

THE MEMBERS FIRST



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The President's Message

President Bernard Oundo

Dear Esteemed ULS Member,

We are honored as the Council to share with you the First ULS Newsletter which will serve as the key communication mode highlighting the work that has been done and the journey ahead.

The South African phrase “Vuk’uzenzele” which means essentially “Get up, get out there and go for it!” reflects the attitude that we as a Council have decided to adopt to serve our members.

Serving our members is our number one priority and in the last 30 days, we have recorded the following milestones:

- Initiated automation of ULS systems that will enable ULS members seamlessly access services offered by the ULS.

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- Introduced an affordable rate for Continuing Legal Education (CLE) for our young lawyers to enable them access our CLEs.
 - Allocated 50 million Uganda shillings as seed fund to the ULS Savings and Credit Cooperative Society (SACCO) which will be used to mobilise funds and lend to members capital at competitive rates.
 - Allocated 50 Million Uganda Shillings as seed fund to the Benevolent Fund which will be set up to assist the members who are sick to meet a portion of their medical bills and provide financial support to the families of the deceased members and support their children up to tertiary education.
 - Increased ULS contribution from UGX 500,000 to UGX 3,000,000 to families of deceased members pending the drafting of a policy that will guide and provide the level of support to the families.
 - Launched the Second Quarterly Rule of Law Report which has highlighted the progress made and the threats to the rule of law.
 - Advocated for the need to respect Court orders and independence of the judiciary.
 - Spoken out on the unconstitutionality of the implementation of the Computer Misuse (Amendment) Act 2022
 - Engaged different key stakeholders with a view of strengthening support to the ULS and our partnership.

In the coming month, we will be focusing on restructuring our committees and clusters to enable them support the ULS in meeting its core objectives.

Finally, on behalf of the Council, allow me to thank you for entrusting us with the mandate to serve you. I also thank the Secretariat for supporting us during the transition and allowing us to settle in.



Message From The C.E.O

Moses Okwalinga

On behalf of the secretariat, allow me to welcome you to the very first edition of the newsletter under the new executive council. **MEMBERS FIRST NEWSLETTER!**

Over the past 30 days, the secretariat under the guidance of the Executive Council has worked tirelessly to fulfill the ULS mandate.

We are grateful to the membership for their support that enabled us make significant progress.

I also extend my gratitude to the Executive Council that fully supported the secretariat in executing its mandate as well as the gallant ladies and gentlemen at the secretariat with whom I have served and delivered. I am so proud of what we have been able to achieve thus far.

The last 30 days have been action packed with several stakeholder engagements deliberately structured to bring value to the membership and the public at large.

As the year draws to a close, your secretariat has drawn a comprehensive calendar that includes professional development and networking events for the membership. These have been shared on your Emails but for emphasis are also included in this newsletter. We invite you to pick interest and get involved.

Lastly, I implore us to observe the SOPs to control and curb the spread of COVID 19 and Ebola viruses. Together we can stay free from these pandemics. I hope you enjoy this first edition of our newsletter.

Meet The ULS Secretariat Here To Serve You





Pheona Wall Finishes Strong

Pheona Wall President Emeritus and Past Council Achievements

After two years of service during a tumultuous period characterised by the COVID-19 pandemic, Pheona Wall, President Emeritus took a bow. We thank her and her Council for their to service ULS and the Country.

Below are some of the notable achievements from her time in office.

1. Kicked off the ULS House construction.
2. Signed an MOU with Buganda Kingdom to create joint collaborations for resource mobilization for access to justice, ADR, and advocacy for the legal aid bill.
3. Signed a MOU with Attorney General Alliance

in which young lawyers would benefit from several resources provided by AGA.

4. Established the ULS Medicare Scheme primarily to provide health insurance designed to assist it's members meet hospital/medical costs.
5. Signed MoU with Crane Management Properties to provide discounted office space to ULS Members.
6. Introduced the online ULS Young Lawyers Mentorship series.
7. Launched the Trade Mediation Centers in partnership with Buganda Kingdom in Masaka, Mpigi and Entebbe where the Kingdom provided free offices for ULS and ULS Members are now

volunteering to advise the SMEs as they market themselves.

