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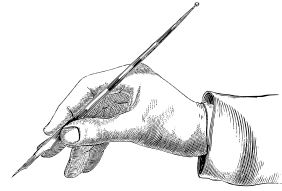
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Welcome to the 14th Edition of our newsletter!

In this edition, we highlight key developments and milestones at CLE. As the November 2025 ATP Examination approaches, we share important timelines and details, with the examinations set to commence on **Thursday, 13th November 2025**, and conclude on **Friday, 21st November 2025**, a significant milestone in the journey toward joining the legal profession.

We also celebrate CLE's exemplary performance in the Performance Contracting Evaluation, and spotlight our continued partnerships and collaborations with the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA) and Deans of Law Schools across the country. Notably, our CEO, Prof. Jack Mwimali, participated in a Public Lecture at Daystar University, reinforcing CLE's commitment to thought leadership in legal education and training.

Looking ahead, CLE will host its Inaugural Conference from **2nd to 4th December 2025**, themed *"Legal Education and Training for a Globally Competitive Lawyer: Reflecting on the Past and Charting the Future."* The newsletter also captures the review of our Enterprise Risk Management Framework, which assessed the adequacy of existing controls to enhance institutional resilience.

In lighter moments, we feature our team-building activities, affirming that indeed, *"all work and no play makes Jack a dull boy."* To crown it all, enjoy a creative piece titled *"The Next Number"* a reflective poem that beautifully connects the ATP examination experience to the practical realities of an Advocate.

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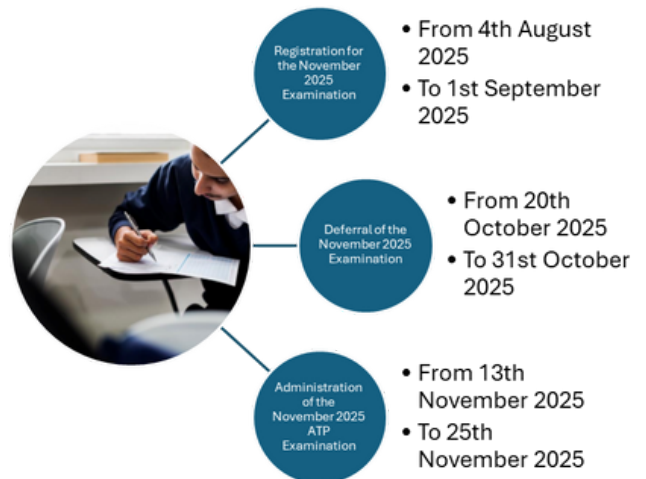
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## THE END IS NIGH

By Peter Kipyegon



### The key Timelines



In our modern society, where time is divided into minutes and seconds, in allusion to the timeless and masterpiece Song of Lawino and Song of Ocol, by Okot p'Bitek, time is one of the determinants of success. It is relentless and unyielding, pushing us forward in this long and seemingly impossible race against the clock! For the ATP candidates, the countdown towards the November 2025 examination has begun. This is therefore the clarion call to every candidate to rise, prepare and conquer.

## November 2025 ATP Examination Cycle-Important Timelines

In the run-up to the November 2025 ATP Examination, critical dates and key processes are communicated to candidates through general notices. These notices are the official channels for conveying important updates, thus ensuring that every candidate remains informed and adequately prepared for the up coming examination.





