



## THE KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW

### CALL FOR PAPERS

#### 4<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL CONFERENCE [4-5 APRIL 2023]

#### THEME: *LAW IN THE DIGITAL AGE*

##### INTRODUCTION

The Kenya School of Law will hold its 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference between the 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> of April 2023, at the Kenya School of Law, Karen Campus. The theme of the conference is “Law in the Digital Age”.

The Government of Kenya is committed to support technological advancements and, in particular, to enhance government service delivery through digitization and automation of all government critical processes thereby making available up to 80% of government services online. Subsequently, the Judiciary of Kenya, in an effort to modernize and to enhance access to justice has made substantial progress in the use of technology, information and communication systems. Whereas, e-justice in Kenya is lauded for enhancing transparency and effectiveness, concerns abound over validation, authentication of information and data security.

Similarly, Kenya adopted the use of electronic technology in casting and the counting of votes which enhanced procedural integrity in elections. On the other hand, however, the use of technology in elections carries unforeseen risks such as the difficulty in auditing election results. These advancements in the use of technology in service delivery in public entities takes place within the wider context of the digital revolution which, in its present format is characterized by the use of social media, smartphones and digital television. Furthermore, social media presents various ethical concerns for legal professionals especially in the area of confidentiality and advertising.

##### CALL FOR ABSTRACTS AND FULL PAPERS

The Kenya School of Law now invites academics, researchers, industry experts and students to submit abstracts relating to the conference theme and any of the sub themes. The abstracts will be evaluated by the conference committee and, if accepted, the author will receive a further invitation to submit the full paper.

## CONFERENCE THEME: LAW IN THE DIGITAL AGE

### CONFERENCE SUB - THEMES

#### **Sub -theme 1 - Law, Ethics and Social Media**

1. E-professionalism in the use of electronic and social media by law students, lecturers, advocates and judicial officers;
2. Data protection laws and policies;
3. Law relating to social media;
4. Law and ethics of experiments/ legal research on social media users.

#### **Sub - theme 2 - Electronic Justice**

1. Electronic monitoring in the criminal justice system;
2. Legislating for the digital age;
3. The related problems of digitalization in the field of justice;
4. Access to justice, procedural efficiency in e-filing and dispute settlement;
5. The use of technology in elections.

#### **Sub - theme 3 - The Digital Space and Fundamental rights**

1. Adapting core constitutional values to the needs of the digital society;
2. Impact of digital technology on constitutional values and principles;
3. Digital surveillance and commodification;
4. Human rights, democracy and the digital age.

#### **Sub-Theme 4 – Legal Education in the Digital Age**

1. Legal education and social media;
2. Impact of technology on learning preferences and styles of law students;
3. Copyright and innovation of digital course material;

### CONFERENCE FORMAT

The Conference will be held at the Kenya School of Law (Karen), Mutula Kilonzo Building, Gate A. It will also be broadcasted live through the School's *YouTube* channel and other social media platforms.

### JOURNAL PUBLICATION

The final papers will be published in the *Kenya School of Law Journal*.

### CONFERENCE SPONSOR AND EXHIBITOR OPPORTUNITIES

There is an opportunity to exhibit at the conference. For more information contact [conference@ksl.ac.ke](mailto:conference@ksl.ac.ke)

## SUBMISSION

All abstracts should be submitted by **1<sup>st</sup> March, 2023** and full papers by the **17<sup>th</sup> of March, 2023** via e-mail [conference@ksl.ac.ke](mailto:conference@ksl.ac.ke)

**DEADLINE EXTENSION: The deadline for submission of abstracts has been extended to the 13<sup>th</sup> of March 2023.**

## SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

For a submission to be accepted, the paper must conform to the following general guidelines:

- ❖ It should be original;
- ❖ It should not have been published elsewhere;
- ❖ It should not have been submitted elsewhere for publishing;
- ❖ It should conform to the prescribed style guidelines;
- ❖ Its length should be 500 for the abstract and between 5,000 -10,000 words for articles;
- ❖ It should be typed in Palatino Linotype, at 12-point (footnotes 10 point) font size and with 1.5 line spacing;
- ❖ It should include a short professional profile of the author(s);
- ❖ It should be sent electronically by e-mail in Word format (MS Word) to [conference@ksl.ac.ke](mailto:conference@ksl.ac.ke)
- ❖ Articles should be in conformity with the citation style prescribed in the latest edition of the Oxford University Standard for the Citation of Legal Authorities (OSCOLA).

## CPD POINTS

Members of the Law Society of Kenya who attend the Conference will be entitled, on payment of extra Kes. 1,000.00 to be awarded 2 CPD points. Payment of this sum shall be effected during the Conference, as will be directed by the organizers.

## ENQUIRIES

For communication or clarification, please contact; [conference@ksl.ac.ke](mailto:conference@ksl.ac.ke); [ikuloba@ksl.ac.ke](mailto:ikuloba@ksl.ac.ke) or [msitelu@ksl.ac.ke](mailto:msitelu@ksl.ac.ke)

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