring the implementation of CLE calendar.

The meetings achieved the following results:

1. The Committee identified and discussed the areas of training and methodology of delivering Continuing Legal Education to the membership; they also identified new training areas in the field of Delivering justice using the Human Rights Based Approach.
2. Through various ULS clusters, the Committee refined the training calendar and topics and identified more areas of training.
3. With the support of the Secretariat, the Committee was able to



develop up to twenty (20) training areas for the year 2018 which have been approved by the Law Council.

4. The ULS through this Committee entered into an MoU with the Ministry of Land, Housing and Urban Development. Among other things, the agreement stated that conveyancing work would be handled exclusively by advocates.

The Committee also experienced challenges including the following;

1. Many Lawyers are undertaking continuous trainings that are not coordinated by the ULS and Law Council. The requirement of 30 days notification to the Law Council of any training outside the one organized by ULS is not feasible as there are often delays in response from the Law Council regarding accreditations.

2. There were very few CLE trainings conducted upcountry making it difficult for lawyers to acquire CLE at a low cost.

3. Members and the ULS cluster are slow to respond to the call for proposals and recommendations on possible training areas.

4. There is little innovativeness in the introduction of new areas of training.

5. There are still members who continuously fail to fulfill the CLE requirements by the end of the year;

6. Credible and knowledgeable facilitators are costly in terms of facilitation allowance and sometimes travel.

Recommendations

1. There is need to work with ULS and the Law Council in a flexible manner to ensure that learning of members is accredited with CLE points. For instance, the concept of e-learning should be approved by the Law Council.

2. The Committee shall continue

to work on improving the planning of CLE training upcountry and at an affordable cost.

3. The Committee's desire to work on easing the accreditation of trainings by Law Council undertaken by lawyers out of the Uganda Law Society shall be pursued by ULS Secretariat.

4. The Committee with the help of ULS Secretariat shall increase involvement of the clusters of ULS in identification of training areas

5. The Committee recommends benchmarking visits to neighboring jurisdiction with the same legal system to identify best practices to improve the planning and management of CLE.

6. To enhance planning and implementation of CLE, regular review meetings to analyze rollout and administration of CLE will be held regularly.

7. It is the Committee's desire to undertake extensive and regular consultation with the Bench on performance of lawyers to inform training programmes.

8. It is recommended that the membership who continuously fail to fulfill the CLE requirements should be supported by the Secretariat by way of inquiry as to the reasons for non-compliance and how they can be supported to do better.

The Female Lawyers Committee- Chaired by Ms. Charlotte Nalumansi
Other members of this committee are; Primah Kwagala, Hellen Nakiryowa, Ann Karungi, Ninsiima Agatha, Bridget Nambooze, Doreen Nawaali, Birungi Kaburara, Rita Namakika, Winnie Walakira and Nicholas Mbabazi.

The Committee organized and undertook several activities during the review period. These included the following; LDC mentor-ship program; High Tea Event; DFCU Women in Business Financial Training Seminar in partnership with DFCU and the Extra Ordinary General Meeting on Abuse of

Human Rights by Security Organs - the Committee petitioned the President of ULS in this regard.

Young Lawyers Committee- Chaired by Ms. Diana Angwech

Other Committee members include Mr. Patrick Turinawe, Ms. Agatha Ninsiima, Mr. Ssali Alex, Mr. Barnabas Bamwerinde, Ms. Charlotte Nalumansi, Mr. Ruhinda Ronald, Ms. Peace Namuli, Mr. Mark Turyamureeba, Ms. Marion Angom, Ms. Salaama Nakasi, Mr. Mohamed Matovu and Mr. Joseph Agaba.

During the reporting period, the Committee held three meetings. As a result, the Committee registered several highlights which included; the launch of the first Young Lawyers Symposium, organising the financial growth management training, the launch of the Mentorship Program as well as preparation for the EALS young lawyers event scheduled for 2019.

However, the Committee faced challenges which included; the lack of participation of the young lawyers in general ULS activities, the lack of platforms for the young lawyers to air their views, the lack of finances for young lawyers' activities as well as inadequate support to coordinate and implement programs.

In this regard, the Committee recommends that moving forward; there should be a budget allocated for young lawyers' activities, the ULS should allocate at least three volunteers at the Secretariat to handle young lawyers' activities. The Committee also calls for increased participation of young lawyers through programs specifically targeted at young lawyers including the mentorship program.

The Rule of Law and Strategic Litigation Committee - Chaired by Dr. Daniel Ruhweza

Other members of this Committee are: Ms. Barbara Nambi, Mr. Nester Byamugisha, Mr. David Lewis, Mr. Eron

Kiiza, Mr. Michael Aboneka, Mr. Remmy G. Wamimbi, Ms. Diana Rutabingwa, and Mr. Daniel M. Walyemera, Mr. Andrew Karamagi, Mr. Mulalira Faisal Umar, Ms. Faridah Bukirwa, Ms. Patricia Atim Podong, Dr. Kabumba Busingye and Mr. Abdallah Kiwanuka. This Committee was set up among others to periodically evaluate the human rights and governance situation in Uganda, and to advise the Executive Council on the appropriate position the ULS should adopt. During the reporting period, the Committee in collaboration with the Rule of Law department continuously participated in the review of the state of the Rule of Law quarterly reports prior to their publication.

The Committee also undertook planning, coordination, conduct and providing input to the Rule of Law event concept note towards the 11th Annual Rule of Law day symposium held on 19th October 2018 and the 8th High Level Stakeholders' Breakfast meeting.