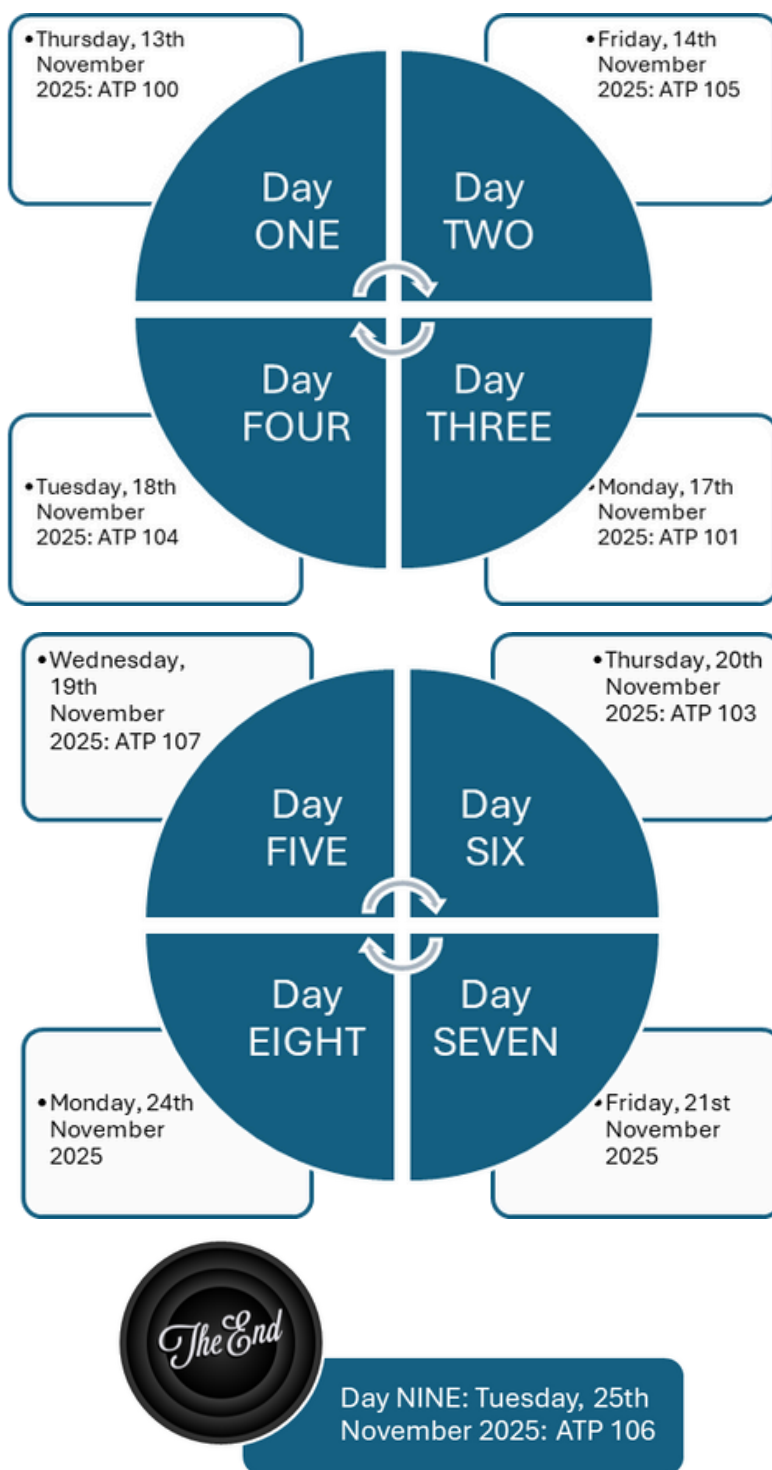
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## November 2025 ATP Examination Timetable

In the November 2025 Candidate Guide to ATP Examination, Council notified the candidates of the examination dates.

### The examination Dates







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## Fast Forward...

Completion of the ATP examination is a milestone in the call to lawyering. It is arguably one of those memorable periods in one's scholastic life. After the last paper on the 25th of November 2025 all shall sing R. Kelly's classic carol *"The Storm is Over"*. Good enough, the academic experience and the fanciful moments will last a lifetime. Indeed, the impressions created will be encapsulated and exemplified by many beautiful episodic moments:

*You: (Staring at someone across the pew, while trying to recall something) How are you?*

*Familiar Face: (A bit hesitant, confused and scared) Eh...yes...ahhh...How are you?*

*You: (Holding your chin and deeply engrossed) You look familiar...mh...*

*Familiar Face: (While gesticulating and shaking his head in the affirmative) ...Oh my...Could it be...or maybe we met at Law School? (All in laughter followed by an embrace in acceptance).*

*Hahaha...So who are you in the above encounter and discourse?*

At the Council of Legal Education, it is all hands-on deck to ensure a successful examination cycle. Success to all the candidates.