8. Negotiated a 10% discount on all member tickets for Uganda AIRLINES for trainings and conferences abroad.

9. Championed new partnerships to support the Legal Aid Project

10. Obtained 10,000 pounds for the Prison Decongestion Project from IBA

11. Fought for the rescue of some members who were wrongfully arrested.

- Counsel Ambrose Tebyasa
- Counsel Muwada Nkuningi

The Outgoing Council

Thank you



Pheona Nabasa-Wall
President



Diana Angwech
Vice President



Rita Namaklika-Nangono
Hon. Secretary



Shane Gloria Mugenga
Treasurer



Chemisto Shualb
Council Member-
Central Region



Asingwire Martin
Council Member-
Eastern Region



Jimmy Madira
Council Member-
Northern Region



Barekensi Franco
Council Member-
Western Region



Suuza R. John Bosco
Representative of the
Attorney General



Stella Nyandria
Representative of the
Solicitor General



ULS Elects

New Leadership

Members of Uganda Law Society, on September 16, 2022 elected their new leaders. The election of the new leaders was preceded by The Uganda Law Society Annual General Meeting that was held in Entebbe under the theme *“Challenges of Using E-Systems in Adjudication: What Lawyers need to know”*

Mr. Bernard Oundo emerged as the winner of the highly contested position for the presidency, beating five other candidates.

The other presidential candidates performed as follows: Ms Diana Ninsiima with 723 votes, Outgoing Vice President, Ms Diana Angwech had 151 votes, Mr. Swaib Chemisto(133), Ms Olivia Kyarimpa(52), and Mr Mukuye Mugagga (15)



BERNARD OUNDO
1056 Votes



DIANA NINSIIMA K.
723 Votes



DIANA ANGWECH
151 Votes



CHEMISTO SUAIB
133 Votes



OLIVIA KYARIMPA
52 Votes



MUKUVE MUGAGA K.
15 Votes

ULS PRESIDENTIAL ELECTIONS RESULTS

#ULS DECIDES 2022

Counsel Oundo succeeded Ms. Pheona Wall, who has been at the helm of ULS for two years.

Meet The New Executive Council

2022-2023



Bernard Oundo
President



Martin Asingwire
Vice President



Isaac Atukunda
Honorary
Secretary



**Isaac Newton
Kyagaba**
Treasurer



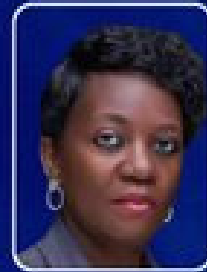
Allan Musasire
Rep. Western
Region



Jimmy Madira
Rep. Northern
Region



Obedo Deo Gracious
Rep. Eastern
Region



Fatuma Omar
Rep. Central
Region



John Bosco Suuza
Attorney General
Representative



Stella Nyandria
Solicitor General
Representative

In his acceptance speech, President Oundo applauded the outgoing Executive Council for their service to the society. He promised to be “A President for All”, work towards improving the members’ welfare and the promotion of the rule of law in the country.

Ms. Pheona Wall, President Emeritus in her remarks shortly after the polls thanked the Executive Council she had been working with for the past two years.

“I want to applaud all the council members that I have served with during my time as ULS President.”

She thanked the ULS Membership for their support during the Covid-19 Period, the different initiatives they started and most importantly starting to build the ULS House.

Honourable Kiryowa Kiwanuka, Attorney General of Uganda who graced the AGM as Guest of Honor thanked all the members for their commitment to the society and reaffirmed their role while asking them to represent the fraternity well.

Meet President Bernard Oundo

Bernard Oundo is the Managing Partner Uganda that specialised in project finance and public private partnership advisory. He is the outgoing President of the East Africa Law Society, a position that he has held since 2020.

Bernard is the Chairman of the African Union African Peer Review Mechanism (APRM) Network of Non-State Actors.

He previously worked with Uganda’s Ministry of Finance, Planning and Economic Development for ten years, first as a Legal Advisor with the Privatisation Unit and later as a Legal Expert with the Public-Private Partnership Unit (PPP Unit), which he pioneered. He left the PPP Unit in 2016 to set up a private PPP specialist law firm and was subsequently appointed as a temporary Consultant with the World Bank - Infrastructure, Public Private Partnerships and Guarantees Divi-

sion for a period of two years. During that time, he was part of a team that undertook Uganda’s PPP Readiness Diagnostic which determined the gaps and weaknesses in the overall PPP legal and institutional framework and proposed solutions to be undertaken by the Government of Uganda to support the development of a sustainable PPP programme and also developed the PPP transparency and disclosure framework for Uganda.