Research and Publications

Committee- Chaired by Mr. Didas Bakunzi

Other Members include:

Ms. Rebecca Atwiine, Mr. Moses Paul Sserwanga, Ms. Prossie Katongole Kyazze, Ms. Sheilla Kasolo, Ms. Sarah Kitonsa (Vice Chairperson) Ms. Suzan Wakabala Sylvia, Mr. Nicholas Muhangi, Mr. Robert Kiiza Opiya-Akinya, Mr. Moses Mulumba and Mr. Brian Kwame Emurwon

The Research and Publications Committee is charged with supporting and facilitating ULS activities in terms of preparation and publication of ULS Law Reports, carrying out research and preparing of policy briefs, supporting publication of newsletters, bulletin and any other relevant publication. In execution of its duties, the Committee operated in close cooperation with the Rule of Law Department.

In the reporting period, three meetings and a number of online meetings were held to revive, improve and revive the publication of the Uganda Law Society Law Reports.

The Committee edited the voluminous 2001-2011 Law Report focusing on election cases. It is comprised of decisions from the High Court, Appeals and Applications. A draft Law Report was compiled and awaits printing/publication. The Committee also spearheaded the simplification of the Anti-Corruption (Amendment) Act for printing and dissemination in 2019. The Committee during the reporting period faced a number of challenges including; the technicality of the work requiring a lot of attention to detail and the voluminous work requiring a lot of time. Having recommended a retreat, the Committee actually had one which enabled the successful completion of the ULS Election Law Report 2001-2011.

The Welfare and Social Affairs Committee - Chaired by Mr. Edwin Tumushime

The members of this committee are; Collin Talemwa, Daniel Evans Olwoch, Namulinda Peace, Namirembe Juliana, Max Manzi, Katuutu Charlotte, Nanyonjo Jamillah and Sam Kiriaghe.

The Committee worked closely with the Strategic Mobilization Committee and the Professional Development and Members' Affairs Department at the Secretariat to organize the members' welfare and social needs. During the period under review, the committee held three (3) meetings focused on planning of key events which included; the ULS House Fundraising events in partnership with the Strategic Mobilization Committee, pre AGM conference and the AGM and the Annual end of year dinner/ULS House Fundraising dinner.

Obituary:

On a sad note, the ULS lost the following members;

1. Late Chris Ndozireho
2. Late Kakuba Gerald
3. Late Mayanja Carol
4. Late Matovu C.W
5. Late Karibwende Edward
6. Late Alex Waibale
7. Late Rowland Mugisha
8. Late Valentine Magala
9. Late Peter Nyombi S.C (Hon)
10. Late Stella Nansikombi Mukasa

11. Late Medi Ssengooba
12. Late Amon Reeves K. Muzoora
13. Late Henry Oluka
14. Late John Rwankole



REPORTS FROM THE ULS REPRESENTATIVES TO VARIOUS BODIES.

Report of the ULS Representative to Mildmay Uganda - Mr. John Mugarura

In 2018, Mildmay Uganda continued to vigorously pursue its mission of modeling quality and sustainable prevention, care and treatment of HIV and other health priorities, using a family centered approach; together with training, education and research.

The ULS representative was part of the Mildmay AGM held on the 7th day of December 2018. Mildmay Uganda celebrated 20 years of life-saving work in Uganda. The year 2017/2018 marked the end of the Mildmay Uganda 2013/2018 Strategic Plan and the beginning of the new five year Strategic Plan (2018/2023).

Report of the ULS Representative to the Legal Aid Clinic Advisory Board (LDC) - Mr. Musa Mudoi

The Legal Aid Clinic Advisory Board (CAB), to which the Uganda Law Society (ULS) is represented is the governance advisory body of the Law Development Centre's Legal Aid Clinic (LAC). The ULS representative has full participation in the LDC Clinic Advisory Board meetings and selected committee meetings including the Programmes Committee, the Finance and Administration Committee (with Mr. Musa Mudoi as alternate chairperson) and the Human Resource Committee.

During the reporting period, the CAB received a new Chairperson – Hon. Justice Eva Luswata.

The Clinic provides legal education to post graduate bar students and legal aid services in Kampala, Fort portal, Iganga, Kibale, Kagadi, Mbarara and Masindi. The Clinic also implements targeted projects i.e. the Reconciliation program in the Courts of Law and the Diversion program.

The activities undertaken by LAC include; reviewing and developing an expanded ADR teaching curriculum, furnish the legal aid clinics with equipment and law books with support from the UNDP. The LDC decentralization process to opening up training centres in Lira, Arua, Mbale, and Mbarara kicked off with a center opening up in Mbarara.

Recommendations

1. Strategic and functional partnerships between LAC and the ULS Legal Aid Project are recommended to promote peer learning, benefit from synergies, and increase common resource mobilization.

2. South-to-south cooperation is recommended. Such extra-territorial partnerships for LAC and LAP are recommended with especially legal aid clinics within more developed and established jurisdictions for purposes of peer learning for instance, the Kwazulu Natal Legal Aid Clinic in South Africa, among others.

Report of the ULS Representatives to the Judicial Service Commission - Ms. Norah Motovu

The Judicial Service Commission (JSC) is a constitutional body set up among others to identify and advise the President of Uganda as the appointing authority on who to appoint as Justices and Registrars of Courts of Judicature.

In the year 2018, the following achievements among others were realised:

Appointment of Ms. Ruth Sebatindira to the Search and Recruitment Committee, 10 High Court Judges, 1 Chief Registrar and 5 Registrars. Furthermore, 7 Deputy Registrars, 4 Assistant Registrars, 18 Chief Magistrates and 17 Grade 1 Magistrates were appointed. The JSC also recorded a reduction in the number of complaints lodged

compared to 2017 against a high rate of disposal.

Other activities participated in include complaints handling, Public Legal Education and Court visits, legal and policy reforms and stakeholders engagements.

