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DR. SARAH MURINGA KINYANJUI

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Nationality: Kenyan

Date of Birth: 18th October, 1979

PROFILE

A highly motivated, driven lawyer and academic with excellent research, managerial and teaching skills. Proven ability to successfully complete tasks within set deadlines and is a recipient of various academic awards. Good team player who takes own initiative to achieve set out goals.

CAREER OBJECTIVES

Contribute as a career academic through:

- Quality, inspiring, interactive and research-led teaching geared towards equipping students to excel academically and to competitively access the job market.
- Engaging in cutting edge research in national, regional and international issues especially related to restorative justice, transitional justice, criminal justice, child protection, gender justice and human rights.
- Developing a socio-legal research hub that would contribute to policy initiatives and nurture young law researchers in Africa.
- Involvement in initiatives developing legal education in Kenya.

EDUCATION

October 2005 – December 2008

University of Leicester, UK

PhD in Law.

Research Focus - A Genealogical Analysis of the Criminal Justice System in Kenya: Rebirth of Restorative Justice for Juveniles?

September 2004 – September 2005

University of Warwick, UK

Masters in Law in Development (LL.M with Distinction).

Thesis topic - Engendering Ethnic Violence in Kenya: An Analysis of the Response to Rape.

September 1998 – July 2002

University of Nairobi, Kenya

Bachelor of Laws (LL.B Upper Second Class Honours).

Dissertation topic - Domestic Violence in Kenya: An Analysis of the Legal Framework.

January 1993 – December 1996
Moi Forces Academy, Kenya
Kenya Certificate of Secondary Examination.

ACADEMIC AWARDS AND ACHIEVEMENT

University of Leicester, 2009

Nominated by the School of Law to deliver the 2009 Doctoral Inaugural Lecture

University of Leicester, 2006

Graduate Conference, Best Thesis Presentation.

University of Leicester, 2005

PhD Scholarship.

University of Nairobi, 2001

Lumumba Foundation Award for the Best Student, Criminal Procedure and Practice.

Moi Forces Academy – Lanet, 1996

Best student in K.C.S.E.

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

Advocate of the High Court of Kenya (2006)

Assistant to Counsel, International Criminal Court (2012)

WORK EXPERIENCE

Current Employment

University of Nairobi, School of Law – Mombasa Campus

- Coordinator, School of Law, Mombasa Campus.
- Lecturer in International Law, Legal Research and Writing, Criminology and Penology, Law of Evidence, International Human Rights.

**Southern and Eastern African Regional Centre for Women’s Law (SEARWL)-
Zimbabwe**

- Visiting Lecturer, Women and Criminal Justice LL.M module

Africa Journal on Crime and Criminal Justice (UNAFRI)

Reviewer

- Reviewing submitted journal articles.

Independent Researcher/Consultant

- Consulting for various organizations on diverse legal issues such as Equality, Criminal Justice, International Criminal Law and Human Rights.

September 2010 – December 2010
United States International University – Kenya
Adjunct Professor

- Lecturer in Criminal Justice and Juvenile Delinquency.

April 2009 – August 2010
Kampala International University, Kampala, Uganda
Senior Lecturer/Consultant

- Lecturer in International Criminal Law, International & Regional Human Rights, International Narcotics Control and Transnational Crime (LLM courses).
- Member of the Master of Laws coordinating team.
- Coordinating Faculty of Law examinations.
- Carrying out independent research.
- Coordinating public awareness programmes on human rights and international criminal law.

October 2005 – March 2009
University of Leicester, Leicester, UK
Graduate Teaching Assistant

- Taught Human Rights, Criminal Justice and Learning Legal Skills Modules.
- Assessed student essays and tests.
- Undertook administrative duties such as student admissions and registration, conference organization and managing the Harry Peach Library, School of Law.

October 2003 – August 2004
Boomerang Advertising Agency Ltd. & GCC I , Nairobi, Kenya
Legal and Programmes Officer

- Drafted incorporation documents and facilitated registration procedures.
- Established human resource protocols and drafted employment contracts.
- Co-ordinated meetings and business skills seminars for affiliate women groups.
- Researched and gave legal advice on international business and corporate law.

November 1998 - Date
Legal Resource Foundation, Nairobi, Kenya
Part – time Volunteer

- Offered pro bono legal advice to inmates at Nairobi Industrial Area Remand Home and members of the public in Matuu, Eastern Kenya.
- Facilitated basic legal education to the public at grass root level.

