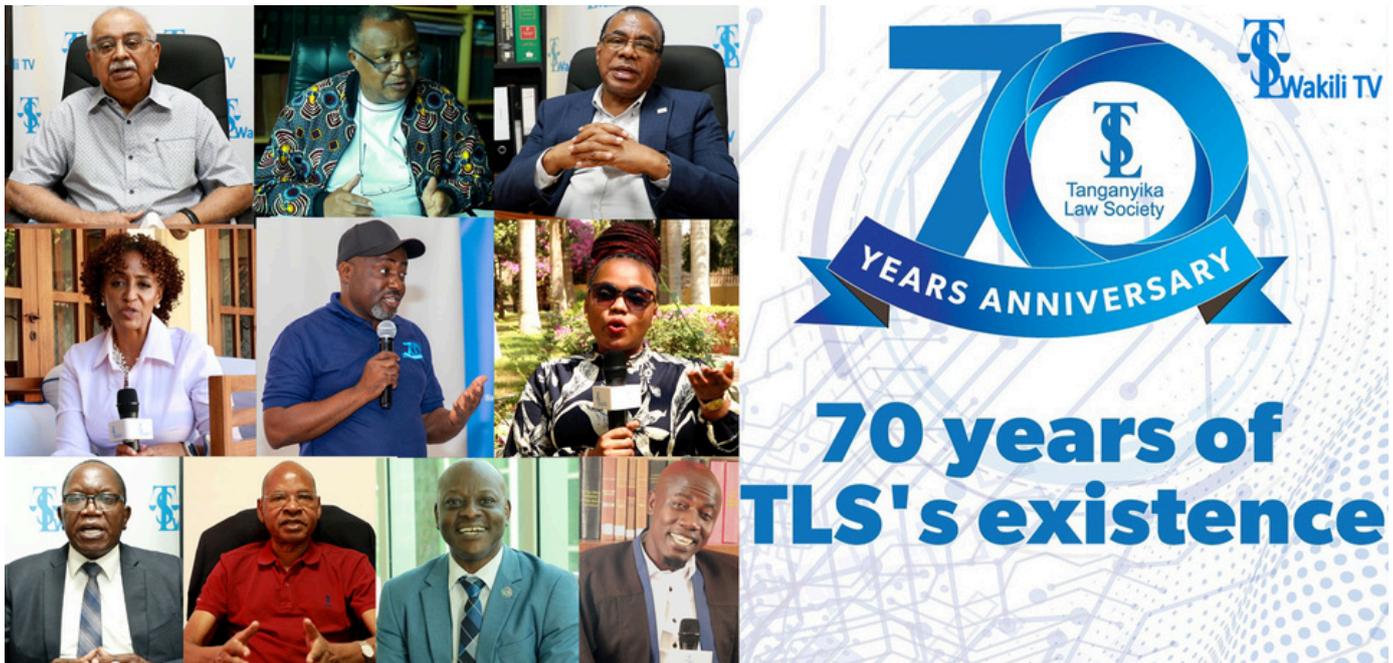


# What TLS has been up to from October to December 2024!



## Message from the Tanganyika Law Society

As we wrap up another remarkable quarter, we reflect on the core values and vision that drive the Tanganyika Law Society: to be an exemplary Bar that champions equal justice for all. This vision continues to inspire our every endeavor, from groundbreaking initiatives to fostering impactful collaborations and delivering unparalleled service to our members and society.

This quarter has been marked by significant milestones in our journey of service to our esteemed members and a testament to our unwavering commitment to the rule of law, democracy, human rights, and access to justice.

From the resounding success of the Professional Diversity Conference to the heartfelt celebrations of TLS's 70-year legacy, we have worked tirelessly to empower the legal fraternity while making a meaningful difference in the communities we serve.

In this issue of the TLS Quarterly Newsletter, we spotlight the remarkable strides made, celebrate member achievements, and share updates on key projects advancing our mission. These stories are not just reflections of our progress—they are calls to action for all members to actively participate in shaping the future of justice in Tanzania.

As we move forward, let us remain united in upholding justice, integrity, and service. Together, we will continue building a society grounded in fairness, accountability, and the unwavering principles of the rule of law.



