

Foreword

Nothing excites a teacher beyond the success of their students. It is also known that journals and other academic works stimulate an academic the same way toys stir children. Being an academic work of my students, this inaugural issue of *Kabarak Law Review* (KLR) must surely enliven me greatly.

KLR represents what my Law School aims for – to impact the world through excellent legal education, cutting-edge legal and interdisciplinary research, and devoted community service; all from ethical and Christian Biblical perspectives. The launch of KLR demonstrates that we are on the path to occupying our rightful place as the think-tank for Africans. But also that the art of thinking, writing and sharing ideas is not the preserve of the usually older, ugly and aloof academics. That the students can reflect, pen and publish their own ideas. What a milestone!

Looking at the range and relevance of subjects covered, the young KLR is already getting several things right. Discrimination is an all-time concern, same as lack of integrity in governance, environmental degradation, and inadequate judicial remedies and so on. The inaugural edition of KLR addresses these concerns, and quite innovatively.

Just when I was settling down to my new assignment as Dean, Kabarak Law School, we lost our beloved student, Emmanuel Mutura Ndwiga, and his brother Benson Njiiru Ndwiga, to what remains a sad, mad and bad case of police brutality. Obviously, the evil police officers were pre-occupied by the individual and physical mortality of the young brothers. Unbeknown to them, the collective efforts of the students' body and the never dying intellectual platform that KLR is a part of would immortalise the good brothers and revisit the subject of

policing. What is more promising is that KLR, working together with Amnesty Kenya, has promised to dedicate a section in future issues of the journal to promote police accountability as a way of remembering the Ndwigas. What a contribution!

Thank you very much Sharon Amwama and your team of exceptional editors for bringing this journal to light. Thank you Humphrey Sipalla, Editor-in-Chief, Kabarak University Press, for guiding the young academics well. And thank you very much Prof Henry Kiplangat, our Vice Chancellor, for creating and supporting an environment where innovation is possible. Long live KLR. Long live Kabarak.

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