

Be Innovative and Adaptable – CS Urges Graduands



Graduands take the Daystar pledge during the 39th Graduation Ceremony on July 1st, 2017

The Cabinet Secretary in the Ministry of Information, Communication and Technology, Hon. Joseph Mucheru has lauded **Jofar Systems** – an innovation of two Daystar University students.

Speaking at Daystar University's 39th Graduation Ceremony on July 1st where he was the Guest of Honour, Hon. Mucheru challenged the graduating Class of 2017 to be innovative and adaptable in a rapidly changing job market that is highly dictated by technological advances.

"Jofar Systems shows that the group seated before us have gone through a pipeline of practical and reality-driven discourse that prepares them to be problem solvers," he noted.

Jofar Systems is an ICT Company whose vision to achieve an integrated society by offering ICT solutions. The Company had so far employed over 20 fellow students over the last one year.

"You are graduating at a time when the job market and indeed the future of work has changed radically to one that is technology and innovation-driven," he noted, adding that the job market was shrinking fast as economies resorted to "austerity paradigms in order to survive in the changing environment defined by cut-throat competition for limited opportunities and resources."

Hon. Mucheru urged the graduands to present themselves as problem solvers and solution providers in order to remain relevant, noting that "the future was moving towards leaner organizations that will rely on a network of workers accessible at the click of a button" and that Kenya was not exclusive to this global trend.

He revealed that the Government through the Ministries of ICT and Education had launched the Ajita Digital Literacy Programme in response to the bulging unemployment challenge in the country, with over 75,000 young Kenyans registering for training on the www.ajiradigital.go.ke platform.

Further, said Hon. Mucheru, the Government in collaboration with the Kenya Private Sector Alliance (KEPSA) had rolled out the Presidential Digital Talent Programme (PDTP) which had so far offered a one-year internship to over 500 fresh and qualified ICT graduates in a programme designed to enhance their readiness for work.

In her remarks, the University Chancellor, Prof Mary Murimi urged the graduands to be purposeful, calculated, deliberate, graceful and elegant.

"A degree from Daystar University has prepared you to walk out of here in POISE which she defined as: Purpose: A clear purpose of what you want to do will answer the question why; O: optimistic and hopeful outlook in life, which perceives life from what is possible by building on one's strengths while addressing their weaknesses; I: which represents Invention; S: for solutions and E: for ethical.

The Chairman of the University Council Prof George Krhoda said in order to deliver the growth aspirations of the University's strategic plan, the Council was keen to implement development-oriented projects that are

responsive to the needs of the University. He revealed that in April 2017, the University commissioned the construction of the a 160,000m³ water Dam at the Athi River campus. The project which will hopefully take 12 months, will be completed at a total cost of Ksh 115 Million, of which Kshs 75million (65.2%) has been provided through the efforts of Daystar US Board, staff and partners.

The Vice Chancellor Prof. Timothy Wachira on his part said the output of the University's research has more than doubled in the last two years as evidenced by Daystar's students and faculty publications. The VC also revealed that Daystar had embarked on developing, challenging and giving faculty members the opportunity to conduct more research and to publish.

"We are not only focused on research for research sake, but also research that links to our developmental agenda" said Prof. Wachira.

He further appreciated the University Chancellor Prof. Mary Murimi for mobilizing a team of experts from the USA to conduct a two-day Grant Proposal Writing workshop at the Daystar Nairobi campus on June 21-22, 2017.

During the 39th Graduation Ceremony held at the University's Athi River Campus, Daystar awarded diplomas, undergraduate and postgraduate degrees to over 700 graduands. The theme for this year's graduation was ***"Unleashing Servant Leaders with Great Minds as Trailblazers to Africa and the World."***

The University also honoured 21 alumni from the Class of 1997, a tradition in which, Daystar recognises its alumni who graduated 20 years earlier.