Warm regards,  
Mariam Othman,  
Executive Director

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# TLS Marks 70 Years of Upholding the Rule of Law



On 16th November 2024, TLS members gathered at the Lush Garden Hotel in Arusha to commemorate the 70th anniversary of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS). This milestone served as a moment of reflection on the Society's journey, celebrating its contributions to upholding the rule of law, advancing constitutional development, and strengthening Tanzania's legal profession.

The 70th Anniversary celebrations, which were first launched during the TLS AGM in Dodoma, culminated in Arusha with a focus on introspection and planning. Members reflected on TLS's successes, challenges, and future opportunities, all aimed at ensuring the Society remains relevant and impactful for its members and the nation for decades to come.

## A Historical Journey of TLS

Senior Advocate Colman Ngalo recounted the historical journey of TLS since its founding in 1954, prior to Tanganyika's independence. He highlighted the Society's key moments, from its early days under colonial rule, its evolution during the 1980s, and the modern era, characterized by a youthful membership base predominantly made up of Generation Z lawyers.

A special documentary by Wakili TV, showcasing TLS's legacy, was screened to attendees. The film featured insights from legal luminaries, including Prof. Issa Shivji, Senior Alute Mugwai, and past presidents like Senior Francis Stola, Senior Charles Rwechungura, and Senior Madam Fatma Karume. The narrative also included retired judges, Hon. Judge Fauz Twaib, a young lawyer advocate, Sandra Boniface, and the human rights defender, Jebra Kambole. They reflected on TLS's achievements, challenges, and vision for the future as a Bar Association committed to ensuring rule of law is upheld in Tanzania.



## A Legacy Documented

A significant resolution from the event was to document TLS's history in a comprehensive book. Led by Senior Advocate Colman Ngalo, members agreed that the TLS Secretariat must coordinate efforts to compile a historical record of the Society. This book aims to preserve vital memories and insights from senior advocates, benefiting not only current members but also future generations of legal professionals.

## Advocacy for Constitutional Reforms

The celebrations also highlighted TLS's significant role in Tanzania's constitution-making process. TLS President, Adv. Boniface Mwabukusi, urged members to uphold the objectives outlined in Section 4 of the TLS Act, emphasizing their collective responsibility to champion the rule of law and advocate for constitutional reforms. He further reminded members that the milestone of 70 years should not merely be a source of pride but a moment for self-reflection. "We must evaluate our maturity and relevance in enforcing the rule of law and ensuring that the Tanzanian community enjoys a peaceful and fulfilling life, as envisioned by our Constitution," he said.



Prof. Chris Maina Peter delivered an enlightening address on the pivotal role of TLS and civic movements in shaping Tanzania's democratic landscape. He underscored the importance of advocates in ensuring constitutional reforms reflect the will of the people.

Dr. Ananilea Nkya spotlighted the contributions of civil society and women's movements in advocating for gender equality, human rights, and inclusive governance. Her remarks highlighted the need for a constitution that represents all voices, especially marginalized groups.

Dr. Victoria Lihiru provided actionable insights on how TLS can effectively engage in ongoing constitutional reforms. She emphasized strategies like active advocacy, public awareness campaigns, expert legal input, and collaboration with stakeholders to uphold justice and inclusivity.



## A Vision for the Future

In her closing remarks, TLS Vice President Ms. Laetitia Petro expressed profound gratitude to all participants and contributors. She reaffirmed TLS's mission and called for continued unity and commitment to the rule of law as the Society moves forward.

The 70th Anniversary celebrations not only honored the past but also set the stage for a future defined by growth, innovation, and unwavering dedication to justice. Stay tuned for the full documentary by Wakili TV, capturing the essence of TLS's remarkable journey!

## Have You Updated Your Information in the Wakili Database?

As an advocate and a valued member of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), it is essential to ensure your information in the Wakili Database is accurate and up to date. This database plays a critical role in TLS's ability to serve its members effectively, aligned with Section 4 of the TLS Act, which highlights objectives such as:

- Maintaining and improving the standards of conduct and learning within the legal profession in Tanzania.
- Facilitating the acquisition of legal knowledge for members and others.
- Representing, protecting, and assisting members regarding practice conditions and other professional matters.