The JSC spearheaded the generation of proposals for the amendment of the 1995 Constitution of Uganda and the Judicial Service Act, supported the enactment of the Judiciary Administration Bill and worked on the Investigations Guide and Sanctioning Guide.

In order to ensure that the quality of judicial services continue to improve in Uganda members of the JSC organized several stakeholder meetings in which they provided feedback on various bottlenecks within the justice delivery system and recommendations on how these can be addressed.

Report from ULS representative on the Committee on Legal Education and Training of the Law Council of Uganda by Dr. Daniel Ruhweza

The Committee on Legal Education and Training of the Law Council of Uganda (CLET) is one of the critical committees of the Law Council.

In the reporting period, the Committee has met almost every quarter, inspected and entered into memoranda of understanding with various Universities with regards to maintaining standards of legal education, in conjunction with the Law Council, supervised the pre-entry examination into the Law Development Centre, made recommendations on how to amend the law and regulations to enable persons with foreign qualifications to practice in Uganda, considered applications by lawyers who wish to be granted special leave to accumulate

enough CLE points in order to renew their permits.

Recommendations

1. Advocates should try as much as possible to ensure that they accumulate the requisite number of CLE points for renewal of their practicing certificates. Failure to do so delays their renewal of practicing certificates, leading to some practice by quacks and related consequences.
2. Advocates are advised to adhere to the 30 day notice rule which requires them to notify the Law Council in case they plan to undertake a CLE course from an institution other than the ULS.
3. The physical status of law firms especially in the upcountry offices and in the central business district needs to be addressed. Inspections reveal that most law firms do not comply with the requirements set for the operation of the law firms. The result is a dent on the reputation of the profession and its members.
4. Institutions which wish to offer legal education as well as individuals who to pursue legal training elsewhere should seek advice from the Law Council before embarking on either offering the law degrees or commencing studies in institutions that will later be found to conflict with the law as it currently stands.
5. The Law Council should be ready to defend itself in light of the political and other sorts of interference in legal education and regulation. The ULS should embark on sensitization seminars to help the public and other stakeholders appreciate why the law on the aforementioned not only exists, but is necessary. This, however, should not prohibit the attempts to amend the law to be in tandem with global trends, regional agreements and the advances in technology.

Report from the ULS Representative to the Anti- Pornography Control Committee by Mr. Charles Darlton Opwonya

The Pornography Control Committee (PCC) was established under the Ant-Pornography Act, 2014. It is a nine-member Committee to which the ULS is represented. In lieu of its strategic agenda for 2017/2018, the Pornography Control Committee carried out the following activities during the review period;

1. Developed collaborations and working relationships with all relevant stakeholders that can help in the fight against this pornography.
2. Conducted public awareness and education campaigns.
3. Conducted regular inspection to apprehend and prosecute anybody or entertainment venues that produce, publish or sell pornography. In this regard, three Pornography offenders were apprehended and taken to Buganda Road Court.
4. The Committee initiated a number of collaboration frameworks with relevant stakeholders in the fight against pornography. This initiative started with the; cultural leaders, religious leaders, media fraternity, and producers and distributors of films.
5. A number of consultative meetings were held with the cultural leaders of Bunyoro Kingdom, Lango Cultural Foundation, Ker Kwaro pa Acholi, Tooro Kingdom, Buganda Kingdom, Iteso Cultural Union, and Tieng Adohola.
6. There were several sensitizations carried out in various secondary schools.

Report from ULS Representative to the Appointments Board Committee of Makerere University- Mr. Mbabaali Jude

The Appointments Board is provided for under Section 50 of the Universities and other Tertiary Institutions Act 2001 (as amended) as a Committee of Council. The Appointments Board handles all business relating to senior staff.

The Board's achievements during the review period included; the introduction of the position of graduate fellows, interviewing of applicants for academic positions, the synchronisation of job descriptions, the increase in promotions of both academic and non-academic staff by the university council on recommendation of the Appointments Board, the approval by the University Council on the recommendation of the Appointments Board that the payroll be managed by the Directorate of Human Resources assisted by a member from the Finance Department.

On the recommendation of the Appointments Board, Council also approved that all new appointments to the position of Assistant Lecturer be on contract terms of 4 years, renewable once.

In addition, the board developed practices of subjecting staff publications for promotion to an extensive assessment to ensure that the publications meet the requirements as specified in the Human Resources Manual and in the Policy of Appointments and Promotion of academic staff before the publications are sent for vetting. The board also implemented the new structure for technicians and secretaries which had been approved by council as well as conducting orientation/induction training for new members of staff in senior management positions.

Finally, the Appointments Board was instrumental in establishing the online application system, initiating the electronic presentation of the agenda for Board meetings and also introduced pedagogical skills training for academic members of staff.



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ANNUAL REPORT AND AUDITED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

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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. Uganda Law Society (The Society) is considered among the Leading Bar Associations in East and Central Africa. The Society currently has a registered membership of Two Thousand Nine Hundred Fourteen (2,914) advocates.

1.2 Vision, Mission and Goal

Vision

To be a Proficient Bar Association in Fostering Access to Justice, the Rule of Law and Good Governance in Uganda.

Mission

To Develop a Skilled and Empowered Legal Profession in execution of its Statutory Mandate to Foster and Improve Access to and Administration of Justice as well as Good Governance in Uganda

Goal

Efficient Legal Service Delivery to ensure Access to Justice and Observance of the Rule of Law for Positive Social Transformation.

1.3 Strategic Objectives of The Society

1. To promote members' professional development and ethical conduct.
2. To promote access to justice for Indigent, marginalized and vulnerable persons in Uganda.
3. To contribute to upholding and promoting the rule of law in Uganda.
4. To strengthen the institutional capacity of the Uganda Law Society to become a modern Bar Association.



