



UNIVERSITY OF EMBU

ORIENTATION MESSAGE TO FIRST YEAR STUDENTS

MESSAGE FROM THE DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW

It gives me great pleasure on behalf of my colleagues to welcome you to the School of Law, University of Embu. Firstly, congratulations on achieving the grades that enabled you to secure admission at the School of Law, University of Embu. The school takes pride in being your law school of choice.

I want to say that the legal profession is a demanding one. It is full of stories, tales of oppression and tales of deliverance that will capture your imagination throughout the 4 years of your studies. Students who are the happiest here, are those who think of the law programme not as preparation for exams or preparation for admission to the bar, but as occasions for conversations with incredibly bright legal minds, students and professors alike.

We at the School of Law pride ourselves in being focussed on delivering high-quality law qualification, while making our own particular contribution to the legal landscape and shaping the next generation of legal practitioners. For that reason, the School was one of the few schools in the Country that received accreditation for the LLB qualification from the Council of Legal Education after a rigorous process in 2019.

We are pleased to be able to say that our school boasts highly respected teaching staff and committed support staff who combine to provide a top-quality educational legal experience for law students.

Our academic staff, continue to produce an increasing body of published research work in various areas of law. The school has also fostered professional relationships with the world's most prestigious international universities such as the Nelson Mandela University in South Africa and Oxford University in the United Kingdom. Some of our staff members have reached the apex of their careers in law. As you may be aware, one of our Senior Lecturers, Hon. Justice Dr. Kibaya Imaana Laibuta was recently appointed to serve as Judge of the Court of Appeal of Kenya by His Excellency the President of the Republic of Kenya, Hon. Uhuru Kenyatta. Justice Laibuta, is currently playing a significant role in the execution of justice and I encourage all of you to follow his illustrious footsteps and achieve your own personal best.

Our law students actively participate in the internal and national mooting competition to gain the advocacy skills necessary for any student aspiring to become a lawyer in the near



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future. A moot court competition simulates a court hearing in which participants analyse a legal problem, research the applicable relevant law, and prepare written submissions, and present oral arguments before a judge or panel of judges. Mooting also assists in developing student's capacity to argue persuasively and convincingly. So, the skills you will learn at the School of Law will prepare you to be among the best in the field. You will be able to adjust to the world beyond university as you will have the highest quality of teaching and learning that is part of the University of Embu way of life.

We cannot deny that 2020/2021ay was a troublesome year on so many fronts. However, we at the School of Law have risen to the challenges and grasped the opportunities presented to ensure that we deliver our programme with integrity and at a high standard. We are mindful and respectful of the trajectory of the coronavirus pandemic. We prioritise the health and safety of our students and staff while remaining agile, adaptable and flexible amid the uncertainty of the pandemic. To this end, the School has adopted and implemented a blended teaching and learning approach for semester I, 2021/2022AY and we are committed to providing all of our students with the academic opportunities and support they require to progress through and complete 2021/2022 ay. To do so effectively, students will need a laptop or a smart phone, a reasonable stable connectivity and a suitable place to study to be able to effectively learn online.

Students who do not have access to all of the above, are encouraged to be in Embu to access the University's general and specialised computer labs and Wi-Fi on campus so that they can engage in online learning.

As I conclude, I would like to highlight that this is now your opportunity to act. It is your opportunity to put the best version of yourself forward and to embrace your legal studies and so in the words of Sylvester mac Nutt, *"fall in love in becoming the best version of yourself but with patience and compassion and respect to your own journey"*

I wish you well in your academic journey at the School of Law.

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