Eminent personalities present at the graduation ceremony included Chief Justice Aaron Ringera, CID Director Mr. Ndegwa Muhoro, Daystar University Council Members, Daystar University Company Members, Daystar Parents Association, Daystar University Alumni, Vice Chancellors of other Universities, Government Officials, Diplomats, Leaders in the Private Sector, Parents and Daystar students.

Daystar University Pilots Remote Teaching Between its Campuses

Daystar University is piloting a remote teaching between its Nairobi and Athi River campuses.

The pilot project has established parallel classes in BCC 4 and DAC 607, taught simultaneously by a lecturer using web conference technology. This means that students can attend classes without having to travel from one campus to the other. The remote teaching classes taking place in the June 2017 block are:

Day	Course	Time	Lecturer
Mondays	COM 302	8:45am	Felix Odhiambo
	COM 231T	1.30pm	Nelius Kareri
Tuesdays	COM 243T	12.45pm	Christine Wandolo
Fridays	COM 226T	1.30pm	Sheila Kamau

"This has been exciting so far, with every challenge opening up a new horizon in our understanding and practice of technology-mediated teaching and learning," said Mr. Anthony Wambua, the E-Learning Coordinator.

The University is entering into another season in its instruction mode with technology taking the centre stage.

According to the project Team Leader Dr. Rosemary Kowuor, it has taken the collaborative efforts of the Kenya Education Network (KENET), Daystar University, Nairobi University and Catholic University to roll out the initiative. KENET has provided the setup of educational technology infrastructure support for the remote teaching.

The KENET Web Conference system is an online service for organizing collaborative activities such as webinars, webcasts and meetings. It offers data streams of text-based messages, presentations, voice and video chats to be shared simultaneously across

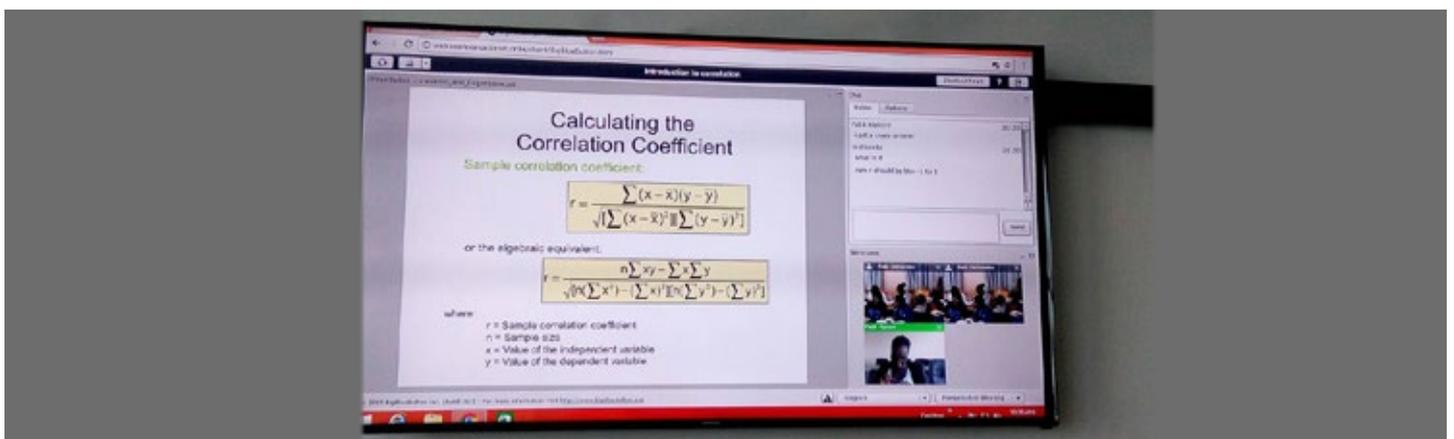
geographically dispersed locations.

In general, the web conferencing facility can be used for training, events, lectures, or presentations from a web-connected computer to other web-connected computers made possible by internet technologies.

The technology comprises of a micro-processor-based audio-visual teaching system for linking students at extensively scattered learning centers and a lecturer at a university web conference room.