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2.0 REPORT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2018

The Executive Council Members present their annual report together with the audited financial statements of The Society for the year ended 31 December 2018, which discloses the state of the affairs of Uganda Law Society.

PRINCIPAL ACTIVITIES

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

RESULTS


The operating results for the year.

	2018	2017
	UGX	UGX
Surplus / (Deficit) for the year	<u>57,511,771</u>	<u>(11,413,637)</u>

AUDITOR

The Uganda Law Society appoints the auditor at their Annual General Meeting.

By order of the Executive Council


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PRESIDENT
3rd April2019

3.0 STATEMENT OF THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

It is the responsibility of management of the Society to prepare financial statements for each financial year which give a true and fair view of the affairs of Uganda Law Society at the end of the year and the financial performance for that year. The Uganda Law Society Act [CAP.276] also requires the Executive Council to ensure that the Society maintains proper accounting records that disclose, with reasonable accuracy, the financial position of The Society. The Executive Council is also responsible for safeguarding the assets of The Society.

The Executive Council accepts responsibility for the preparation and fair presentation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatements whether due to fraud or error. They also accept responsibility for;

- i. designing, implementing and maintaining such internal controls as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.
- ii. selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies;
- iii. making accounting estimates and judgements that are reasonable in the circumstance.

The Executive Council members are of the opinion that the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of The Society's as at 31 December 2018 and of The Society's financial performance and cash flows for the year ended in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium sized Entities and the requirements of Uganda Law Society Act (Cap 276).

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

Approved by the Executive Council on..... 2019 signed on its behalf by:

PRESIDENT		Date: <u>3/4/19</u>
TREASURER		Date: <u>3/4/2019</u>
COUNCIL MEMBER		Date: <u>3/4/19</u>



4.0 REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE EXECUTIVE COUNCIL OF UGANDA LAW SOCIETY

Opinion

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Uganda Law Society (The Society) on pages 8 to 24 which comprises The Society's statement of financial position as at 31 December 2018 and the statement of Profit or Loss and Retained Earnings, the statement of changes in fund balances and the statement of cash flows for the year then ended and notes to the financial statements, including a summary of significant accounting policies.

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 31 December 2018 and of its financial performance and cash flows for the year then ended, comply with International Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium Entities (IFRS SME's) and Uganda Law Society Act [Cap.276].

Basis of the opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISAs). Our Responsibilities under those standards are further described in the Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements section of our report. We are independent of The Society in accordance with The International Ethics Standards Board for Accountants' Code of Ethics for Professional Accountants (IESBA Code) together with the ethical requirements that are relevant to our audit of the financial statements in Uganda, and have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements and the IESBA Code. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other information

The Executive Council is responsible for the other information. The other information comprises the report of the Executive Council, but does not include the financial statements and or our auditor's report thereon.

Our opinion on the financial statements does not cover the other information and we do not express any form of assurance conclusion, thereon.

In connection with our audit of the financial statements, our responsibility is to read the other information and, in doing so, consider whether the other information is materially inconsistent with the financial statements or our knowledge obtained in the audit, or otherwise appears to be materially misstated. If, based on the work we have performed, we conclude that there is a material misstatement of this other information, we are required to report that fact. We have nothing to report in this regard.

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Responsibilities of the Executive Council for the Financial Statements

The Executive Council Members are responsible for the preparation of Financial Statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the International Financial Reporting Standard for small and medium size entities and the Uganda Law Society's Act [Cap.276] and for such internal controls as the Executive Council Members determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, the Executive Council is responsible for assessing The Society's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless council either intends to liquidate The Society or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but do so.

Those charged with governance are responsible for overseeing The Society's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the audit of the financial statements.

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an audit report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing, we exercise professional judgement and maintain professional scepticism throughout the audit. We also:

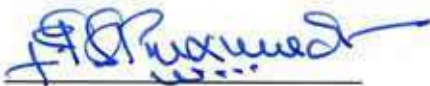
- i. Identify and assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, design and perform audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control.
- ii. Obtain an understanding of internal controls relevant to the audit 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 organisation's internal control.
- iii. Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the management.
- iv. Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern basis of accounting and based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the organisation's ability to continue as a going concern.



- v. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our audit report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the organisation to cease to continue as a going concern.
- vi. Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal controls that we identify during our audit.

The engagement Partner responsible for the audit resulting to this report of the independent auditor is Frederick Kibbedi (P0242)



Frederick Kibbedi (P0242)
Engagement Partner



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Kampala

Date: 4th Apr 2019

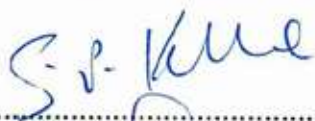
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5.0 STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

ASSETS	Notes	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
Non-Current Assets			
Property, Plant and Equipment	9.1	126,995,974	301,834,527
Current Assets			
Inventory	9.2	17,692,987	14,492,987
Prepayments	9.3	35,000,000	1,260,525
Receivables	9.4	174,890,058	127,610,381
Related Party Balances	9.5	-	316,250,478
Cash and Bank	9.6	1,832,323,387	1,193,965,197
		2,059,906,432	1,653,579,568
Total Assets		2,186,902,406	1,955,414,095
FUNDS AND LIABILITIES			
Funds			
General Fund	7	816,592,166	914,767,366
Capital Fund	7	126,995,975	301,834,528
Benevolent Fund	7	21,500,680	144,312,786
Development Fund	7	612,754,325	332,384,290
		1,577,843,146	1,693,298,970
Current Liabilities			
Payables	9.7	98,310,920	58,530,578
Deferred Income	9.8	504,906,840	197,453,047
Accruals	9.9	5,841,500	6,131,500
		609,059,260	262,115,125
Total Funds and Liabilities		2,186,902,406	1,955,414,095