As a Project Finance specialist, President Oundo has advised on a number of projects including on the first toll road PPP Project in Uganda – the Kampala- Entebbe Expressway, the Uganda-Kenya- Tanzania Rwanda Northern Corridor Standard Gauge Railway Line, the Crude Oil Pipeline and transmission lines. In Southern Africa, he has advised on the Public Private Partnership viability

assessment for selected airports in Zambia and Malawi.

He holds an LLM (Hons) with Distinction from the University of Dundee, an LLM from Makerere University, a Post Graduate Diploma in Legal Practice from the Law Development Centre and a First Class LLB (Hons) from Uganda Christian University, Mukono.

President Oundo is a Certified Public Private Partnership Specialist, having completed the Public Private Partnership Certified Specialist Program with the Institute of Public Private Partnerships, Loughborough University. He has also recently completed the Post Graduate Diploma in International Construction Contracts from the Université Paris II Panthéon-Assas.

New Council Mandate

The new Council promises to offer Exceptional leadership that ULS Members deserve.

The new Executive Council has pledged to ***“Transform the Uganda Law Society into a modern, respectable and fearless Bar association”***.

To support its members during the challenging economic times in which several law firms have either closed or are struggling financially.

The new Executive Council will focus on four key areas which will propel ULS forward.

1. A Member-Focused and Benevolent ULS.
2. Advocate for the Rule of Law and Fair Administration of Justice, first by ensuring that no one is left behind in the digital transformation, and secondly raising support for ULS activities from partners and the general public.
3. Protect and Expand Uganda’s legal practice environment so that it can interact with the region in a more valuable way.
4. Active and thriving ULS members at all levels.

Council's achievements in



1. On Benevolent Contribution

The Council has also approved a seed fund of UGX 50M into the benevolent fund. A committee will be appointed to prepare a Benevolent fund policy which will exist to support members who are in need. It will also provide for the funeral, pay a token of last expenses to the family of the deceased and support the education of their children up to tertiary level. The fund will also cater for members who require financial assistance to offset medical expenses incurred during illness. The policy will provide and guide the disbursement of funds in the event of sickness by members.

The Council has also increased the ULS benevolent contribution from Uganda shillings Five hundred thousand (500,000) to Uganda Shillings Three Million (3,000,000) pending establishment of a committee and policy in respect of the same.

2. On Members Welfare

The Council has approved a seed fund of UGX 50M into the ULS SACCO which will Mobilise funds, lend to members and avail other financial services at competitive and affordable rates. The mechanism of how this will work will be determined by the SACCO Committee

3. Continuing Legal Education: A special Continuing Legal Education fee rate to enable young lawyers attend has been introduced. Engagement with stakeholders like UNICAF to exploit the possibility of members having specialized short course certification trainings with accredited CLE points or even Masters Degree Programs at a discount.

4. Rule of Law; The new President has taken keen interest and a stand on the Rule of Law Governance through statements made by on the Computer Misuse Amendment Act and advising the Chief Justice Alfonse Owiny-Dollo and Justice Esther Kisaakye to settle their differences out of court. The President has spoken out on the rule of law violations, launched the second quarterly report

which among others highlights rule of law violations and the need for an Independent Judiciary.

5. The ULS has spoken out on the Computer Misuse Amendment Act and will challenge it in court.

6. On Strengthening ULS systems- The Council has started the automation of ULS systems that will allow each member to have a ULS portal that will allow better service delivery.

ULS Training

President Bernard Oundo attended the last day of the Law Firm Management Training and congratulated all participants for successfully completing this resourceful training.



AFRICAN CORPORATE AND GOVERNMENT COUNSEL FORUM

At the African Corporate & Government Counsel Forum that took place on 13-14th September in Kampala, President Bernard Oundo while speaking encouraged attendees to develop the spirit of Pan-Africanism across the continent. He also encouraged the attendees to work together, share resources and knowledge to better navigate the evolving legal and operational landscape.

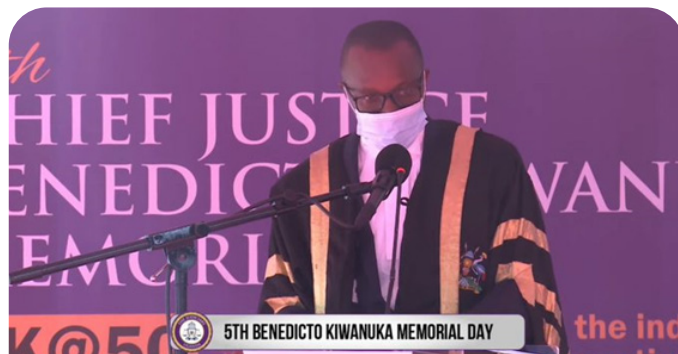


President Bernard Oundo makes his remarks.