January 2003 - September 2003
Oraro & Company Advocate, Nairobi, Kenya
Legal Assistant

- Conducted legal research on conveyancing, commercial law, banking law and criminal law.

- Drafted conveyancing and litigation documents.

September 2002 - December 2002

Musyimi & Company Advocate, Nairobi, Kenya

Legal Assistant

- Drafted documents for adoption proceedings.
- Liaised with adoption agencies and prospective adoptive parents in preparation for court proceedings.
- Drafted conveyancing documents.

University Vacations (1998 – 2002)

Odhiambo & Co. Advocates , Nakuru, Kenya

Research Assistant (Vacation Placement)

- Conducted legal research on criminal law, land law and the law of evidence.
- Drafted legal documents.
- Filed legal documents at the Nakuru Law Courts Registry.

TRAINING, WORKSHOP FACILITATION AND PAPERS PRESENTED

- *Sexual Violence In Post Conflict Situations: The Kenyan Situation* – Paper presented at the Economies of Sexual Violence Conference in Burundi organized by Carleton University.
- *Legal and Policy Aspects to Crime and Violence* – Trained government officials at Crime Prevention Series Workshop organized by Kenya Institute of Administration and United States International University.
- *The New Dawn: Advocacy and Implementation of the Bill of Rights* - Trained female political aspirants at a workshop in Mombasa, organized by FIDA Kenya
- *Ethical Leadership, Integrity and Governance: Anti Corruption Concerns in an Emerging Economy* – Paper presented at a roundtable on Mombasa organized by the Foreign Service Institute and the Institute for Security Studies.
- *Human Rights in the New Constitutional Dispensation* – Trained judicial officers at workshops in Mombasa and Malindi, organized by FIDA Kenya.
- *Strengthening the Legal Framework Addressing Anti-Discrimination in Northern Sudan* – Trained Northern Sudan practitioners at a workshop in Nairobi, organized by the Equal Rights Trust.
- *Equality and Non-Discrimination within the Constitutional Framework in Kenya* – Trained lawyers, government officials and commissioners at a workshop in Mombasa, organized by the Kenya Human Rights Commission.
- *Restorative Justice and its Incorporation in the Child Justice Bill* – Paper presented at the Child Justice Bill Retreat in Naivasha, organized by the Law Society of Kenya.
- *Building Strategies for Effective Campaigns to Actualize the Affirmative Action for Women in the Political Space* – Trained prospective female politicians at a workshop in Mombasa, organized by FIDA Kenya.
- *The Church and the Implementation of the Constitution* – Trained clergymen at a workshop in Nairobi, organized by the Retired Clergy Association.
- *Comprehensive Anti-Discrimination Law for Kenya* – Trained stakeholders during

workshops in Kisumu, Nairobi, Mombasa, Nakuru, organized by FIDA Kenya, Kenya Human Rights Commission and Equal Rights Trust.

- *Implementing Article 59 of the Constitution: A Single Human Rights Commission in Kenya* – Paper presented at FIDA members forum in Nairobi, organized by FIDA Kenya.
- *Participatory and Effective Governance in the New Constitutional Dispensation* – Policy Brief presented to Legal Resources Foundation.
- *The New Era: Taking Traditional Justice Seriously*– Policy Brief presented to Legal Resources Foundation.
- *The Legal Framework Governing Educational Institutions* – Facilitated training in Nakuru, organized by Berea Theological College.
- *Succession Law in Kenya* – Facilitated training in Nakuru, organized by Berea Theological College, Nakuru.
- *Restorative Justice: A Genealogical Analysis of the Criminal Justice System* - poster presented at the Forensic Centre Conference, University of Leicester, April 2007.
- *A Genealogical Analysis of Restorative Justice for Juveniles in Kenya* - paper presented at the Graduate Conference, University of Leicester, March 2006.
- *A Critical Analysis of the Legal Framework Governing Domestic Violence in Kenya* – paper presented at the World Development Series, Warwickshire College, November 2005.