Terminal equipment for each learning centre comprises of a microprocessor unit, a rotational camera, and two speakers. The teaching system also provides for talk-back and write-back from every terminal.

Dr. Kowuor, who has also been a teaching assistant to all the four lecturers adds, "Based on an ongoing online survey, students are excited about the idea of being connected and enabled to remotely attend classes on either of the two campuses."



Calculations can also happen online

Conference Corrects Misconceptions



Daystar University Chancellor addresses participants during the one-day Forum

Daystar University Chancellor Prof. Mary Murimi recently called on medics and nutritionists to use social media to give the right information on health and nutrition to the public.

Prof. Murimi said this on 23rd June 2017, while addressing academicians, researchers, nutritionists, communicators and students who attended a one-day conference on the theme: ***“Separating Facts from Myths: Towards Strategic Communication on Health and Nutrition Issues in Africa”***, at the Daystar University DAC Auditorium.

In her keynote address, Prof Murimi discussed foods and drinks which are deemed unhealthy and expressed concern that some information available in the public domain was not factual.

“When we give up the egg on our diet we miss out on the many nutrients it has in it. It is what we make the egg with, and what we eat it with that adds the cholesterol,” she revealed, advising the keen participants to eat everything in moderation.

She corrected the misconception that the smaller the egg, the less the cholesterol, saying that all eggs are similar in components. On fruits and water, she said “you can eat your fruit and drink your water any time of the

day. “There is no right or wrong time to eat fruits or drink water.”

The University Vice Chancellor Prof. Timothy Wachira thanked the Chancellor for mobilizing colleagues from the USA to come and facilitate the conference and further commended her for carrying out the vision and mission of Daystar with dedicated commitment.

During the panel session the DVC Academic Affairs, Rev. Prof James Kombo emphasized the need for moderation. He took participants from Genesis through to the New Testament and said man was allowed by God to eat all foods.

Giving an Islamic perspective, the Ag. Vice Chancellor of Umma University Prof Mohamed Karama said scientists are disadvantaged because quarks have taken advantage of the confusion to perpetrate myths regarding food.

The other facilitators were Dr. Violet Wanjihia, a Research Scientist and Head of Nutrition Center for Public Health Research at the Kenya Medical Research Institute (KEMRI), Prof. Samantha Ramsay, Associate Professor of Foods and Nutrition University Idaho, Moscow, Prof. Andrea Bersamin from the Center for Alaska Native Health Research University of Alaska Fairbanks, Prof.

Wilna Oldewage-Theron, Professor of Nutrition Texas Tech University, College of Human Sciences, and Prof. Chris Taylor, from the Ohio State University, Division of Medical Dietetics and the Department of Family Medicine.

Panelists included Former Daystar University Chancellor Dr. Florence Muli-Musiime; Consultant Physician at the Aga Khan University Hospital Dr. Paul Wangai Jr.; the Ag Vice Chancellor, Umma University, Prof Mohamed Karama; KEMRI Research Scientist and Head of Nutrition Center for Public Health Research, Dr. Violet Wanjihia, the Ministry of Health Head Nutrition Department, Ms. Gladys Mugambi, and Kenyatta University Nutritionist, Researcher and Consultant, Prof. Judith Kimiywe.

Also present were the Daystar University Council Prof George Krhoda, the University Vice-chancellor, Prof Timothy Wachira, DVC Academic Affairs Prof James Kombo and DVC Finance and Administration Mr. Jomo Gatundu.

The Health and Communication Conference organizing committee was led by Sr. Prof. A. L Lando and the committee members were Prof. Michael Bowen, Prof Abraham Waithima, Dr. Martha Kiarie, Mr. Joab Namai and Mrs. Damaris Kimilu.

