**TERMS OF REFERENCE**

**RESEARCH CONSULTANT / RESEARCH TEAM**

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| Assignment | To conduct a study on the *Effectiveness of Quasi-Judicial Bodies in Commercial Justice Delivery in Tanzania for the Past 10 Years.* |
| Location of the assignment | Tanzania, United Republic Of |
| Period of Assignment | 60 days |
| Type of contract | Consultancy contract |
| Open to | Scholars with a proven track record in consultancy and research work |
| Deadline for submitting applications | 10 days from the date of the advertisement |
| Submit to | [research@tls.or.tz](mailto:research@tls.or.tz) |

**ABOUT THE ASSIGNMENT**

The call for applications invites experts to design a methodology and conduct research on Effectiveness of Quasi-Judicial Bodies in Commercial Justice Delivery in Tanzania for the Past 10 Years.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION** Tanganyika Law Society abbreviate as TLS is a statutory professional organization established by an Act of Parliament - the Tanganyika Law Society Ordinance of 1954. Currently TLS is governed by the Tanganyika Law Society Act, Cap 307 R.E. 2002.

One of the core components of TLS statutory mandate outlined in the TLS Act, Cap 307 is to assist the Government, Judiciary and Parliament in all matters affecting legislation, and the administration and practice of the law in Tanzania. Other TLS statutory mandate include; to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge by members of the legal profession and others, to protect and assist the public in Tanzania in all matters touching, ancillary or incidental to the law, and to represent, protect and assist members of the legal profession in Tanzania as regards to conditions of practice and otherwise.

For TLS to execute its mandate, research has become one of the most important components to its operations. TLS Monitoring and Evaluation Department is tasked with coordinating research activities with a guidance and oversight of Research and Publication Committee.

**RESEARCH OBJECTIVES**

The overall research objective is to assess the Effectiveness of Quasi-Judicial Bodies in Commercial Justice Delivery in Tanzania for the Past 10 Years.

**The** **specific objectives** **are;**

1. To assess timely delivery of disputes;
2. To assess the impact of decisions made by tribunals in facilitating trade and business in Tanzania;
3. Assess how the tribunal protect consumers rights and,
4. Evaluate how they support and protect the growth of small and medium size business.

**DELIVERABLES**

1. Inception reports.
2. Validation report.
3. Final report.

**SELECTION CRITERIA**

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| **Criteria** | **Weight**  **(%)** | **Max Point** |
| **Technical proposal (70 %)** | | |
| Demonstrate proven skills in consultancy and research work | 15 | 15 |
| Demonstrated experience in conducting research and consultancy in similar/related assignments | 25 | 25 |
| demonstrate proven practical experience in commercial justice dispute settlement | 15 | 15 |
| Methodology and work plan | 15 | 15 |
| **Financial proposal (30%)** | | |
| Budget | 10 | 10 |
| Evidence of previous research grant | 20 | 20 |

**QUALIFICATION NEEDED**

* The Principle Investigator should hold a PhD in law or an LLM or any discipline of the social sciences
* Should demonstrate proven practical experience in commercial justice dispute settlement for at least 10 years of practice in the relevant tribunals.
* Should demonstrate a proven track record in research, consultancy and publication
* Assistant researchers should hold a bachelor degree or higher qualification
* At least two (2) assistant researchers should be advocates of High Court of Tanzania with relevant skills and practice in the commercial justice
* Sound understanding of quantitative and qualitative research methodology is highly desirable
* Strong personal commitment to research work is required
* Should be a citizen of Tanzania
* Non-Tanzanians interested in the assignment should comply with the immigration laws

**OTHER REQUIREMENTS**

When submitting the technical proposal, interested applicants are requested to attach the following;

* A recent CV of the principle investigator indicating his/her academic record, relevant work experience, list of publications and at least 2 academic referees
* Profile of other researchers explaining why they are more suitable for the work

To submit your expression of interest (EOI) please send the technical proposal, along with financial proposal to [research@tls.or.tz](mailto:research@tls.or.tz).