PUBLICATIONS

- *Pretrial Detention in Kenya: Balancing the Rights of Criminal Defendants and the Interests of Justice* (co-authored with Migai Akech) – Published in 2013 East African Journal of Peace and Human Rights, Volume 19(1).
- *Ethnic Conflict in Kenya: An Analysis of the Politicization of Ethnicity and the Impact of Free Markets on Ethnic Relations* – Published in 2008 by the International Commission of Jurists, Kenya Chapter.
- *Restorative Justice in Traditional Pre-colonial 'Criminal Justice Systems' in Kenya* – Published in 2010 in the Tribal Law Journal, Volume 10.
- *Restating the Restorative Justice Story: Insights from Traditional Communities in Kenya* – Submitted to the Contemporary Justice Review Journal.
- *Sentencing in Kenya: Trends, Practices and Perceptions* (co-authored with Migai Akech) – Published in 2011 by Legal Resources Foundation (2011).
- *Pre-Trial Detention in Kenya* (co-authored with Migai Akech) – Research report commissioned and submitted to the Open Society Initiative for East Africa (2011).
- *Towards Gender-Sensitive Truth Seeking Commissions: A Genealogy of the Kenyan Experience* – Chapter submitted to and accepted by the African Centre for the Constructive Resolution of Disputes for publication; currently with the publisher.
- *Best Practices in the Administration of Criminal Justice: A Case Study of Mombasa Law Courts (2011)* – Resource booklet published in 2012 by Muslim for Human Rights (MUHURI).
- *Towards Achieving Penal Institutional Reforms: Best Practices in Prisons in Kenya* – Resource booklet submitted to Muslim for Human Rights(MUHURI) for publication; currently at the printing press.

DISSERTATION SUPERVISION AND EXAMINATION

Ph.D Theses

- Legal Response to Intrafamilial Child Sexual Abuse in Kenya: A Case for Restorative Justice (current).
- Regulating Exercise of Prosecutorial Discretion: A Case Study of Prosecution of Corruption Offences in Kenya (current).
- International Human Rights Law and the Protection of Women Against Domestic Violence in Kenya: Comparative Lessons From South Africa (External Examiner)

LL.M Theses

- Gacaca Courts in Rwanda: A Restorative Justice Mechanism? (completed).
- Towards the Realization of the Right to Reparation for the Rwanda Genocide Victims: An Analysis of the ICTR Regime (completed).
- Political Parties and Ethnicity in Kenya: Reforms Towards Meeting the Constitutional Ideals (current).

CONFERENCE PARTICIPATION

- *Public Interest Litigation in Kenya* – Workshop held in Mombasa, organized by Kituo Cha Sheria and Justice Advocacy Africa.
- *Strengthening Complementarity in Kenya* – Retreat held at Nanyuki, organized by Open Society.
- *Bridging the Impunity Gap in Kenya* – Rapporteur for the retreat on International Criminal Law held in Mombasa organized by the UN Resident Coordinator's Office.
- *Restructuring the Provincial Administration: Implications for Security and Service Delivery* – Forum organized by the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights and the Centre for Human Rights and Policy Studies.
- *ICC Review Conference* –Kampala, Uganda, June 2010.
- International Young Penalists Review of the International Criminal Court - University of Tubingen, Germany, April 2008.

SHORT TRAINING COURSES ATTENDED

- Workshop on teaching methods for tutors - University of Leicester, 2006.
- Workshop on internet based research skills for postgraduate researchers - University of Leicester, 2005.
- AHRC workshop on legal research methodologies - University of Sheffield, 2008.
- Study trip on Equality and Non-Discrimination – United Kingdom (Human Rights and Equality Commission, Parliament, Equal Rights Trust, Stonewall, University of Cambridge).

PROFESSIONAL AFFILIATIONS

- International Association of Penal Law.
- Social Legal Studies Association.
- International Federation of Women Lawyers – Kenya Chapter.

- Law Society of Kenya.
- Christian Lawyers Fellowship – UK Chapter.
- Legal Resource Foundation – Volunteer Advocate.

LANGUAGES

- **English** - Excellent; **Swahili** - Excellent; **Kikuyu** - Excellent; **French** - Basic

REFEREES

- Dr. Veronique Voruz - veronique.voruz@leicester.ac.uk (44(0)116 252 2363)
- Ann Stewart - A.Stewart@warwick.ac.uk (44 (0) 24 7652 3075)
- Barbara Cohen - barbara.cohen@blueyonder.co.uk (44(0)2074854607)
- Charlotte Walsh - charlotte.walsh@leicester.ac.uk (44(0)116 252 2363)