The Financial Statements were approved by the Executive Council on 3rd April 2019 and signed on its behalf by:


..... PRESIDENT


..... TREASURER

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6.0 STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

	Notes	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
Income			
Revenue	9.1.10a	2,361,190,650	1,764,103,076
Project Grants	9.1.10b	3,689,477,097	3,250,194,248
Other ULS Income	9.1.10c	295,669,933	192,854,385
Total Income		6,346,337,680	5,207,151,709
Operating and other expenditure			
ULS Operating Costs	9.11	2,649,536,571	1,918,864,531
Project Operating Costs	9.12	3,639,289,338	3,299,700,815
Total Operating and Other Expenditure		6,288,825,909	5,218,565,346
Operating Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		57,511,771	(11,413,637)
Net Surplus / (Deficit) for the year		57,511,771	(11,413,637)
Accumulated fund / Retained earnings			
As at 1 January		1,693,298,970	1,704,712,607
Disposal of Building		(172,967,595)	
Net Surplus / (deficit) for the year		57,511,771	(11,413,637)
As at 31 December, 2018		1,577,843,146	1,693,298,970

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7.0 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS

7.1. Year ended 31 December 2018

	General fund UGX	Capital Fund UGX	Benevolent Fund UGX	Development fund UGX	Total Funds UGX
Balance at 01 January	914,767,366	301,834,528	144,312,786	332,384,290	1,693,298,970
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	57,511,771	-	-	-	57,511,771
Transfers from Benevolent fund (ULS) to General fund	122,812,106	-	(122,812,106)	-	-
Transfer from/to Development (ULS House)	(233,005,360)	-	-	233,005,360	-
Transfer from/to Development fund (Building A/c)	(47,364,675)	-	-	47,364,675	-
Disposal of Building	-	(172,967,595)	-	-	(172,967,595)
Additions of Property, Plant & Equipment	-	17,004,420	-	-	17,004,420
Depreciation charge	1,870,958	(18,875,378)	-	-	(17,004,420)
Balance at 31 December 2018	816,592,166	126,995,975	21,500,680	612,754,325	1,577,843,146

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7.0 STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN MEMBERS FUNDS

7.2. Year ended 31 December 2017

	General fund UGX	Capital Fund UGX	Benevolent Fund UGX	Development fund UGX	Total Funds UGX
Balance at 01 January	1,192,861,544	325,320,442	72,593,691	113,936,930	1,704,712,607
Surplus/(deficit) for the year	(11,413,637)	-	-	-	(11,413,637)
Transfers from General fund to Benevolent fund (ULS)	9,258,500	-	(9,258,500)	-	-
Transfers from General fund to Benevolent fund (UNHCR)	(80,977,595)	-	80,977,595	-	-
Transfers from General fund to Development fund	(218,447,360)	-	-	218,447,360	-
Additions of Property, plant & equipment	-	20,108,794	-	-	20,108,794
Depreciation charge	23,485,914	(43,594,708)	-	-	(20,108,794)
Balance at 31 December 2017	914,767,366	301,834,528	144,312,786	332,384,290	1,693,298,970

8.0 STATEMENT OF CASHFLOWS

	Notes	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
CASHFLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES			
(Deficit)/Surplus for the year		57,511,771	(11,413,637)
Adjustments for:			
Depreciation on assets	9.1	18,875,378	43,594,708
Interest income		(10,092,000)	(10,126,440)
Profit/ Loss on disposals		-	(90,000)
		<u>66,295,149</u>	<u>21,964,631</u>
Changes in working capital:			
(Increase) / Decrease in Prepayments		(33,739,475)	12,929,849
(Increase) / Decrease in Receivables		(47,279,677)	(98,203,896)
Decrease / (Increase) in Related Party Receivables		316,250,478	118,289,610
(Increase) / Decrease in Inventory		(3,200,000)	1,568,333
Increase / (Decrease) in Payables		346,944,135	(884,989,709)
(Decrease)/ Increase in Related Party Payables		-	(10,704,400)
		<u>645,270,610</u>	<u>(839,145,582)</u>
CASHFLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES			
Purchase of Property, Plant and Equipment	9.1	(17,004,420)	(20,108,794)
Proceeds from sale of Equipment		-	90,000
Interest received		10,092,000	10,126,440
		<u>(6,912,420)</u>	<u>(9,892,354)</u>
Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalents		<u>638,358,190</u>	<u>(849,037,936)</u>
Movement in Cash and Cash Equivalent			
Balance as at 1 January	9.6	1,193,965,197	2,043,003,133
Net Increase in Cash and Cash Equivalent		<u>638,358,190</u>	<u>(849,037,936)</u>
Balance as at 31st December 2018	9.6	<u>1,832,323,387</u>	<u>1,193,965,197</u>

9.0 SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

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

General Information

The Society is a corporate body established by the Uganda Law Society Act [Cap.276] with perpetual succession and common seal. Uganda Law Society is considered among the Leading Bar Associations in East and Central Africa. The Society currently has Two thousand six hundred and sixteen registered advocates.

Basis of Preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with international Financial Reporting Standard for Small and Medium – sized Entities. (IFRS for SMEs)

The financial statements are presented in the functional and reporting currency, Uganda Shillings (UGX).

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

Going Concern

The financial performance of The Society is set out in the report of the Executive Council and in the statement of Profit or Loss and Retained Earnings. The financial position of The Society is set out in the Statement of Financial Position.