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## CLE SHINES IN FY 2024/25 PERFORMANCE CONTRACT EVALUATION

By Morris Gitonga



Prof. Jack Mwimali, CEO CLE at the centre Prof. Jack Mwimali, CEO (right) receives the PC evaluation report from Mr. Benard Biegon of Public Service Performance Management Unit

CLE continues to demonstrate its commitment to excellence in public service delivery through effective performance management. At the start of the 2024/2025 Financial Year, the Council signed a Performance Contract with the Office of the Attorney General in line with the 21st Cycle Performance Contracting Guidelines. Under this Contract, the Council committed to implementing several transformative programmes and key initiatives aligned with its Strategic Plan (2023–2027), and in harmony with key Government policy blueprints, including Kenya Vision 2030, the Fourth Medium-Term Plan, and the Bottom-Up Economic Transformation Agenda (BETA).

The Performance Contract evaluation for CLE was conducted on 28<sup>th</sup> October 2025 by a team from the Public Service Performance Management Unit (PSPMU) led by Mr. Bernard Biegon. During the exercise, Heads of Directorates, Divisions, and Chairpersons of relevant Committees made detailed presentations and provided evidence to substantiate the Council's achievements.

The evaluation focused on six key result areas: Financial Stewardship, Service Delivery, Core Mandate, Implementation of Presidential Directives, Affirmative Action in Procurement, and Cross-Cutting Issues.

The Council attained a composite score of 2.8443 – “Very Good”, marking a significant improvement from the previous year's score of 2.9742. This consistent upward trajectory reflects CLE's dedication to institutional excellence, accountability, and continuous improvement. The achievement also reinforces the growing confidence and satisfaction expressed by stakeholders and clients in the quality of services provided by the CLE.

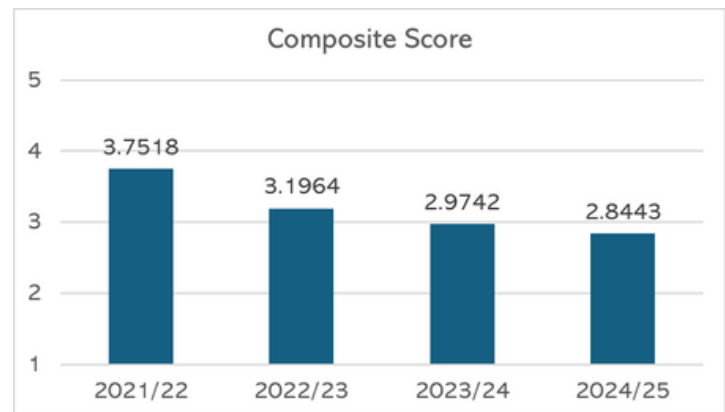


Figure 1: Council of Legal Education Performance Contract Score Trend Analysis

Figure 1 demonstrates CLE Performance Contract analysis for the last four (4) years. The highest score is 1 ranked “Excellent” while the lowest score is 5 ranked “Poor”.



CLE team and the Public Service Performance Management Unit team in a closing meeting session.



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## CLE AND KNQA STRENGTHEN COLLABORATION ON QUALITY ASSURANCE AND QUALIFICATIONS RECOGNITION



Prof. Jack Mwimali, CEO CLE, (centre), Dr. Alice Kande, far right, Director General and CEO of KNQA, Ms. Hannah Konuche, Director SLSC, CLE joined by members of staff from CLE

CLE team, led by the CEO, Prof. Jack Mwimali, paid a courtesy visit to the Kenya National Qualifications Authority (KNQA).

The meeting provided a platform for both institutions to advance ongoing collaborative initiatives aimed at enhancing quality assurance, alignment of standards, and mutual recognition of qualifications within the legal education and training sector. Dr. Kande reaffirmed the Authority's commitment to strengthening collaboration with CLE in areas of shared mandate and mutual interest.

Both parties emphasized the importance of continued engagement in ensuring that Kenya's legal education system remains responsive, credible, and aligned with the national qualifications framework. The discussions also underscored the need for joint efforts in developing mechanisms that promote transparency and consistency in qualification recognition across institutions.

The visit marked another step forward in CLE's commitment to building strong institutional partnerships that support excellence and integrity in legal education and training.

## ENGAGEMENT WITH DEANS OF SCHOOL OF LAW ACROSS KENYA



Prof. Jack Mwimali, CEO CLE, (centre) with Dean of School of Law

Prof. Jack Mwimali, CEO, convened a consultative roundtable with Deans of Law Schools from various universities across the country. The engagement provided a platform for open dialogue on different issues arising from CLE's engagement with the Legal Education Providers and the draft regulations currently being developed by CLE.