### Why Updating the Database Matters

Despite our efforts to enhance member services, the TLS Secretariat faces challenges due to outdated or incomplete information in the Wakili Database. This is especially problematic when:

- Assisting the families of members who have passed away, only to find next-of-kin or beneficiary details are missing or outdated.
- Resolving complications arising from members listing minors as their next of kin, which can create legal obstacles during succession processes.
- Trying to locate or contact a member especially where there are certain opportunities for members
- Trying to design tailored-made services for certain categories of members

### What You Need to Update

We kindly request that you review and update the following details in the Wakili Database to ensure seamless support:

- Personal Information
  - Date of Birth
  - Gender
  - Marital Status (including information of Spouse)
- Next of Kin and Beneficiaries
  - Ensure at least one next of kin is an adult
- Chapter Affiliation
  - Confirm or update your chapter affiliation
- Contact Information
  - Current email address
  - Active phone numbers
- Work-Related Information
  - Office details and address
- Recent Passport-Sized Photograph
  - Upload a recent and professional photograph

### Your Cooperation Is Essential

Updating your information ensures that TLS can effectively fulfill its mandate and provide the support you and your family may need. Let's work together to build a stronger and more connected professional community.

We appreciate your prompt action in ensuring your details in the Wakili Database are accurate and complete. Thank you for your cooperation.

## WAKILI TV JOURNEY: Updates on Wakili TV Initiatives

Wakili TV continues to be at the forefront of delivering legal education and analysis to Tanzanians. As a digital media outlet owned by the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Wakili TV has successfully created a platform that simplifies complex legal matters for the public. With over 15,000 subscribers and one million viewers on YouTube, Wakili TV provides accessible legal knowledge and promotes transparency in the rule of law.

Recently, the platform aired several engaging programs, including in-depth discussions on local and international legal matters, constitutional issues, and the rights of citizens. These programs have generated strong viewer engagement, with increasing participation from the public in both live discussions and comment sections.

Looking forward, Wakili TV plans to expand its programming and strengthen partnerships with like-minded organizations. The outlet is focused on securing public interest journalism grants and developing sustainable funding strategies through audience donations. This approach will enable Wakili TV to maintain its independence and continue its mission of delivering reliable legal education to Tanzanians.

By analyzing key issues from a legal perspective, Wakili TV ensures that its audience is well-informed, empowering them to hold institutions and individuals accountable. The platform remains committed to transparency, accuracy, and ethical reporting, all while making legal knowledge accessible to everyone.

### Wakili TV Invites Advocates to Volunteer and Provide Legal Education

The Wakili TV team urges advocates to voluntarily contribute their expertise and provide legal education through our platform. As a proud initiative of the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS), Wakili TV is committed to making legal knowledge accessible to the public in a simple and engaging manner. This is a call to all TLS members to embrace the opportunity to give back by offering legal aid, education, and awareness to the public from the comfort of their own space.

Let's take pride in our very own television channel and strengthen TLS's relevance by empowering citizens with the legal insights they need to make informed decisions. By volunteering with Wakili TV, you can play a critical role in shaping public understanding of the law, ensuring that justice is accessible to everyone. Together, we can make a lasting impact on society, fostering a better-informed citizenry that is aware of their rights and responsibilities.

## TLS Governing Council Strengthens Relationships with Key Stakeholders

This quarter, the TLS Governing Council paid courtesy calls to various stakeholders. Below is a summary of these meetings, with supporting images included.

### Meeting with the Attorney General

The TLS Governing Council met with the Attorney General of the Government, Hon. Hamza Johari, among other matters, to discuss ways to improve relations between both parties for the benefit of the nation. This meeting took place in Dodoma on November 1, 2024.



### Meeting with the Ministry of Constitution and Legal Affairs and the Financial Crimes Unit

The TLS Governing Council met with the Secretary of the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs and the Commissioner of the Financial Crimes Unit to discuss the effective implementation of laws related to money laundering. The meeting was held in Dodoma on October 31, 2024.



### Meeting with the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance

Members of the Commission for Human Rights and Good Governance met with the President of TLS, Advocate Boniface Anyisile Kajunjumele Mwabukusi, on October 16, 2024, at the TLS headquarters, Wakili House, in Dar es Salaam.



## FEE NOTICE FOR THE YEAR 2025

Dear Member,

The Governing Council issued the Fee Notice for the year 2025 on November 06, 2024.

The notice includes:

- Annual Subscription Fee for the Financial Year 2025
- EALS (Compulsory) fee
- Non-Citizen Advocates' fee
- Payment Information

Members are requested to acquire payment control numbers via the Wakili Database by clicking the link <https://wakili.tls.or.tz/>

For detailed information and access to the notice, please visit the TLS website, [www.tls.or.tz](http://www.tls.or.tz).

