EXECUTIVE ORDER RNB NO. 3 OF 2024

Boycott of Judge Musa Ssekaana

TO: All Members of the Uganda Law Society (ULS)

The Uganda Law Society Council, in exercise of its powers under Section 10 of the Uganda Law Society Act, hereby issues the following Executive Order:

WHEREAS, the Uganda Law Society has been made aware of at least 18 instances of judicial misconduct attributed to Judge Musa Ssekaana; and

WHEREAS, these instances of misconduct include:

- **Abuse of Power**: Using his office to obtain special treatment for relatives and friends.
- **Bias and Prejudice**: Displaying bias and prejudice in his rulings, violating the principles of impartiality.
- **Disregard for the Law**: Ignoring the law in court, citing invalid laws or precedents.
- **Failure to Recuse Himself**: Failing to recuse himself from cases despite clear conflicts of interest.
- **Intimidation and Harassment**: Using his position to intimidate and harass advocates and other court users.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Uganda Law Society hereby:

1. **Withdraws the ULS Award of "Excellence from the Bench"** previously granted to Judge Ssekaana in September 2021;

2. **Directs Judge Ssekaana to return the said award and remove any reference to it** from his website, curriculum vitae, and all other publications where he has listed it as an achievement; and

3. **Urges all members of the ULS to boycott Judge Ssekaana** for a period of one month, effective immediately.

HOLDING THE PRINCIPAL JUDGE ACCOUNTABLE

The Uganda Law Society holds the Principal Judge accountable for failing to take appropriate administrative action against Judge Ssekaana, despite numerous complaints against him. This has enabled Judge Ssekaana to continue his misconduct, undermining the integrity of the judiciary.

DIRECTING THE JUDICIAL SERVICE COMMISSION

The Uganda Law Society directs the Judicial Service Commission to expedite the investigations of all complaints against Judge Ssekaana since 2018 to date and publish the findings by 15 January 2025.

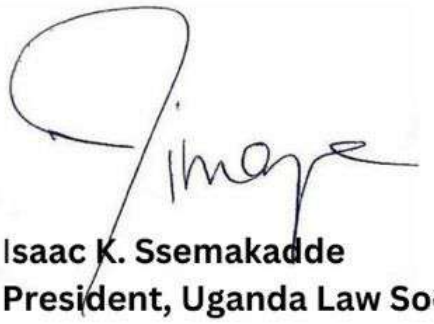
CONSEQUENCES OF NON-COMPLIANCE

Any member of ULS found to be in non-compliance with this Executive Order will be referred to the ULS Disciplinary Committee, which will determine and take appropriate disciplinary action.

REVIEW OF THE BOYCOTT AND JUDICIARY PERFORMANCE REPORT

The Uganda Law Society will hold a general meeting before 31 January 2025 to review the boycott and discuss the annual judiciary performance report for 2024.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this Executive Order has been issued at Mbale this 15th day of December 2024.



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