



KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW

INTERNAL MEMO

To: Students on Pupillage

From: Director/Chief Executive Officer

Ref: KSL/ATP- LC VOL. I

Date: 7 April 2020

RE: SUSPENSION OF PUPILLAGE

Following the Presidential Directive of 15 March 2020 and the additional restrictions on movement announced by H.E. The President on 6 April 2020 with respect to the outbreak of COVID-19, the School is constrained to suspend service of pupillage for the following reasons:-

- a) All court and tribunal operations have been suspended, save for limited online appearances, thus severely constraining litigation;
- b) All land registries have been closed thereby completely grounding conveyancing practice and processes;
- c) Most company registry operations are unavailable thus constraining commercial legal practice;
- d) Most law firms are closed or working below capacity thereby severely limiting the flow of instructions;
- e) Many law firms' clients have closed thereby compromising the quantum and quality of client instructions;
- f) Mobility of both pupils and pupillage supervisors has been hampered; and
- g) Pupils and supervisors may be exposed to health risks related to Covid-19 in their movements.

In light of the foregoing and having critically evaluated the situation, it is clear that the pupillage training threshold contemplated under section 13 of the Advocates Act, Cap. 16 is not being met.

Upon consultation, it has therefore been decided that with effect from 8 April 2020, pupillage be and is hereby suspended, until further notice.

Pupils are reminded to adhere to the health and safety guidelines issued by the Government.

Dr. Henry K. Mutai

DIRECTOR/CEO

SM/aae