Based on the financial performance and position of The Society and its risk management policies, the members are of the opinion that The Society is well placed to continue in operation for the foreseeable future and as a result the financial statements are prepared on a going concern basis.

(i) Financial instruments

Financial instruments include investments in fixed deposits and securities. These are recognized at fair value. After initial recognition, they are subsequently reported at fair value every reporting date in accordance with IFRS for SMEs.

(ii) Donor Income

Revenue comprises the fair value of the consideration received or receivable from donors.

- i) Grants for restricted purposes and for specified funded projects are recognised when received and spent on qualifying activities. Any unutilised grants are recognised as deferred income and any excess expenditure over income is recorded as grants receivable at year end where there is commitment of additional funds from grant providers to cover such expenditure
- ii) All other donations are accounted for on a cash receipt basis unless there are committed funds or pledged funds that are receivable.
- iii) Interest income is accrued by reference to time under the effective interest method.
- iv) Other income is recognised upon performance of the services rendered.

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(iii) Revenue 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.

(iv) Capital grants

This represents funds received for purchase of property and equipment's or the value of such property and equipment that are granted to The Society. The initial amount is credited to a deferred income account known as capital grants. The balance is amortised to income annually at an amount equal to that of depreciating the assets purchased with the grants.

(v) Deferred income

Grant Income is deferred where it has been received to fund specific future expenditure.

(vi) Property and equipment

All property, plant and equipment are stated at historical cost less depreciation. The depreciation will be calculated as a percentage of the acquisition price according to the straight-line method to write off the cost to their residual value over the estimated economic life span as follows.

Subsequent costs are included in the asset's carrying amount or recognised as a separate asset, as appropriate, only when is probable that future economic benefits associated with the item will follow to The Society and the cost can be reliably measured. The carrying amount of the replaced part is derecognised. All other repairs and maintenance are charged to the Statement of Profit or Loss and Retained Earnings during the financial period in which they are incurred.

	% Rate	Lease Period
Leasehold land	-	7 years remaining
Buildings	4	
Law Books	25	
Computers & Accessories	33.3	
Furniture & Fittings	12.5	
Office Equipment	12.5	
Motor Vehicles	25	
Motor cycles & Generator	25	

Where the carrying amount of an asset is greater than its estimated recoverable amount, it is written down immediately to its recoverable amount.

The assets residual values and useful lives are reviewed, and adjusted if appropriate, at each statement of financial position date.



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Gains and losses on disposal of property and equipment are determined by comparing the proceeds with the carrying amount and are taken into account in determining operating surplus / (deficit).

(vii) FUNDS

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 & equipment as at 31 December 2018.

Benevolent Fund

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

Development Fund

This fund represents members' contributions towards future development projects.

(viii) Project commitments

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

(ix) Cash and Cash Equivalents

For purposes of the statement of cash flows, cash and cash equivalents comprise of cash in hand, deposit held at call with banks, and financial assets with maturities of less than 91 days, net of bank overdrafts, money market line and restricted cash balances.

Restricted cash balances are those balances that The Society cannot use for working capital purposes as they have been placed as a lien to secure borrowings.

In the statement of financial position, bank overdrafts are included within borrowings in the current liabilities.

(x) Receivables

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

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(xi) Payables

Accruals and other payables are obligations on the basis of normal credit terms and do not bear interest.

Payables denominated in foreign currency are translated into functional currency using the exchange rate at the reporting date. The resulting differences from conversion and translation are dealt with in Profit or Loss and Retained Earnings in the year in which they arise.

(xii) Staff Benefits (NSSF)

Uganda Law Society and employees contribute to a statutory pension scheme, National Social Security Fund (NSSF). This is a defined contribution scheme registered under the National social security Fund act. Uganda Law Society's obligations under the scheme are limited to specific contributions legislated from time to time and are currently 10% of the employees' gross salary.

The Uganda Law Society contributions are charged to the statement of Profit or loss and other comprehensive income in the period to which they relate.

(xiii) Comparatives

Where necessary, comparative figures have been adjusted to confirm with changes in presentation in the current year.



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9.1. PROPERTY, PLANT & EQUIPMENT

COST:	Land Leasehold UGX	Buildings UGX	Law Books UGX	Motor Vehicles UGX	Motor Cycle & Generator UGX	Computers & Accessories UGX	Furniture & Fittings UGX	Total UGX
At 01 January 2018.	155,111,000	308,632,121	1,600,000	73,000,000	30,205,468	99,106,778	157,839,606	825,494,973
Additions	-	-	-	-	-	15,304,420	1,700,000	17,004,420
Written off	-	(308,632,121)	-	-	-	-	-	(308,632,121)
At 31 December 2018.	155,111,000	-	1,600,000	73,000,000	30,205,468	114,411,198	159,539,606	533,867,272
DEPRECIATION								
01 January 2018.	84,376,442	135,664,526	1,599,000	72,999,000	29,330,468	85,299,996	114,391,014	523,660,446
Charge for the Year	10,104,861	-	-	-	874,000	3,627,903	4,268,614	18,875,378
Written off	-	(135,664,526)	-	-	-	-	-	(135,664,526)
At 31 December 2018.	94,481,303	-	1,599,000	72,999,000	30,204,468	88,927,899	118,659,628	406,871,298
NET BOOK VALUE:								
At 31 December 2018.	60,629,697	-	1,000	1,000	1,000	25,483,299	40,879,978	126,995,974
At 31 December 2017.	70,734,558	172,967,595	1,000	1,000	875,000	13,806,782	43,448,592	301,834,527

