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**‘As Much I Dream, I can**

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- **Marry a Lawyer? Proceed with caution**
- **The 2<sup>nd</sup> All Kenya Moot Competition**
- **Is Bigamy but a social problem; not legal?**
  - **Open Letter to Mr. President**



## *The More we Change...*

Comes a time when we must make a change; comes a time when we must be part of the best grains, when mediocrity shall no longer be allowed to fly, so say 'Bye' to the old and say 'Hi' to the new. Just a little while back the 2013 K.C.S.E results were released and many ached, and the obvious otherwise. But what strikes more is the fact that cheating is as prevalent as corruption and these are to male the next gen of leaders of this country: the more we try to change is the more we stay the same.

Moving on, as I welcome you to the 6th issue of Kenyan Legal Magazine, we give you an exclusive interview of one Mr. Michael Murungi,

the outgoing Kenya Law Reports C.E.O and Chief Editor, whose leadership and team work skills has seen Kenya Law move from being just a Legal reporting institution to be '*Mwananchi*' friendly where legal information is practically public knowledge. Also in this issue find Dr. Fiona's analysis of why Lawyers make the worst spouses in her article "Marry a Lawyer? Proceed with caution" Is it such a bad idea to marry/get married to a Lawyer? Find out.

Even as we progress to make generous successful steps, and growing as Kenyan Legal, challenges are abound; noting this, I, on the behalf of the Kenyan Legal Team, hereby appreciate your continued support so far. There's no 'Us' without you ('U'), quite literally. They say the Sequel is never as good as the Original, but I say, for Kenyan Legal, The best is yet to come!

Its Real Kenya, Real Issues. Welcome.

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# Correspondence & Feedback

## **APPRECIATION**

I personally appreciate the hard work the Kenya legal team are putting to come up with the legal magazine. This is by something that is very important to students as they get to learn more of writing skills and also legal writing which is important for us as lawyers. We also get to learn the law from fellow students and the professionals that Kenyan legal teams have approached and contributed in writing of the available issues. It has also become a magazine where we can freely express our view which in one way or another can change someone else opinion and sure will contribute in the development of jurisprudence in Kenya. I, although a contributor in only one of the last five issues retain all the five for academic and other purposes and would encourage as many people to contribute by writing articles in the magazine. We all have knowledge and ideas that other people don't have and would like to have, please share, dying with such great idea or story we never had that could have changed our lives must also be sin.

***FROM Mr. Aira Godfrey Wambura, Via Mail***

Dear Kenyan Legal

I have received your beautiful and comprehensive 43-page online magazine and I intend to share it with our Director and all the staff.

I am thankful that you decided to give WPA priority placement on cover page and as the main feature. You also captured a suitable illustration and slogan "THE EYES AND EARS OF JUSTICE" below the photograph of a presumed 'mother-and-baby'. You have also managed to get some new columnists.

Overally, WPA is impressed with the quality of the magazine. Keep up the good work and continue to source authoritative/professional material.

Thank you and wish you well

***FROM Mr. Dominic Nyawir, Liaisons Office WPA-Kenya, via mail***

I would very much wish to be of assistance to this initiative. I have to say a big kudos to you and your team.

Regards,

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## With nelson Otieno

### A LETTER TO MR. PRESIDENT.

**S**o far so good. But look, we have to reflect and flashback at the campaign period, its promises and implementation of the same. My evaluation today is critical and not rather inclined toward my political opinions which I believe are strong anyway.

The 24 hour economy was a pleasing promise that saw you hold the middle class votes with promises of economic transformation. This was being too optimistic and one wonders whether the infamous Alco blow thing is part of the plan at night. Also, recently there was a gazette notice that bars the public service vehicles from moving at night. Politically, a may be wrong but logically, how can a 24 hour economy operate without such a service for half of each day. Thanks to God we Kenyans forget fast.

The laptop project is rather emotive one. Most of us will be irrational here but look I have said countless times that no African country can survive without support from the west the East notwithstanding. It is good to go digital at this time of the development age bearing in mind the 2030 vision. However we must at the same time

understand that Kenya is still at the embryonic stage of economic transformation.

First, Kenya needs a proper curriculum with better education opportunities. The talents in most Kenyan youths also needs to be improved through an incorporation into the curriculum instead of waiting to make small groupings to wait for peanut funding from the incumbent members of parliament after every 5years.

Bringing up students who are not exam oriented but are productive and morally upright in the labor market should be the greatest challenge but not how to technologize an already substandard system. Recently a friend was telling me that a student is normally asked by his parents whether that is how they are taught with their teachers in case of any misbehavior at home and the vice versa is asked by the teachers at the school.

Again, Constitutional implementation is a famous song from the CIC corner of the capital city. The most annoying is that the executive feigns lunacy when any issue concerning that is raised. It is a sent message that has not been

received by the president, no the presidency to be precise because the president and the advisors are to blame. Fragrant breach of the letter and the spirit of the constitution and failure to show commitment to the implementation is the greatest undoing of the dear jubilee government. Failure to adhere to both regional and gender balance in the latest public appointments is just but a few instances that leads me to these suggestions.

On the matter of National Cohesion, kudos Mr. President. But it seems that some English words are loosing their meanings perhaps because Kenya is no longer dating the West. Look, cohesion does not mean union between two tribes under the umbrella of tyranny of numbers. In informed definition may be the voluntary union between all the tribes and creating a sense of nationhood. We should not be uniting conveniently to brush over the post election scores of 2007 because that will mean

turning our backs to massacres and political assassinations that have led to mass erosion of the sense of oneness in Kenya.

Finally, JUBILEE unlike CORD have, no experience, political to be exact. Therefore putting yourself as the favorite politician at this time may not be a noble idea. Support the devolution wholeheartedly and implement your election promises and that is when you can be sure of clinching this seat a second time. Because Kenya has come of age.

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