THANK YOU.



## TLS 2024 Diversity Conference Highlights: Bridging Sectors, Advancing Data Protection

The Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) proudly upholds its tradition of hosting the annual Professional Diversity Conference, a platform dedicated to uniting professionals from diverse fields. This conference serves as an opportunity to share experiences, foster learning, expand networks, and explore business opportunities within Tanzania.

This year's Diversity Conference, held on 15th November 2024 at the Lush-Garden Hotel in Arusha, was a resounding success. Under the theme "Embracing Data Protection in the Multi-Sector Economy: Building a Unified Approach to Privacy and Security," the event brought together legal practitioners and industry experts for dynamic discussions on the pivotal topic of data protection across various sectors.



The event was graced by Hon. Engineer Maryprisca Mahundi (MP), Deputy Minister of Information, Communication, and Information Technology, as Guest of Honor. In her keynote address, Hon. Mahundi underscored the importance of embracing technology in the legal profession, urging a transition from paper-based processes to digital documentation. She highlighted the transformative potential of artificial intelligence and commended TLS under the leadership of Adv. Boniface Mwabukusi for its proactive efforts to uphold the rule of law, promote legal education, provide legal aid, and champion interdisciplinary collaboration for national development aligned with technological advancements.

### Key Discussions on Data Protection

The conference theme was explored through expert-led sessions and collaborative discussions, offering actionable insights. Key presentations included:

- The Role of Personal Data Protection Laws in Accelerating Tanzania's Digital Economy presented by Amit Gadhia, Advocate and Solicitor, ECPC-G, CIPP/E, and Managing Partner, ICTLC Kenya. This session showcased global experiences illustrating how robust data protection laws drive digital transformation.
- Legal Framework for Data Protection in Emerging Technologies, speakers Kennedy Mutua Mutuku, Advocate & Partner, Sisule & Associates LLP, and Dr. Elifuraha Laltaika, Senior Law Lecturer, Tumaini University, shared insights into the role of regulations in governing AI-driven data processing.
- Consent Management and Data Subject Rights, presented by Senior Counsel Doxa Mpapila, Senior Partner at Endoxa Law. This session explored strategies for managing consent and empowering individuals to exercise their data rights effectively.





## Pre Diversity Conference: Capacity Building Through CLE Seminars

As part of the Diversity Conference week, TLS conducted four days of Continuing Legal Education (CLE) seminars from 11th to 14th November 2024. These sessions equipped advocates with practical knowledge on critical topics, including:

- Election Petition Litigation
- Land and Mining Compensation
- Oil & Gas Contract Management
- Investor-State Disputes in International Arbitration
- Fiscal Reforms and Taxation



The seminars were led by a distinguished lineup of experts, such as:

- Senior Counsel Mohammed Tibanyendera, Managing Consultant, Star Chambers Advocates
- Senior Counsel David Nzaligo, Head of Legal Department, AngloGold Ashanti
- Senior Counsel Dr. Boniphace Luhende, Former Solicitor General of Tanzania
- Mr. Hamad Iddi Mterry, Principal Tax Management Officer, TRA
- Dr. Francis M. Magare, Senior Advocate and Human Rights Law Expert
- Ms. Mariya Badeva, Director, AfricanLII, University of Cape Town

Hon. Kifungu Mrisho, Deputy Registrar & Director of Library Services, Judiciary of Tanzania

Mental health and wellness for legal professionals were also prioritized, emphasizing that a sound mind is essential for effective practice, with insights presented by Ms. Sophia Byanaku, the Founder and Managing Director of Bloom Wellness Ltd.

TLS Executive Director Adv. Mariam Othman extended her heartfelt appreciation to all participants, both in-person and virtual. "We hope you found the sessions insightful and enjoyed your time in Arusha," she said.

This year's Diversity Conference and CLE Seminars reinforced TLS's commitment to empowering the legal profession, promoting inclusivity, and championing innovation for a stronger and more dynamic legal sector in Tanzania, she added.