This engagement aimed at strengthening the governance and quality assurance framework of legal education and training in Kenya. It also explored avenues for deeper collaboration between CLE and Legal Education Providers in promoting standards and ensuring alignment with the evolving needs in the sector.

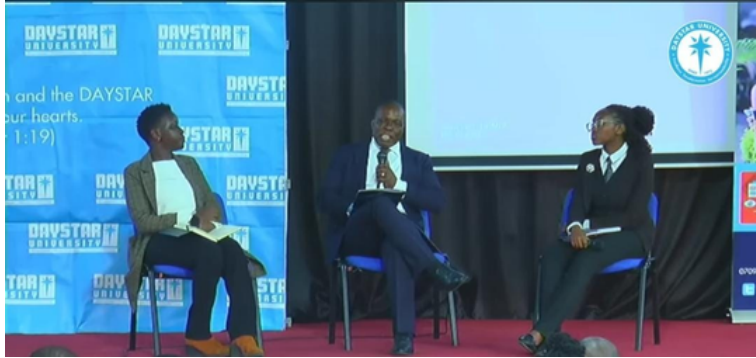




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## PUBLIC LECTURE AT DAYSTAR UNIVERSITY



Prof. Jack Mwimali, participating in a panel discussion

Prof. Jack Mwimali, CEO, attended a Public Lecture at Daystar University, held to launch a new law students' forum dubbed "The Verdict." The event took place at the university's main campus in Athi River.

The forum brought together law students from Daystar University, Kenyatta University, Umma University, and other institutions offering legal education. Participants engaged in robust discussions on the future of legal education in Kenya, exploring how emerging trends, technology, and evolving societal needs are reshaping the profession.

Delivering the keynote address, Advocate Elisha Ongoya challenged the students to embrace innovation and ethical practice as key drivers of transformation in the legal field.

Prof. Mwimali joined a panel discussion focusing on the role of students in advancing the future of the legal profession and highlighted the support that CLE continues to provide in fostering quality legal education and nurturing competent legal professionals. He encouraged students to take an active role in shaping the discourse around legal education and professional development.

The event underscored the importance of collaboration between regulatory bodies, academia, and students in building a vibrant, forward-looking legal profession.

## CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN KENYA

### Call For Papers

INAUGURAL CONFERENCE ON THE FUTURE OF LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING IN KENYA

**Theme**

LEGAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING FOR A GLOBALLY COMPETITIVE LAWYER: REFLECTING ON THE PAST AND CHARTING THE FUTURE

Themes	Important Dates
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Assessing the current state of legal education and training across Eastern Africa, identifying strengths, gaps, and best practices in regulation, accreditation, and professional standards.</li><li>Promoting regional harmonisation of legal education standards under the East African Community (EAC), Common Market for Eastern and Southern Africa (COMESA), and African Continental Free Trade Area (AfCFTA) frameworks to facilitate cross-border legal practice.</li><li>Building partnerships among regulators, academia, professional bodies, and development partners for sustainable capacity development in legal integrity education.</li><li>The role of legal education and training in enhancing the capacity of County and National Governments: Interrogating ways to strengthen legal education for devolved governance by examining how legal education can build specialized competencies for county governments in legislative drafting, intergovernmental relations, public Technology and innovation in legal education and training: The role of Artificial</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Abstract Submission Deadline <b>5<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b></li><li>Notification of Acceptance of abstracts <b>7<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b></li><li>Submissions of Drafts for presentation at the conference <b>24<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b></li><li>Feedback on the submitted Drafts <b>27<sup>th</sup> November 2025</b></li><li>Conference Dates <b>2<sup>nd</sup> - 4<sup>th</sup> December 2025</b></li></ul>

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## ENHANCING CLE'S RISK MANAGEMENT FRAMEWORK

By Morris Gitonga



Heads of Directorates and Divisions pose for a group photo during the ERM Framework Development Retreat.

CLE recognizes that effective risk management is a key enabler in the successful implementation of its Strategic Plan (2023–2027). During the development of the Plan, a comprehensive risk analysis was undertaken, which underscored the need to strengthen the institution's capacity for proactive risk identification, assessment, and mitigation through a robust Risk Management Framework.