The conference was preceded by a 2-day Grant Proposal Writing workshop on June 20 - 21, 2017, also at the Nairobi campus. The two-day workshop was

spearheaded by Prof. Mary Murimi, and facilitated a team of experts from the USA namely Prof. Samantha A. Ramsay, Associate Professor of Foods and Nutrition University Idaho, Moscow; Prof. Andrea Bersamin from the Center for Alaska Native Health Research University of Alaska Fairbanks, and Prof. Chris Taylor from Ohio State University, Division of Medical Dietetics and the Department of Family Medicine.

Emphasis was on the importance of research and writing of Academic papers in institutions of higher learning. According to Prof Murimi, "Research gives back to the society and attracts people to institutions."

She further said researchers are assets to the University because of the prosperity, security and social well-being of the University."

Prof Murimi called on the lecturers to break the classroom walls and involve students in collecting data and carrying out research. Research eradicates stereotypes and myths, hence creating confidence and enabling one to be logical without being judgmental," she submitted.

The Grant Proposal Writing workshop, which attracted senior university officials, faculty members, post-graduate students, staff and members of public was organized by a committee led by Prof Michael Bowen, Director of Research and Publication.



DVC Academic Affairs Prof. James Kombo,, Chancellor Prof. Mary Murimi , Vice Chancellor Prof. Timothy Wachira and DVC Finance, Administration & Planning, Mr. Jomo Gatundu, deliberate at the Proposal Writing Workshop

Pomp and Colour Marks 39th Graduation Dinner



Graduands, faculty and staff enjoying their meal during the dinner

This year's Graduation Dinner was marked by pomp and colour as the Class of 2017 gathered at KICC COMESA Grounds, to celebrate their academic triumph ahead of the graduation ceremony on July 1, 2017.

The COMESA grounds is an area within the Kenyatta International Convention Centre known for hosting business exhibitions for the Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa economic bloc.

As the well-dressed men and women trooped into the exclusive venue, the joy of accomplishment was written all over their faces.

The keynote speaker, Mrs. Kendi Ogamba, did not disappoint. "Your wings have been tested by Daystar and now you are ready to fly," she told the graduands, adding that a degree from an accomplished university is a great thing.

With reference to Daystar's values, Mrs. Ogamba told the graduands that, "Transformation, Servant-leadership and Excellence should pivot them. "If you are to become a trailblazer you have to stand even on fire," she said,

adding that pursuing excellence will negate mediocrity.

Speaking from her personal experience, Mrs. Ogamba was as practical and realistic as she could be. She revealed that her first low-end job opened for her doors to the corporate world. "This taught me that your initiatives can make room for you". She said this as she expounded how she worked exemplarily well taking care of her aunt's new-born baby until the uncle noticed and helped her get her first corporate job.

Giving the Class of 2017 tips to ponder on as they exited the University, Kendi cautioned that an entitlement mindset is a hindrance, saying that conforming only makes one another statistic.

On his part, the Vice Chancellor Prof. Timothy Wachira recognized the uniqueness of the Class as he applauded the former DUSA President John Brian Oyaró who was recently won the Exemplary Student Leader Award of the Year, from the African Youth Leadership Forum (AYLF) for impactful student leadership. The Vice Chancellor lauded John for being elected to office for

two consecutive terms, and for putting Daystar on the map. Prof. Wachira also congratulated the co-founders of Daystar, Dr. Donald Smith and Mrs. Faye Smith who were also present at the Graduation Dinner, for 67 years of marriage.

In his remarks, Deputy Vice Chancellor (Academic Affairs) Rev. Prof. James Kombo said: "It gives me great joy to see all the happy faces here today; a testimony that your academic journey has been successful."

Speaking on behalf of the graduating Class, Mrs. Michelle Ndonge said: "We have been inculcated with excellence and servant leadership, and because we are being unleashed with much energy, we will make a difference,"

The DUAA Board Chair Mr. Malele Ngalu invited the Graduands to visit the DUAA office at the Nairobi Campus as they set out to look for jobs. DUAA Administration and Communication Executive

Mr. Urbanus Kioko later officiated the awarding of six exemplary Alumni drawn in various categories. Daystar Faculty member Dr Leah Komen took home the Academic Award, while couple Joyce and Yafesi Musoke scooped the Community Service Award. The Corporate Communication Award went to Mr. Patterson Siema, while the Business Progression-Entrepreneurship Award went to Mr. Omeno Suji, the Business Progression-Corporate to Mr. Daniel Kamau, and Church and Ministry Award to Mweri Nganje, in absentia.