### Notice to Newly Admitted Advocates

The **Compulsory Induction Seminar** for all newly admitted advocates will be held as follows:

- Date: Wednesday, 11th December 2024
- Venue: Ubungu Plaza, Dar es Salaam

The **Admission on the Roll of the Advocate Ceremony** will follow:

- Date: Thursday, 12th December 2024
- Venue: Karimjee Grounds, Dar es Salaam
- Time: 08:00 AM

# Seeking Justice: TLS National Dialogue on Enforced Disappearance in Tanzania

Ubungo Plaza, Dar es Salaam | 5th October 2024



The Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) organized a groundbreaking National Symposium on Enforced Disappearance to address the increasing concern of abductions and disappearances in Tanzania. The event convened experts, civil society leaders, legal professionals, and victims to explore solutions for raising public awareness, ensuring accountability, and enhancing national security.

## Opening Remarks

The symposium was inaugurated by TLS President Adv. Boniface Mwabukusi, who emphasized the importance of acknowledging challenges to find collective solutions. "Wisdom and prudence should guide us in addressing the safety of our nation," he remarked. Executive Director Ms. Mariam Othman highlighted the need for multi-stakeholder engagement to address this pressing issue.

## Key Presentations

Experts delivered insightful presentations on the history, legal frameworks, and advocacy strategies for combating enforced disappearances:

- Hon. Robert Makaramba, J. (Rtd) detailed the international and domestic legal gaps, advocating for Tanzania to ratify the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance.
- Adv. Dr. Rugemeleza Nshala urged for reforms in investigative procedures and constitutional amendments to include enforced disappearance as a criminal offense.
- Adv. Jebra Kambole shed light on alarming statistics and notable cases, underscoring Tanzania's lack of ratified international conventions or specific legislation on enforced disappearances.
- Adv. Paul Kisabo outlined advocacy strategies, -

emphasizing the need for public litigation, awareness campaigns, and support mechanisms for victims.

## Voices from Victims

Emotional testimonies were shared by victims and families. Mama Songoro, whose son disappeared in 2022, pleaded, "Even if he died, we want to know so we can pray for him."

## Police Engagement

Dar es Salaam Zonal Police Commander ZPC Jumanne Muliro acknowledged the gravity of enforced disappearances. He pledged the police force's commitment to lawful operations and transparency while also encouraging public trust in domestic justice mechanisms.

## Key Recommendations

The symposium concluded with critical recommendations, including:

- Ratifying the International Convention for the Protection of All Persons from Enforced Disappearance and enacting domestic laws.
- Reforming the police force and strengthening community security systems.
- Establishing reparations for victims and their families.
- Creating public education programs on preventing illegal arrests and enforced disappearances.

## A Call to Action

TLS remains committed to promoting human rights and justice. Through collaborative efforts, stakeholders aim to build a safer and more transparent Tanzania. This symposium serves as a vital step toward addressing enforced disappearances and protecting every citizen's right to safety and security.

## Meeting between the TIAC Board of Directors and the Minister of Constitutional and Legal Affairs



The Board of Directors of the Tanzania International Arbitration Centre (TIAC), led by Vice Chairman Mr. Mpale Mpoki, met with the Minister for Constitutional and Legal Affairs, Prof. Palamagamba J.A. M. Kabudi, as a continuation of the discussions held on September 17, 2024, between the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) Governing Council and the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs in Dodoma.

The meeting proposed a special session between the Ministry and the TIAC Board of Directors to discuss several issues, including collaboration in strengthening TIAC, building the capacity of arbitration professionals, and later raising awareness to the public on the importance of the existence and use of ADR for Dispute Resolution. The meeting was held on November 6, 2024, in Dodoma.

## Peaceful Procession and Provision of Legal Aid to Combat Child Abduction and Murder in Tanzania event



On October 18, 2024, a peaceful procession was held at Mnazi Mmoja in Dar es Salaam, organized by the Women Lawyers of TLS. The event was led by Vice President of Tanganyika, Adv. Laetitia Petro Ntagazwa in collaboration with the Ministry of Constitutional and Legal Affairs, aimed to raise awareness and combat child abduction and murder in Tanzania.

The procession emphasized the fight against child abuse and highlighted the role of legal aid in protecting vulnerable children from violence and exploitation.



A delegation from the High People's Court of Zhejiang Province, China, visited the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS) and held discussions aimed at sharing experiences on various operational matters between both parties. The meeting was led by Advocate Reginald Shirima, a member of the TLS Governing Council from the Bagamoyo region, on behalf of the TLS Governing Council. The meeting took place, November 22, 2024, at the TLS headquarters, Wakili House, Dar es Salaam



In commemoration of the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender-Based Violence, TLS, under the sponsorship of GIZ and in collaboration with legal aid providers (Surungai), provided legal education and support on gender-based violence at Bahi Sokoni Primary School in the Bahi District, Dodoma, on November 21, 2024.



