

# The Tanganyika Law Society

The Bar Association Of Tanzania Mainland

Dear Members,

**REF: NOTICE ON UPDATING THE MEMBERS' DATABASE, PAYMENT STATUS, CLE POINTS AND GENERAL INFORMATION TO MEMBERS**

TLS wishes to inform you that the Secretariat of the **Tanganyika Law Society (TLS)** is carrying out a special exercise to improve its service delivery to its members to assist in compliance on various statutory requirements, processes and procedures so as to ensure a smooth transition of your Membership Status and acquiring of your Practicing Certificate (PC) from one year to the next.

In this connection TLS is providing you with some information critical to the exercise so that each of you may take the necessary actions to appraise yourself of your individual status.

**The Exercise will cover the following areas:**

- 1. Debt collection for Subscription Fees, LAAC and DATF**
- 2. Continuous Legal Education (CLE)points through CLE Seminar programmes for October to December 2020**
- 3. 2020 Professionals' Diversity Conference with CLE Seminars & Exhibition**
- 4. 2020 Diversity Safari**

**1. DEBT COLLECTION FOR SUBSCRIPTION FEES, LAAC AND DATF**

**1.1 Annual Membership Subscription Fees from 2012-2020:**

It is a statutory requirement for all Members to pay their Annual Membership Subscription Fee each year. However, our records show that a sizeable number of Members have slowly started to default causing some concerns to the organization and other relevant authorities.

**1.2 Legal Aid and Advocacy Centre (LAAC):**

It was agreed in the 2018 AGM for all members to make a compulsory payment of TZS 400,000/- for all old members and TZS 200,000/- for newly admitted members to contribute for the building project of the Wakili House. All newly admitted members have complied with the decision. Old members are still have an outstanding of LAAC as per their commitments. We ask them to honour their commitments because, TLS still have an outstanding amount to be cleared to the Contractors and Consultant to facilitate them to complete the pending works on the building.

We appreciate all those who have contributed and completed their payments. However, the remaining members to complete their payments.

### **1.3 Deceased Advocates Trust Fund (DATF):**

Another area of concern is about payments to the DATF. This is an annual contribution of TZS 40,000/- which is contributed by every member yearly. As you know this amount goes to support the deceased member for funeral expenses to the tune of TZS 6,000,000/-. This contribution has no options to all types of members i.e. practising members, commissioners for oath and notary public members, non-practising members, not for profit members and deferred members. That is [private practitioners (practising, non-practising and not for profit practising members) and those in public service (commissioners for oath and notary public, and those in judicial service) members].

You are requested to honor this commitment as it supports our departing colleagues of the Society. We have over 300 Members who have passed on and we have honored our commitments to their beneficiaries.

### **1.4 Payment updates and Way Forward:**

Having all these number of member defaulting in paying their contributions make it difficult for TLS to manage its activities and offer quality and timely services to members. TLS therefore encourages you to cooperate and take part in making sure this exercise is a success.

This exercise will involve the TLS Secretariat sending emails, messages and making calls to individual members informing them of their membership status and where needed, agree on a payment schedule to clear their debts by December 2020. We will follow this with a couple of reminders to ensure everyone is fully compliant.

While a number of interventions will be carried out between October and December 2020, failure by the defaulting members to clear all outstanding dues will result in taking additional measures including escalating the issues to relevant authorities (Chief Justice (CJ)) who has indicated his intention and mandate to take appropriate action for failure to comply.

## **2. CLE SEMINARS**

### **2.1 CLE Points Status:**

While this is a professional service offered to TLS Members to update themselves on various areas of the profession, it has been sadly noted that a large number of members have completely ignored the importance of the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) programs. This is not an option, but a statutory requirement in order to continue practicing.

### **2.2 CLEs in Chapters:**

End of the year is approaching and it appears that a large number of Members have not yet acquired the required 10 CLE points that will enable them to renew their certificates. To address this huge gap, TLS have embarked on a CLE Campaign across the Chapters at (Zones / Regions) from October to December 2020. These physical CLEs will award the Participants the points needed for renewing their Certificate.

The Continuous Legal Education Committee (CLE Committee) have prepared a special programme of physical CLE seminars in all of our Chapters that will help members to acquire points before the end of the year. In collaboration with National CLE Committee each chapter will arrange on the dates, topics, prices and venues of the said seminars.

### **2.3 Special CLEs in Arusha 2020**

For the benefit of majority of the Members, there will be a special set of CLEs organized at Lush Garden Hotel, Arusha from 30<sup>th</sup> November – 02<sup>nd</sup> December 2020. These CLEs are expected to bring in a large number of Participants who can qualify to get the required CLE points. Kindly get to know the details, register in advance and make your payments to secure your seat immediately after the National CLE Committee announces details of the seminars.

There will be a Main Session as well as Break Away Sessions on a variety of relevant topics that are currently trending in Tanzania and globally. The topics will provide a diverse range of issues that address the current priorities in the country as well provide you the necessary tools and techniques to assist your Clients to deal with the emerging issues in the local and international arena.

## **3. 2020 PROFESSIONALS' DIVERSITY CONFERENCE AND EXHIBITION**

### **3.1 2020 Professionals' Diversity Conference**

By virtue of Section 19 (2) (d) of the Tanganyika Law Society Act, Cap 307 as amended by the *Written Miscellaneous Amendment Act, Act No.1 of 2020*, the TLS Secretariat has also prepared Tanzania's First 2020 Professional Diversity Conference that will be held from 03<sup>rd</sup> – 04<sup>th</sup> December 2020 immediately following the Special CLEs Seminars in Arusha at Lush Garden. Topics, resource persons, prices for the conference and number of points to be awarded will communicate to you once they are passed by the National CLE Committee.

A first of its kind conference in Tanzania will provide a Business Networking Platform between TLS and other Professional Associations in the country. As a unique and extremely open forum, all TLS Members will get to understand the business of a diverse range of professional associations from various disciplines, share experiences and get to know how they complement and assist TLS Members in their own business interactions where such professionals need the expertise of TLS Members and vice versa.

Key highlights of the Professional Diversity Conference will be to have a Team Building Sports Bonanza, Social Interactions and a Gala Dinner.

### **3.2 Professional Diversity Exhibition**

Another key activity during the Professional Diversity Conference will be to run the Professional Diversity Exhibition whereby TLS expect the 30 plus participating Professional Associations, will set up their Booth showcasing their activities, share information regarding their activities and provide business linkages where possible.

#### **4. DIVERSITY SAFARI**

An exciting part of the 2020 Professional Diversity Conference, TLS is planning to organize a Diversity Safari on Saturday, 05<sup>th</sup> December 2020 to Ngorongoro National Park. Members opting for this safari will visit the National Park and make a memorable trip to the Crater and appreciate the diversity of the flora and fauna. This domestic tourism will also provide another social networking opportunity for participants to get to know each other from a different perspective.

TLS will update you on the details of the costs involved and the facilities that members would enjoy as they take part in this thrilling safari where the professionals will come into close range with the wild animals and wonder about the beauty of nature.

#### **Action Point for TLS Members:**

Kindly take a brief moment to update your personal details e.g. Mobile and Email contacts on the **Wakili Database** so as not to miss any important information that needs to be sent to you.

#### **Conclusion:**

Once again let me take this opportunity to thank all TLS Members for their continuous support to the Governing Council and the TLS Secretariat.

We look forward to your participation in the upcoming events as we close 2020.



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