The Alumni also honoured Dr. and Mrs. Smith for their response to the missionary call to Africa, which bore Daystar University.

The dinner which was hosted by Corporate Affairs department and Emceed by David Ringera, a graduand, culminated with a cake cutting ceremony courtesy of the Crowne Plaza Hotel, the official caterer.

Career Fair for 2017 Graduating Class

On June 28, 2017 Daystar University held a Career Fair workshop for the 2017 graduating class. The aim of the fair was to connect graduands with industry players in the job market as they begin their journey in search of employment opportunities. The workshop was organized by the Students' Placement and International Relations officer Mrs. Grace Karanja.

The keynote speaker, the East Africa Chapter Manager at Aspen Networks for Development Entrepreneurs (ANDE), Mrs. Mary Mwangi, challenged the students to not just learn from the reception but to show employers what they can do.

"Take on more responsibilities and learn much faster, it gives you a level of exposure in relating to people at different levels," urged Mrs. Mary Mwangi.

She drew examples from her life where as a member of AIESEC she got to interact with people from different companies and regions, which exposed her to various job opportunities and experiences that helped her nurture her marketing talent. Her hunger to grow and learn even from working at entry level positions in small companies opened doors for her in her career.

Among the companies present were: Aspen Networks of Development Entrepreneurs, a company that deals with support for small and growing businesses (SGBs) within emerging markets all across the globe, and Yusudi, that helps fill the gap between employers and students. Yusudi offers to students a one-month training on life skills that are not taught in the classroom, communication skills and how to present or pitch themselves to future employers. After the training, students are then given a three-month internship opportunity to help them apply the skills they have learnt.

The third company was Bright Vision Media, a human resource company that employs and manages employees for CCTV-Africa. They offer job opportunities majorly for students studying media related courses, engineers, technicians and IT specialists to work in studios.

Other companies represented at the career fair were Kamakazi, Afrtrade, and Joffa. These companies were open to hiring students from Daystar University through their various recruitment programs.

DLPDI Trains Tea Estate Senior Management



DLPDI Director Prof. Abraham Waithima (sitted third from right) with facilitators and Karirana Estate senior management

The Daystar Leadership and Professional Development Institute (DLPDI) took a team of 11 senior managers of Karirana Estates Limited through a tailored three-day executive training on Strategy Formulation and Implementation from June 26 - 28, 2017.

The training covered subjects such as fundamental principles of strategy formulation and implementation, anchors of a winning strategy, strategic analysis and choice, dynamics of strategy formulation, leadership and strategy communication, strategy institutionalization, strategy operationalization and strategy monitoring and evaluation.

Mr. Joseph Ngige, Karirana Estate General Manager expressed gratitude to Daystar University for a well

packaged program that addressed the organization's needs. Karirana Estate Human Resource Manager Mr. Evanson Waweru commended the training saying it exceeded his expectations and was looking forward to future engagement with DLPDI.

Speaking at the graduation ceremony, the DLPDI Director Prof. Abraham Waithima challenged the Karirana Estate senior managers to apply the lessons learnt from the training and propel the business forward.

DLPDI will be offering classes on strategic planning at Nairobi Campus from July 18 - 21. For details see press and posters on campus.

Alumni Class of 1997 Visits Athi River Campus in Homecoming Re-Union

Two decades after graduating, the Daystar Alumni Class of 1997 came back to Athi River Campus on Saturday 17th June in a Re-union that saw them re-trace their student days at Daystar University. The Re-Union was organized courtesy of Daystar University Alumni Association (DUAA) in conjunction with the Corporate Affairs and Marketing Department. To some, this was the first time they were coming back since graduation.