A two-day training to build the capacity of Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in policy and legal analysis and advocacy was held in Morogoro from November 11-12, 2024. Stakeholders acknowledged gaining a better understanding of how to conduct legal and policy analysis and advocacy on the laws and policies that govern their institutions.



## Upcoming CLE Seminars in Dec, 2024

TLS continues to facilitate the acquisition of legal knowledge to members of the legal profession as per Section 4 of the Tanganyika Law Society Act and Strategic Objective 1: (To improve standards of learning in the legal profession) under the TLS Strategic Plan.

We'd like to encourage you to register for these seminars to gain valuable insights and contribute to the discussions surrounding the selected areas of practice. Don't miss out on the opportunity to participate in these important conversations.

Kindly, diarize scheduled dates and make yourself available to attend these seminars.

We look forward to seeing you there!

### HQ CLE SEMINARS

#### Transfer of immovable Assets and Other Tax Compliance Issues in Tanzania

Facilitator: Officers from TRA  
Modality: Online  
Fee: 20,000  
Date: 7th December, 2024  
Time: 10:00 am - 12:30 pm

#### Cross-Border Data Transfers: Navigating the Complexities

Facilitator: Adv. Pascal Mshanga  
Modality: Online  
Fee: 20,000  
Date: 7th December, 2024  
Time: 02:00pm - 04:30pm

#### Corporate Insolvency Other than Compulsory Winding Up: From the Boardroom to the Regulatory Compliance matters

Facilitator: Adv. Tumwesige E. Lushakuzi & Adv. Irene Kalugula  
Modality: Online  
Fee: 20,000  
Date: 13th December 2024  
Time: 02:00 pm-04:30 pm.

#### Modularized CLE seminar: Mastering the legal and practical aspects of Environmental Law in Tanzania: What the Lawyer needs to know 20 years after EMA

Facilitator: Hon. Dr. Eliaman Laltaika J.  
Modality: Online  
Fee: 20,000  
Date: 7th Dec, 2024 and 14th Dec, 2024  
Time: 02:00 pm - 04:30 pm

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#### Tax Dispute settlements mechanism in Tz

Facilitator: Hon. Dr Fauz Twaib ( Rtd J)  
Modality: Online  
Fee: 20,000  
Date: 12th December, 2024  
Time: 12:00pm - 02:00pm

## African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights Visits TLS



The President of the African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights, Hon. Justice Iman Abood, led a delegation from the Court on an official visit to the Tanganyika Law Society (TLS). The delegation was warmly received by TLS President, Advocate Boniface Mwabukusi, at TLS headquarters, Wakili House, on December 6, 2024.

The discussions focused on exploring effective ways to foster collaboration between the African Court and TLS to enhance access to justice. Particular emphasis was placed on the importance of lawyers, especially young advocates, working closely with the Court to help the public better understand its role and significance. This initiative aims to simplify access to justice for communities across Africa.

This visit highlights the vital role of legal institutions in raising public awareness of justice systems and building strategic partnerships for societal benefit.





## In Memoriam

During this period, the Tanganyika Law Society mourns the loss of some of its beloved members. We stand in solidarity with their families, friends, and colleagues during this difficult time. Their contributions to the legal profession and society will always be remembered. May their souls rest in eternal peace.

NAME OF ADVOCATE	ROLL NO.	CHAPTER	DATE OF DEATH
Augustine Gatera Katabazi	1749	Tabora	02/10/2024
Stella Mafuru	6420	Temeke	04/10/2024
Riziki Majalla	8659	Pwani	18/10/2024
Peter Busoro Mauggo	3399	Kinondoni	21/10/2024
Heavenlight Charles Mlinga	1170	Ilala	26/10/2024
Bridget Sengwaji	9967	Ilala	27/10/2024
Geofrey Rugaimukamu	10709	Kagera	31/10/2024
Vicensia Fuko	10194	Kinondoni	27/11/2024
Leonard Martin Moshy	2749	Dodoma	29/11/ 2024
Ademba Gomba	661	Kinondoni	04/12/ 2024

**THANK YOU!**