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	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
9.2. INVENTORY		
Professional gowns	525,000	525,000
T-Shirts	1,893,797	1,893,797
Car Tyre covers	45,000	45,000
Law Reports	6,450,000	6,450,000
Professional Shirts	37,000	37,000
Corporate Shirts	3,935,800	735,800
Lapel Pins	4,776,390	4,776,390
Flaps	30,000	30,000
Total	17,692,987	14,492,987
9.3. PREPAYMENTS		
Insurance	-	435,525
Brands made to last	-	825,000
Office Rent	32,000,000	-
Web-hosting	3,000,000	-
Total	35,000,000	1,260,525
9.4. RECIEVABLES		
SAJCEA Project	-	10,312,500
DGF Project	58,461,829	61,593,943
IRC Project	21,185,000	-
Buganda Land Board Advance	2,500,000	2,500,000
Bwiruka Richard	5,710,600	-
	250,000	-
Law Development Centre - Amnesty Law Project.	50,000	27,050,000
Wambi Tom Shisa	7,574,800	10,574,800
Verma Jivram & Associates	2,000,000	2,000,000
Adriko Moses	396,000	-
Kagugube Simon	21,600	-
Kampala Capital City Authority	720,000	-
Mugisha John Mary	2,625,000	-
Kihika John Oscar	1,625,000	-
Kyerere Bruce Kwarisiima	575,000	-
Ocuga Francis	150,000	-
Sempijja Mike	250,000	-
Sekidde Ronald	500,000	-
Uganda Revenue Authority	3,368,000	-
Parliament of Uganda	3,000,000	-
UNHCR Project.	-	4,063,638
UN-Women project	47,050,616	5,415,000
GiLAT Telecom Uganda Ltd	7,000,000	-
Imran Advocates	2,000,000	-
Africa's Great Explorations	1,669,613	-
International Bar Association	6,207,000	-
East Africa Law Society	-	4,100,500
Total	174,890,058	127,610,381



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9.5. RELATED PARTY BALANCES	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
Legal Aid Project (LAP) Receivables	-	316,250,478
Legal Aid Project (LAP) Payables	-	-
Total	-	316,250,478

9.6. CASH AND BANK BALANCES	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
Stanbic Bank- Continuing Legal Education/ULS	16,555,551	8,765,980
Standard Chartered Bank - Operating account	107,039,720	224,547,152
Standard Chartered Bank - Building Fund account	379,748,965	332,384,290
Standard Chartered Bank - Benevolent Fund account	21,500,680	144,312,786
Standard Chartered Bank - DGF account	301,779,816	-
Standard Chartered Bank - CBA	24,584,452	37,077,411
Standard Chartered Bank - McArthur Project	247,520,737	247,954,487
DFCU Bank - Continuing Legal Education /ULS	141,433,228	34,353,287
DFCU Bank - Uganda Law Society/JLOS	291,719,703	164,569,804
Standard Chartered Bank - IRC Project	67,435,175	-
Standard Chartered Bank - ULS House Project	233,005,360	-
Total Cash and Bank Balances	1,832,323,387	1,193,965,197

NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (CONTINUED)

9.7. PAYABLES	2018 UGX	2017 UGX
Other payables	6,669,819	-
Prepaid Membership IDs	-	1,100,000
Kampala Capital City Authority	-	6,623,000
Judicial Service Commission	263,760	-
National Water & Sewerage Corporation	83,760	83,760
Kyambogo University	5,133,000	5,813,000
Continuing Legal Education	580,000	580,000
Uganda Registration Services Bureau	900,000	900,000
National Drug Authority	-	1,204,000
Birungyi Barata Associates	120,000	120,000
Uganda Christian Lawyer's Fraternity	140,000	860,000
Esella Country Hotel	18,690,600	-
Delta FM	1,000,000	-
Vision Radio	1,000,000	-
Voice of Karamoja	1,200,000	-
Parliament Legal Department	-	3,240,150
Insurance Regulatory Authority	530,000	530,000
Sheraton Kampala Hotel	-	7,265,000
TPS (Uganda) Ltd	1,805,260	-
Hotel Africana Limited	8,661,200	-
Kamuli Broadcasting Services	3,600,000	-
Hatch Concepts	-	4,200,000
Uganda Telecom Limited	277,940	132,750
East Africa Law Society	3,211,565	908,915
Expression Printers & Stationers Ltd.	531,000	-
Fortunate Kwiringira	9,200,000	-
Fred Bazarrabusa	3,900,000	-
Legal Aid Project - Moroto Clinic.	350,000	-
Legal Aid Project Mbarara Clinic	490,000	-
Ministry of Internal Affairs	786,553	11,286,553
PKF Taxation Services	2,360,000	-
Reflective Impressions Ltd	18,135,250	-
Uganda National Roads Authority	1,628,000	1,816,000
Uganda Revenue Authority	152,000	152,000
Bank of Uganda	6,911,213	11,715,450
Total	98,310,920	58,530,578



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9.8. DEFERRED INCOME	2018	2017
	UGX	UGX
Prepaid Membership Fees	10,500,000	22,700,000
UNHCR Project	-	80,977,595
UN Women Project	1,596,108	1,657,066
KMF Project	-	16,955,300
DGF Project (Probono, LAP & Moroto)	315,171,595	-
JLOS project	112,148,470	-
SIRD Project	32,251,152	37,077,411
Patongo Project	33,239,515	38,085,675
Total	504,906,840	197,453,047
9.9. ACCRUALS		
Audit Fees	5,841,500	5,841,500
M/s Henry B. Kizito	-	290,000
Total	5,841,500	6,131,500

