



COUNCIL ORDER NO. 001 OF 2024

**EXPULSION OF THE PRESIDENT AND VICE PRESIDENT FROM THE
UGANDA LAW SOCIETY COUNCIL**

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, the Uganda Law Society (ULS), as the guardian of the legal profession and a champion of the rule of law, holds sacred the principles of justice, fairness, and accountability;

WHEREAS, the ULS as an organization has existed for several years and has over this period built a solid reputation as the foremost rule of law voice in Uganda;

WHEREAS, the ULS is deeply concerned by the recent events in which the President of the Uganda Law Society has used vulgar language against various state actors and his actions have continued to alienate the Society from various stakeholders;

WHEREAS, these actions by the President have undermined the credibility of the Uganda Law Society and the legal profession in this country and have greatly affected the ULS donors, sponsors and stakeholder relations;

WHEREAS, despite persistent calls from a number of various Organizations to wit; the office of the Director of Public Prosecutions, the Domestic Violence Act(DVA) Coalition of Uganda composed of FIDA-Uganda, the International association of Women Judges, UGANET, Centre for Domestic Violence Prevention, the Young Lawyers Network of the Uganda Law Society, The Uganda Prosecutors Association, the Female Lawyers Committee of the Uganda Law Society, the Female Lawyers Network, Past President's Forum, Karamoja Women's Association, Karamoja Parliamentary Forum for and individual members of the society for the President of the ULS to apologize and restore public confidence in the society;

And WHEREAS, the Council members have internally appealed to the President to apologize in vain, **BY RESLUTION OF THE MAJORITY OF COUNCIL**;

NOW THEREFORE in order to restore public trust and confidence in Uganda Law Society and the Legal profession in Uganda we resolve as follows:

- a) Expel the President of the Uganda Law Society, **Mr. Ssemakadde Isaac Kimeze** from the Council of the Uganda Law Society to safeguard the reputation of the Uganda Law Society and save it from further denigration;
- b) Realizing also that the President and Vice President have over this period without Council resolution and knowledge conspired to have the Vice President illegally handle online Bank Approvals for ULS finances knowing that he is not a mandated signatory and the spreading allegations of witch-hunt against ULS Staff creating a management crisis at ULS, the Vice President **Mr. Asimwe Anthony** is also by this Order expelled from Council.
- c) An Internal Caretaker Committee is by this Order Constituted, which will be led by the Secretary, **Mr. Phillip MUNAABI** and the other Council members with the objective of leading the society during this time.
- d) The expelled persons, their aides, agents and the twins are exempted from accessing ULS premises, ULS emails and any ULS property henceforth. Any attempt at that shall attract criminal charges against them;
- e) To share a status report of the activities of Council since September 2024 which is hereto attached.
- f) The ULS Staff will continue to serve as expected.
- g) This Council Order shall take effect immediately upon issuance.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated this 23rd day of November 2024.


Phillip MUNAABI
SECRETARY, UGANDA LAW SOCIETY