BENEDICTO KIWANUKA MEMORIAL DAY

The President while making his remarks said As ULS, "we have advocated for the Independence of the Judiciary as a key tenet for a democratic and rule of law culture."

The event was attended by the President of Uganda, H.E Yoweri Kaguta Museveni, Chief Justice and many leaders in the Judiciary sector.



President Bernard Oundo makes his remarks.



The President of Uganda officiated the 5th Memorial Day of Chief Justice Benedicto Kiwanuka at the High Court in Kampala. He saluted Kiwanuka for being forthright and truthful. He opposed chauvinism and the adoption of a tribal agenda. He wanted a national position and unity.

COMPUTER MISUSE LAW

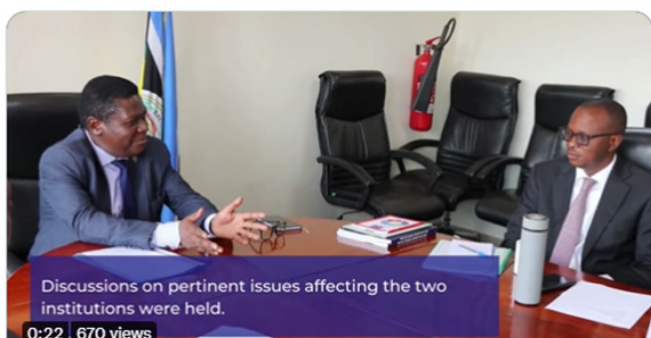
President Bernard Oundo appeared on several media platforms speaking about the new law; He said, "The Freedom of speech and press are the bedrock of a democratic society, and limitation on the freedom of the press and speech infringes what you should have as a truly democratic society."



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

a) Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs

The Executive Council paid a courtesy visit to the Minister of Justice and Constitutional Affairs Hon. Nobert Mao. They discussed pertinent issues that affect both institutions.



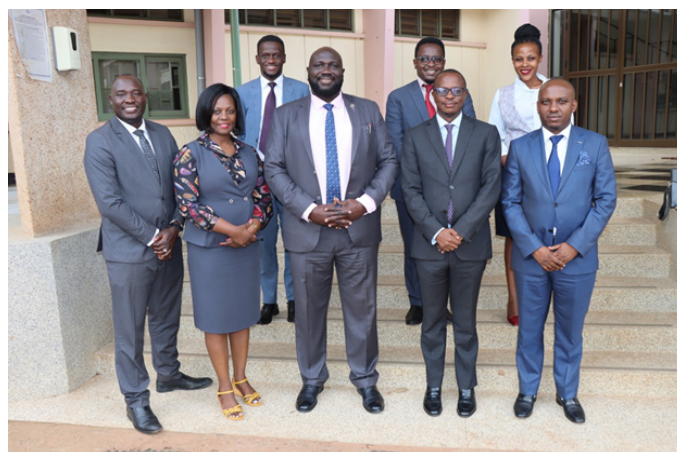
b) Meets the Inspector General of Government

The Executive Council discussed matters that affect both organizations as part of the initial meetings to lead to transformation.



c) Visit the Law Development Centre

The ULS Executive council, members of the ULS Secretariat paid a courtesy visit to Law Development Centre led by Mr Frank Nigel Othembi to discuss matters of common interest and mutual benefit.



d) Visit UN Human Rights Office Uganda

The President Uganda Law Society together with the ULS CEO paid a courtesy visit to the UN Human Rights Office to discuss issues relating to how the two institutions can work to promote human rights and the rule of law in Uganda.



ULS President Oundo in the middle and ULS CEO Mr. Moses O during the meeting.

e) Hosted the Director General of the International Development Law Organisation

The ULS Vice President, Honorary Secretary and Chief Executive Officer hosted Ms Jan Beagle and her delegation. The two organizations had fruitful deliberations to foster cooperation between the two institutions.



The Vice President ULS speaks to Ms Beagle.