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS

9.1.10a. Revenue	2018 Actual UGX	2018 Budget UGX	2017 Actual UGX
Subscriptions	1,457,390,000	1,455,000,000	1,046,400,000
Subscriptions Arrears	18,400,000	20,000,000	26,800,000
ULS House	139,027,000	3,140,626,000	
Legal Regalia Income	3,600,000	2,000,000	4,151,667
Continuing Legal Education Trainings	520,226,150	737,020,000	518,586,509
ULS Reports Vol I & II	-	100,000	140,000
Sponsorships	178,015,500	180,000,000	89,940,400
Female Lawyer's Dinner	22,440,000	22,440,000	60,958,060
Bank Interest Received	10,092,000	10,000,000	10,126,440
Nomination Fees	12,000,000	11,000,000	7,000,000
	2,361,690,650	5,578,186,000	1,764,103,076
9.1.10b. Project Grants & Donations			
Legal Aid Projects - McArthur Project	-	247,954,487	651,858,272
UN - Women Grants	289,089,040	243,634,532	396,969,533
JLOS - Grants	617,851,530	480,000,000	138,000,000
DGF Projects - DANIDA	2,058,783,273	2,602,287,789	1,700,980,863
Patongo Project	27,827,500	61,067,015	41,696,229
Canadian Bar Association - SIRD	306,627,859	338,879,011	192,532,589
UNHCR Project	80,977,595	80,977,595	124,322,162
KMF Project	38,397,550	38,397,550	-
IRC Project	269,922,750	269,922,750	3,840,200
Sub-Total	3,689,477,097	4,363,120,729	3,250,194,248
9.1.10c. Other ULS Income			
Biddings	6,960,000	-	-
Sundry Incomes	2,653,300	-	1,074,100
Annual Lawyer's Ball/Dinner	88,050,000	56,000,000	42,180,000
Profit on Disposal of Assets	-	-	90,000
Exhibition Fees	4,000,000	4,000,000	4,892,000
Project Administrative contributions	194,006,633	206,457,705	144,618,285
Sub-Total	295,669,933	266,457,705	192,854,385
Total Revenue	6,346,337,680	10,207,764,434	5,207,151,709



NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS.

9.11. ULS Operating Costs	2018	2018	2017
	Actual. UGX	Budget. UGX	Actual. UGX
Salaries and Wages	481,649,514	485,666,702	357,531,619
10% NSSF Contribution	47,820,424	50,183,626	34,051,822
Staff Welfare & Benevolent	144,084,000	163,884,000	125,741,269
Printing and Stationery	30,359,734	37,500,000	23,906,970
Telephone, Internet and Postage	58,076,599	61,022,000	44,811,881
Automobile & Local Travel	28,017,700	39,906,400	31,683,100
Conferences & Annual General Meeting	254,856,538	261,981,640	235,017,885
Promotion, Advertising and Publicity	5,081,100	6,900,000	9,128,001
Audit Fees	5,841,500	6,500,000	5,841,000
Bank Charges	11,175,393	12,000,000	8,636,310
Members Benevolent & Social Responsibility	12,960,680	14,000,000	14,868,000
Property Recurrent, Insurance & Security	15,204,445	21,600,000	27,762,807
Organizational Subscriptions	13,682,450	22,000,000	14,571,400
Planning and Monitoring	35,255,010	54,120,000	47,099,960
Social Events (Open day and Dinner)	95,130,300	139,550,000	122,766,500
Utilities (Water and Electricity)	15,181,733	15,840,000	20,887,409
Repairs and Maintenance	13,509,226	31,200,000	32,453,160
Office Supplies	30,584,764	34,000,000	24,671,563
Hospitality	2,885,400	4,000,000	1,998,500
Travel & Networking	95,650,660	112,550,000	63,778,042
Publications (Magazines and Annual reports, DSTv)	15,000,000	15,000,000	9,200,000
Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Trainings	583,419,864	600,000,000	403,564,185
Resource Centre Expenses	1,361,000	1,600,000	2,060,000
Consultancy	2,360,000	6,000,000	2,685,800
Fundraising Proposal Writing/Resource Mobilization	3,403,710	5,000,000	5,104,200
Strategic Planning	-	-	1,920,000
Capacity Building	28,487,600	37,000,000	22,036,000
Information Acquisition & Dissemination	-	3,300,000	1,099,000
IT Section Costs	25,753,450	53,475,900	31,574,050
Depreciation Expense	18,875,378	-	43,594,708
Rule of Law & Human Rights	56,135,200	57,385,532	74,482,940
M&E Result Based Framework	-	-	49,627,450
DSTV expenses	259,500	646,400	418,000
Software Finance & HR Systems	-	-	12,000,000
Office Rent	16,000,000	16,000,000	-
ULS House Expenses	23,916,275	-	-
ULS Ceremonial gowns	477,557,424	428,800,721	12,291,000
Sub - Total	2,649,536,571	2,798,612,921	1,918,864,531

NOTES TO THE STATEMENT OF PROFIT OR LOSS AND RETAINED EARNINGS.

9.12. Project Operating Costs	2018 Actual. UGX	2018 Budget. UGX	2017 Actual. UGX
Legal Aid Projects - McArthur Project Expenses	27,433,750	247,954,487	511,384,331
JLOS Project Expenses	617,851,530	730,000,000	242,803,576
DGF Projects (LAP, Probono and Moroto)	2,058,783,273	2,844,590,623	1,775,756,087
Canadian Bar Association/ SAJCEA Project	-	-	8,466,236
Canadian Bar Association - SIRD Project	306,454,359	338,879,011	194,462,461
Patongo Project Expenses	27,827,500	61,067,015	41,696,229
UN Women Project Expenses	289,089,040	235,253,084	396,969,533
UNHCR Project	81,017,538	80,977,595	124,322,162
KMF Project	32,999,673	38,397,550	3,840,200
IRC Project	197,832,675	269,922,751	-
Sub-total	<u>3,639,289,338</u>	<u>4,847,042,116</u>	<u>3,299,700,815</u>



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