Sounds of joyous excitement marked the event as the middle-agers showed their families the classrooms, hostels and places which carried rich memories of their student life.

The Corporate Affairs department threw a red-carpet reception for the Alumni at the ICT Water pond area, where they were hosted to a nyama choma lunch and later planted trees. Present was the DUAA Global Board led by the Chair, Mr. Malele Ngalu, Corporate Affairs and Marketing Manager Mrs. Damaris Kimilu, Finance Manager Mrs. Phyllis Mutua (also a Class of '97 alumna), and the Athi River Campus Administrator Mrs. Caroline Mwangi. Former DUSA President John Brian Oyaro and DCF Chair Mr. Collins Olang'o also stopped by to greet the Alumni.

The purpose of the annual alumni homecoming event is to celebrate God's faithfulness in their lives over the 20 years and re-connect each class to the University.

In his remarks, the DUAA Board Chair assured Daystar University that the Alumni are keen and ready to assist Daystar students to secure attachment and job placements.

He urged the Alumni to keep in touch with one another and come up with campaigns and activities aimed at bringing Daystar fraternity together.

"Twenty years is not a short time and for you coming back to Daystar, seeing buildings that were not there in your time and facilities that you did not leave is a testimony that Daystar has grown.

During lunch, people had an interactive session facilitated by DUAA board during which time the class appointed leaders to help them carry on with their partnership projects with the University. The leaders



Ladies of the Class of '97 outside Grace Hostel

include; Steve Mwendwa as Chair, David Ndung'u as Vice Chair, Evangeline Mugaku as Secretary and Phyllis Mutua as a Member. The team will co-opt two more leaders for effectiveness and balance.

Speaking on behalf of the team, Mrs. Phyllis Mutua called on the Alumni Association to partner with the University's student body through mentorship programs, offering internships and job opportunities. The Corporate Affairs and Marketing Manager Mrs. Damaris Kimilu and Chief Finance Manager Mrs. Phyllis Mutua also assured the class of the University's support to their initiatives.

The highlight of the one-day event was a cake cutting ceremony with Dr. Donald and Mrs. Faye Smith, as the alumni paid them a courtesy during the campus tour. "I take pride in the class of 1997 and I encourage you to continue to be servants and not tire because your reward is great," said Dr. Smith.

In his closing remarks, Mr. Ngalu said: "This class has birthed entrepreneurs, teachers, communicators, business managers, politicians, consultants, lecturers, community development experts, investors, national leaders and ministers of the Gospel, among others, a testimony that Daystar has lived to its mandate of developing servant leaders for Africa and the world."

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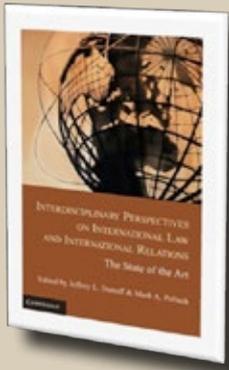
New Books on Law

Interdisciplinary Perspectives on International Law and International Relations: The State of the Art by Jeffrey Dunoff and Mark Pollack

International Law and International Relations: Synthesizing Insights from Interdisciplinary Scholarship brings together the most influential contemporary writers in the fields of international law and international relations to take stock of what we know about the making, interpretation, and enforcement of international law.

The contributions to this volume critically explore what recent interdisciplinary work reveals about the design and workings of international institutions, the various roles played by international and domestic courts, and the factors that enhance compliance with international law.

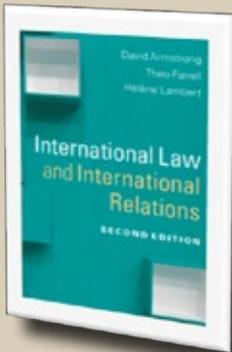
The volume also explores how interdisciplinary work has advanced theoretical understandings of the causes and consequences of the increased legalization of international affairs.