NEW ADVOCATES SWORN IN

On October 17th 2022, President Oundo presided over the enrolment of new advocates at High court in Kampala. He advised the newly enrolled advocates to conduct themselves in accordance with the Advocates Act.



UGANDA LAW STUDENTS ASSOCIATION ELECTS

The ULS CEO Mr. Moses Okwalinga presided over elections and swearing in of the new executives. ULS is committed to build capacity and synergy with ULSA and all University law societies in Uganda.



CLE Events

All members are invited to participate in the CLE Events.


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LATEST IN THE LAW SERIES DIALOGUE

Computer Misuse (Amendment) Act 2022: What are our options?

<p>Keynote Presenter</p>  <p>Isaac Ssemakadde Advocate & Founder & CEO at Legal Brains Trust.</p>	<p>Panelist</p>  <p>Prof. Anthony C.K. Kakooza Law Don, Partner, Byenkya Kihika and Co Advocates.</p>	<p>Panelist</p>  <p>Catherine Anite Advocate, Media Law Activist, Founder FOE: HUB</p>	<p>Moderator</p>  <p>Mercy Odu Senior Associate, Bowmans</p>
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MONDAY 24TH OCTOBER 2022

4:00PM 2 CLE POINTS (FREE)

ID: 830 6852 7007

Passcode: 061212

STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENTS

The ULS Council Central Representative Ms. Fatuma Omar together with the ULS CEO Mr. Moses Okwalinga represented the ULS President at the launch of the ICAMEK First Conciliation Project.



Council member Isaac Atukunda represented the ULS President at the LDC Kampala Campus Professional Dinner. In his remarks, he implored young lawyers to observe professional conduct and also adapt 'Digital Lawyering' because it is the current trend now.



The ULS Vice President Mr. Martin Asingwire together with the ULS CEO Mr. Moses Okwalinga represented the ULS President at the launch of the Insurance Appeals Tribunal at Mestil Hotel, Kampala.



UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CALENDAR

Ref	Course Title /Date	Credit Hours	Course Content	Fee
1	International Bar Association Annual Conference 2022 [30Oct – 4 Nov 2022]	15	The largest gathering of the international legal community in the world – a meeting place of more than 4,500 lawyers and legal professionals from around the world; More than 180 working sessions covering all areas of practice relevant to international legal practitioners and the opportunity to generate new business with the leading firms in the world's key cities.	[Visit the IBA Website]
2	Tax Law Symposium [2 - 3 November 2022]	10	Discussions on tax assessments, objections and objection decisions, resolving tax disputes before the tax appeals tribunal, international tax (tax avoidance, treaties and multilateral instrument – MLI), understanding transfer pricing and the latest trends in tax litigation.	UGX 150,000= (Online Attendance) UGX 100,000 (Young Lawyers)
3	Bar Bench Engagement [TBC]	2	The engagement is to have a discussion between the Bar and the Bench regarding the Court operations and the views from the ULS membership	Free of Charge
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5	Retirement Benefits Law [18 November 2022]	5	The seminar will update participants as key stakeholders on the legal and policy reforms in the sector, consider the various roles of service providers in the new legislation in a bid to create awareness, foster contribution to the pending reforms as well as enable advocates advise their clients and the general public effectively.	UGX 100,000= (Online Attendance) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)
6		5	This workshop will explore the challenges faced in criminal litigation in light of the increasing undefined areas within the laws. This workshop will highlight areas such as corruption, financial loss and abuse of office and management of both private and public prosecutions.	UGX 100,000= (Online Attendance) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)

UPCOMING EVENTS 2022

CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION CALENDAR

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7	EALS Annual Conference & General Meeting [23 – 26 November 2022]	10	This is a statutory meeting that will be preceded by a Conference which brings together advocates and legal professionals from the region, continent and the world at large. The Conference offers an opportunity for lawyers to generate new networks and business	Leading Law Firms \$2000 Members of over 5 years' experience \$300 Young Lawyers \$200 Non Members \$350
8	Latest in the Law session [30 November 2022]	10	This is majorly aimed at discussing the current topical issues, human rights matters and court judgments.	Free of Charge
9	Developments in Construction Law [1 December 2022]	5	This training will enhance the lawyers' Opportunities in the construction industry and will address recent developments in standard form construction contracts, risk allocation and management and Dispute Resolution in construction law.	UGX 100,000= (Online Attendance) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)
10	Pro bono Day [Countrywide] [2 December 2022]	2	A Regional Pro Bono day was initiated by the Uganda Law Society to increase access to justice through the provision of free legal services by Advocates to the poor, indigent and marginalized in Uganda. Advocates will in line with The Advocates (Pro Bono Services to indigent Persons) Regulations SI No. 39 of 2009 give back to society through the provision of legal aid services to walk in clients in all the regions where the Uganda Law Society Legal Aid Offices are situate i.e. Kampala, Jinja, Soroti, Arua, Gulu, Masindi	Free of Charge
11	Sports and the Law training [8 December 2022]	5	The training will examine the problems that arise within the sports scene and determines their legal dealing practices. This course is an introduction to the world of sports key concepts as conceived in national and international law. At the same time it will import us to the concept of sports disputes, the nature and character of sports courts and the Court of Arbitration for Sport.	UGX 100,000 =(Online Attendance) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)

