

# **The Role of the Media in the Interpretation of Legalese: The case of the Language of Constitution of Kenya**

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This paper explores the role of the media in the interpretation of the language used in the Constitution of Kenya. The study tests the hypothesis: The use of media is paramount in ascertaining the right interpretation, understanding and therefore facilitating the effective implementation of the recently promulgated Constitution of Kenya. The Constitution being the supreme law of the country delineates the fundamental principles of good governance through justice, liberty and an assurance of fairness. Crafted in legal jargon, varied interpretations are bound to occur. This elicits the need to elucidate internal meaning of the legalese therein. Employing the Foundational (mentalist) theory of meaning and Blumler and Katz's Uses and Gratification theory; the study shall critically espouse the informative and sensitization roles of the media with regard to the legal interpretation of the Constitution of Kenya.