In line with this strategic direction, and in response to emerging risks and evolving dynamics in legal education and training, CLE undertook a comprehensive review of its Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) Framework in October 2025. The review provided the team with an opportunity to evaluate the adequacy of existing controls, integrate new and emerging risks, and enhance institutional resilience in alignment with regulatory requirements and international best practices in public sector risk management.

The Public Finance Management (PFM) Act, 2012, and the attendant PFM Regulations, 2015 (Regulation 165), mandate Accounting Officers to establish, implement, and periodically review comprehensive risk management systems. Consistent with this legal requirement, CLE has prioritized the enhancement of its Risk Management Framework as a critical compliance and governance measure for the FY 2025/2026.

This initiative underscores CLE's commitment to strengthening accountability, transparency, and prudent management of public resources in the delivery of its mandate.



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## TEAM BUILDING

By Matthew Ndolo



Members of Staff at CLE

CLE kicked off the month of October at Mombasa Beach Hotel Nyali which was transformed into a hub of inspiration and connection. Expert facilitators from Kenya School of Government, facilitated a powerful team-building retreat. Against the rhythm of ocean waves, the team tackled Leadership in a VUCA World, Emotional Intelligence, Financial Wellness, and Contemporary Leadership, blending high-energy outdoor challenges like the “Trust Circle” with reflective group discussions that broke hierarchies and built unbreakable bonds.

The impact was profound, deeper trust across divisions, sharper communication, and renewed clarity on CLE’s mission as a dedicated regulator of legal education and training in Kenya.. Staff left not just motivated, but equipped, embracing empathy, resilience, and strategic financial habits that strengthen both personal lives and professional excellence. As one caption captured:

*“This retreat was more than an event, it was a reaffirmation of purpose. A stronger, more cohesive CLE means higher standards in legal education, better oversight, and a more robust profession for Kenya. “*

As the Human Resource Division noted, the event successfully provided "an opportunity for learning, bonding and personal development which will positively enhance organizational culture and output."

The verdict? Stronger connections, shared laughter, and renewed team spirit exactly what great teams are built on. Because in the end, great organizations are not just built by great individuals, they're built by individuals who work greatly together.





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## THE NEXT NUMBER BY PETER KIPYEGON

If natural numbers-  
Run from One to Nine.  
Following each other,  
In a sequence,  
So, my little daughter asked me:  
Is Sixty-Nine unnatural?

With passage of time,  
She will understand,  
That sequences and patterns,  
Were designed to code information.  
For ease of mastery,  
Over time,  
Pages become pale-  
Yet Golden!  
For age begets wisdom,  
Leaving lines rich,  
In prowess.

For nine moons,  
Thou  
Knowest:  
Civil and Criminal procedure,  
Succeed each other-  
So are Probate and Legal Writing,  
In the design,  
Of the ATP curriculum.

Now,  
Do you feel readied-  
For a heated argument,  
Pinky ponky!

A moustache' versus a clean-chin moment!  
"Answer my question"  
Cross Examination,  
And Trial Advocacy?  
Within Ethical and Professional  
standards?  
Besides,  
Did you know that:  
Strategic Lawyering  
Prepares ONE  
In the realm of Legal Practice  
Management?

Oh Yes,  
Often,  
Many a client,  
Shall require,  
Elaborate Conveyancing deeds,  
To purchase a plot-  
maguta, maguta,  
Then conduct sustainable economic  
activities,  
Without the risk of insolvency-  
May be,  
Due to poor Commercial Transactions!



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## LAW QUOTES

QUOTE NO. 127

“

THE GREATEST LAWYERS  
ARE THOSE WHO NEVER  
STOP LEARNING, FOR THE  
LAW IS A JOURNEY, NOT A  
DESTINATION

”





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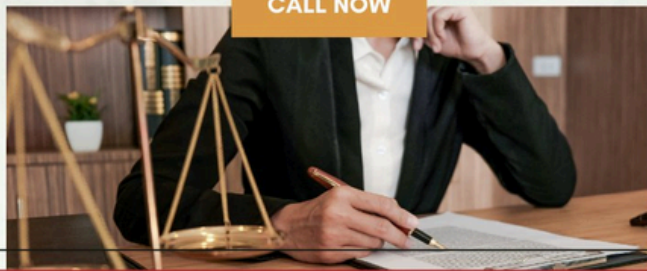
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