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Annual Lawyers' Ball
[18 November 2022]
Northern Region
[8 December 2022]
Western Region
[16 December]

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The dinner provides an opportunity for members to informally mingle and share the year's experiences and challenges as they devise strategies to tap into opportunities for the next year.

UGX 250,000=
Physical
Attendance per
person for
Central Region
UGX 150,000
(Young Lawyers
Attendance)
UGX 3,000,000=

To all our Members,

You are encouraged to propose a name for our newsletter.

Please email suggested names to admin@uls.or.ug

Pictorial



- 1.** Outgoing ULS Council with the Presidential Candidates
- 2.** President Emeritus alongside the Executive council together with members of ULS Fundraising committee inspected the ULS Building.
- 3.** President Emeritus Pheona Wall welcomes the incoming President Bernard Oundo.



Members First



Be a blessing to Counsel

Atwiine Muhwezi

Uganda Law Society appeals to its membership to offer any kind of financial assistance to help **Advocate Atwiine Muhwezi** have a medical surgery in South Africa.

Let's all join hands and save the life of our dear learned colleague.

Charity doesn't hurt. Your act of kindness can be a lifesaver for Mr. Atwiine.

Cash contributions can be sent on Mobile Money - 0776078314 (Moses Okwalinga)

Cash contributions can be physically collected from you by Doreen Atukunda (0701034362) & Munaabi Phillip (0755956944).

Your Health Matters To Us

PREVENT EBOLA



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UGANDA LAW SOCIETY



Avoid body contacts such as hand shakes, hugs, high five, etc



Wash or sanitize your hands regularly.



Keep your Law firm / Legal department door handles clean.



Use Chlorinated solution for cleaning. Once the Ebola virus comes into contact with chlorine, it immediately dies.



Regularly wash utensils and clothes.



Ebola is a serious and often a deadly disease.
ULS encourages its members to be vigilant and stay safe.



NOVEMBER CLE CALENDAR

EVENT	DATE	FEE	CLE POINTS
Tax Law Symposium	2nd - 3rd November 2022	UGX 150,000 (Online) UGX 100,000 (Young Lawyers)	10
Bar Bench Engagement	To be communicated	Free of Charge	2
Oil and Gas Law: Challenges and Opportunities	10 November 2022	UGX 100,000 (Online) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)	5
Retirement Benefits Law	18 November 2022	UGX 100,000 (Online) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)	5
Criminal Law Practice	22 November 2022	UGX 100,000 (Online) UGX 70,000 (Young Lawyers)	5
EALS Annual Conference & General Meeting	23 – 26 November 2022	Leading Law Firms \$2000 Members of over 5 years' experience-\$300 Young Lawyers-\$200 Non Members-\$350	10
Latest in the Law session	30 November 2022	Free of Charge	2

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How to pay

FOR CLE EVENTS



Bank Deposit

Account Name: Continuing Legal Education/ULS
Account Number: 01063500183132
Bank and Branch: DFCU - Acacia Avenue

Account Name: Uganda Law Society/CLE
Account Number: 9030008847583
Bank and Branch: Stanbic Bank – Forest Mall

Mobile Money Deposit

Airtel Merchant Code:

Dial *185#, Select Option 4 Pay Bill, Select Option 9 others, Enter Business Number 1212228, Enter Amount, Enter Reference 'Intellectual Property', Enter your Airtel Money Pin.

MTN Merchant Code:

Dial *290*1#, Select Option 2 Goods & Services, Enter Merchant Code 114072, Enter Amount, Enter Your Name and Purpose of Payment, Enter your Mobile Money Pin to send.

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