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# Launch of the University of Nairobi School of Law Alumni Chapter

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***Chief Justice David Maraga unveils School of Law Alumni Chapter. Looking on is The Chancellor, Dr. (Mrs) Vijoo Rattansi, VC, Prof. Peter Mbithi, Mr. Johnson Kinyua, Director UoN Advancement, Mr. Barrack Muluka, Seasoned Publishing Editor and Strategic Communications Adviser***

On June, 8, 2017, the President of the Judiciary, Chief Justice David Maraga, launched the University of Nairobi School of Law Alumni Chapter at the Manu Chandaria Auditorium, University of Nairobi Tower.

He said that the School of Law, is one of the finest Law Schools in the world (bravo). The school has produced legal practitioners working in various sectors of Kenyan economy. UoN scholars are working in Parliament, Judiciary, civil society and virtually in every sector of the economy. He urged Lawyers in the country to embrace integrity and good work ethics.

He said that the biggest challenge to the development in Kenya is corruption. *“We are all corrupt. We love impunity. Urgent action need to be taken before we descend into anarchy.”* CJ Maraga emphasized the need to mentor young legal professionals to be men and women of:

1. Integrity
2. Honest
3. Will not be bought or sold
4. Whose conscience is true to the call of duty
5. shall stand for the right thing though heavens fall.

The Chief Justice concluded by urging students and alumni of the School of Law to keep the UoN brand and protect the image of the school. He challenged the administration to benchmark with the best law schools in the world like Harvard School of Law.

### **THE CHANCELLOR, DR. VIJOO RATTANSI**

The Chancellor, Dr. Vijoo Rattansi pledged to champion the mobilization of resources to ensure that the School of Law Tower dream is realized.

### **VICE-CHANCELLOR, PROF. PETER MBITHI**

Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Peter Mbithi, expressed the need to develop a life-long relationship with the Alumni noting that **'Our Alumni is our strength'**. He stated that his administration have developed an open door policy and have embarked on infrastructure development to transforms the University of Nairobi to a world class university.

### **MR. ISAAC AWUONDO, CHAIRMAN OF UON ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**

Chairman of the University of Nairobi Alumni Association (UONAA), Mr. Isaac Awuondo, expressed his desire to register over 10,000 lawyers. Among the notable objectives of the Alumni Association include:

1. construction of the Alumni Center,
2. establishment of the effective alumni team,
3. digitization of the alumni database and
4. focus on the membership drive.

### **PROF. KIARIE MWAURA, DEAN, SCHOOL OF LAW**

Dean, School of Law, Prof. Kiarie Mwaura joined other notable speakers like Counsel Fred Ojiambo,

1. Lawyer Monari in praise of the School of Law for the wonderful faculty members who mentored them and taught them a lot of life lessons and gave them a good grounding on legal practice.
2. Prof. Mwaura urged Law Alumni to give back and support the school. The main advantages of joining the Alumni include; networking with former classmates, building of one's professional profiles, getting opportunities to mentor students, giving guest lectures and having access to University facilities.

Alumni of Law School were also called upon to support the construction of the ultra-modern School of Law Tower that will cost approximately Kshs. 1.8 Billion. The donations can be in cash or in kind by supporting the construction of given floors or facilities that will be named after them.