



# KENYA SCHOOL OF LAW NOTICE

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**From:** Director/Chief Executive Officer

**To:** All Pupil Masters

**Date:** 1<sup>st</sup> July, 2020

**Ref:** KSL/ATP-LC VOL. I

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## RE: CLARIFICATION ON 2020 PUPILLAGE TIMELINES

Further to our communication via the memo dated 11<sup>th</sup> June 2020 regarding resumption of pupillage with effect from 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020, the School has received several letters from pupil masters to the effect, inter alia, that their offices remained opened and that pupils under their supervision continued to attend to normal pupillage activities for the period starting 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 to 15<sup>th</sup> June 2020. The said pupil masters have thus sought to have this period included in the computation of the pupillage period.

The School, after rigorous consultations and keen consideration of the contents of the said letters, has resolved to address all pupil masters as follows:

- i. The communication in the memo dated 7<sup>th</sup> April, 2020 on suspension of pupillage was directed to all pupils, as per the detailed particulars of the same memo;
- ii. The pupillage period is statutorily stipulated under Section 13 of the Advocates Act, Cap 16 Laws of Kenya, constraining the School to ensure that the standards expected of the pupillage training, as contained in the Schedule to the pupillage deed signed by all pupils, are adhered to;
- iii. The period from 8<sup>th</sup> April 2020 – 14<sup>th</sup> June 2020 shall generally thus NOT count in the computation of the statutory six (6) months period for all pupils;
- iv. In order to address the concerns raised by pupil masters who did continue to supervise pupils despite the aforesaid memo, as they undertake supervision, supervisors from the School will evaluate any request for exemption against the contents of the pupil's workbook for the period in question and make a recommendation on a case by case basis;
- v. The School recognizes the contribution of all pupil masters towards the success of the Advocates Training Programme and does not take the cooperation for granted;
- vi. Pupil masters retain the discretion to extend the suspension of pupillage on an individual basis, where they feel that they are not yet in a position to resume normal operations and meet the training threshold under the Advocates Act.

The School hereby requests all pupil masters to continue facilitating safe resumption of training by all pupils, in strict compliance with the Ministry of Health Guidelines on COVID – 19 containment and prevention.

Thank you.

**Dr. Henry K. Mutai**

**DIRECTOR/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER**