

SCHOOL OF LAW, KISUMU CAMPUS, HOSTS A PUBLIC LECTURE ON PUBLIC INTEREST LITIGATION

The School of Law, Kisumu Campus, hosted a public lecture on Public Interest Litigation (PIL) in collaboration with the Kenyans for Peace with Truth and Justice (KPTJ), a coalition of over thirty (30) Kenyan and East African legal, human rights and governance organizations under the umbrella of the African Centre for Open Governance (AfriCOG). KPTJ was represented by Steve Ogolla (Advocate and Programme Officer), Njonjo Mue (Advocate) and Perpetua Adar (Advocate). The lecture, held from 2.00-4.45 p.m. on Friday, April 21, 2017 at the Campus Auditorium, was attended by forty-eight (48) participants, among them academic and administrative staff, students and representatives of the Campus's external stakeholders.

In their respective presentations, KPTJ representatives explained the concept, objectives, process, outcomes, and challenges of PIL and its importance in addressing critical issues in our society. They stressed the need for commitment to PIL by advocates, students of law and general members of the public because of its capacity to influence policy, law and practices of those involved in governance, and attitudes and practices of citizens. KPTJ also screened a short video on leadership and integrity which demonstrated how leaders engage in activities which breach the provisions of Chapter Six of the Constitution of Kenya with impunity.

The lecture ended with an interactive session during which participants made observations, gave opinions and raised issues with regard to both PIL and leadership and integrity.

In their final remarks, KPTJ representatives promised to continue engaging with the School of Law, Kisumu Campus, on matters related to PIL.

The session was closed by the Associate Dean of the School, Okech-Owiti, who thanked KPTJ and all the participants for their attendance and contributions in the crucial debate, and promised that the School would actively seek further engagement with KPTJ for the benefit of both staff and students, and the public at large.