International Law and International Relations (2nd Edition) By; David Armstrong

In this fully updated and revised edition, the authors explore the evolution, nature and function of international law in world politics and situate international law in its historical and political context. They propose three interdisciplinary 'lenses' (realist, liberal and constructivist) through which to view the role of international law in world politics, and suggest that the concept of an international society provides the overall context within which international legal developments occur.

These theoretical perspectives offer different ways of looking at international law in terms of what it is, how it works and how it changes. Topics covered include the use of force, international crimes, human rights, international trade and the environment. The new edition also contains more material on non-western perspectives, international institutions, non-state actors, and a new bibliography. Each chapter features discussion questions and guides to further reading.

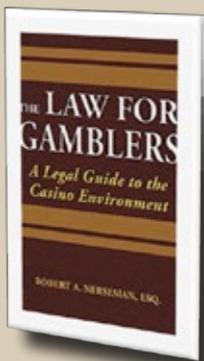


The Law for Gamblers: A Legal Guide to the Casino Environment by Robert Nersesian

Gambling law is a complicated subject, but one that in some way affects thousands of players daily. Of course, it gets taken to highest terms when you consider the cat-and-mouse game being played between the billion-dollar temples of chance and the world's most skilled gamblers who are looking to beat the casinos at their own game.

The Law for Gamblers brings together decades of experience from the world's pre-eminent gambler's advocate, providing perspective gleaned from defending hundreds of casino-related criminal cases.

With detailed discussions of subjects that include gambler taxation, the use of aliases, Indian gaming rules, and casino credit, and even hiring an attorney when necessary, The Law for Gamblers provides anyone who sets foot in a casino easy access to understanding their rights. Additionally, the collection of case law and statutory points of view within is unparalleled in the rapidly expanding area of gaming law.

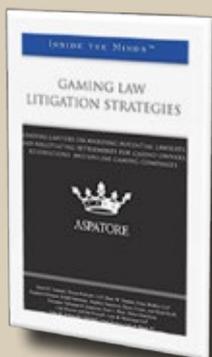


Gaming Law Litigation Strategies: Leading Lawyers on Avoiding Potential Lawsuits and Negotiating Settlements for Casino Owners, Reservations, and Online Gaming Companies (Inside the Minds)

Gaming Law Litigation Strategies provides an authoritative, insider's perspective on the latest trends and approaches to gambling law and how it can vary by jurisdiction. Written by partners from some of the nation's leading law firms, this book guides the reader through crucial topics, such as liability prevention, intellectual property protection, and tactics for negotiation and settlement when a potential case arises.

Covering a range of topics from the increased prevalence of Internet gaming to questions of revenue sharing between states and Native American reservations, these experienced lawyers analyze the recent developments involving the gambling industry. Additionally, these experts present examples of how various states handle gaming laws and enforcement.

The different niches represented and the breadth of perspectives presented enable readers to get inside some of the great legal minds of today, as these top attorneys provide key insights on this rapidly changing area of law.





Weekly Inspiration

In the same way, let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16

Chapel Diary

SEMESTER THEME: **STANDING UP TO BE COUNTED**

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness (1 John 1:9)

Athi River Campus – Chapels

Tuesday June 27th, 2017

Tuesday 11-July-17

Topic: Shining in Service

Speaker: Ukarimu Ministry

Thursday 13th July 2017

Small Group Bible Study

Sunday 16th July 2017

Topic: Abuse of Responsibility

Speaker: Pst. Terry Gobanga

Nairobi Campus – Chapels

Tuesday June 27th, 2017

Tuesday 11th July 2017

Topic: Shining in Prayer and Fasting

Speaker: Pst Rachael Ngugi

Thursday 13th July 2017

Small Group Bible Study

Friday 14th July 2017

Topic: Shining in Prayer and Fasting

Speaker: Pst. Rachael Ngugi



IF MY PEOPLE...

who are called by my name, will humble themselves, pray, search for me, and turn from their evil ways, then I will hear [their prayer] from heaven, forgive their sins, and heal their country,"

(2 Chronicles 7:14).