

# Master of Laws (LL.M)

Sir Thomas More Building



**Strathmore University**

**Law School**



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### **Course Description**

The Master of Laws at Strathmore Law School is an 18-month programme designed for experienced lawyers and legal practitioners who wish to expand their knowledge and expertise without interrupting their careers. The SLS LL.M offers the students first-rate increased understanding of local, regional and international legal principles. Students may enroll for a general LL.M or may choose to major in one of the five thematic areas of law offered, namely, Intellectual Property Law, International Criminal Law, International Financial Law and Regulation and International Energy Law and Policy.

Through lectures taught predominantly by international faculty members, case studies depicting actual problem cases in industry, research and through group work amongst academic peers, the programme will aim to provide students with the theoretical and practical building blocks and conceptual tools necessary for the more advanced tasks they will be called upon to tackle throughout the course.

### **Programme Objectives**

The learning outcomes of the Master of Laws programme are to:

1. Critically assess and provide modern, innovative and adequate legal training to confront complex situations in their line of work at individual, institutional, national and regional level.
2. Acquire advanced specialist knowledge in emerging areas of the law with an in-depth knowledge guided by the specific choices the candidates may make during their progression within the LL.M programme.
3. Conduct independent academic research in the legal field and to make a contribution to the development of the law that is relevant to society.
4. Independently engage in academic discourse with peers from a diversity of legal backgrounds.

# Faculty



**Prof. Luis G. Franceschi**

Founding Dean, Strathmore Law School

**Prof. Luis G. Franceschi**, LL.B (UCAB), LL.M (Nairobi) and LL.D (Navarre) was the founding Dean of Strathmore Law School. He currently serves as the Assistant Secretary General of the Commonwealth where he coordinates the Political, Democracy, Electoral, Public-Sector Governance, Good Offices, Rule of Law, Judicial Transformation, Human Rights, and Countering Violence and Extremism work in the 56 member countries. He has been a legal advisor to several national and international government agencies, including international and regional courts, the United Nations and the World Bank. His area of expertise focuses on Judicial Transformation, Comparative Constitutional Law and Innovation in Legal Education.



**Dr. Peter Kwenjera**

Dean, Strathmore Law School

**Dr. Peter Kwenjera** holds a PhD in Law and a Masters in Governance and Culture of Organisations from the University of Navarre, as well as a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) from the University of Nairobi. He is a qualified Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and is a member of the Law Society of Kenya. He serves as the Dean of the Strathmore Law School where he also teaches short training programmes organized for industry players; his key areas being: Negotiation Skills, Contract Skills and Management Law for entrepreneurs and Legal Ethics.



**Dr. Jane Wathuta**

Associate Dean, Strathmore Law School

**Dr. Jane Wathuta** has a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the University of Nairobi, a Master's Degree in Marriage and Family from the University of Navarre (Pamplona, Spain) and a Research PhD in Bioethics from the Biomedical University of Rome in Italy. She is an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. Dr. Wathuta serves as the Associate Dean of the Strathmore Law School in addition to being a lecturer, researcher, co-trainer in research ethics, supervisor, examiner, and student mentor at Strathmore. She is the author of several journal articles, book chapters and technical reports and has presented in a number of local and international conferences and workshops.



**Dr. Fancy Too**

Director, Postgraduate Programmes

**Dr. Fancy Too** is the holder of a PhD in Law and Master of Laws Degree (LL.M) from the University of Nottingham Trent as well as a Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL.B) from Moi University. She is also an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya. She serves as the Director of Postgraduate Studies at the Strathmore Law School Advocates Training from Kenya School of Law. She continues to teach, research and publish in the following areas: Contract law, Corporate Law and Insolvency Law.



**Prof. Juan Carlos Riofrio**

Chief Editor, Strathmore Law Press

**Prof. Juan-Carlos Riofrio** holds a Juris Doctor and PhD in Jurisprudence from Universidad Católica Santiago de Guayaquil. He also has a Juris Doctor in Canon Law and a PhD in Canon Law from Pontificia Università della Santa Croce, Roma. He is a Professor of Jurisprudence and Human Rights at the Strathmore Law School. He also serves as the Editor-in-Chief of the Strathmore Law Journal and Strathmore Law Press. He has published dozens of books and hundreds of articles in Human Rights and Constitutional Law.



**Dr. Francis Kariuki**

Senior Lecturer. Accredited Mediator, SDRIC

**Dr. Francis Kariuki** holds a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) and a Master of Laws degree (LL.M) from the University of Nairobi and a Doctor of Philosophy (PhD) from the University of the Witwatersrand, South Africa. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (CIArb) London and Kenya and is an experienced arbitrator and an accredited mediator. His research and training interests are in: Land law, Traditional Knowledge, Environmental law, Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) and Traditional Justice Systems (TJS).



**Prof. Chima Iheme**

Visiting Professor

**Prof. Williams Chima Iheme** is the holder of an LL.M in International Business Law and a Doctor of Juridical Science (SJD) from the Central European University. He obtained his Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the University of Benin and a postgraduate practice degree from the Nigerian Law School where he practiced and consulted with top commercial law firms before transitioning into academia. Prof. Chima has since lectured and published more than twenty peer-reviewed publications in the following areas: Corporate Insolvency, Secured Transactions, Arbitration and Consumer Protection.



**Prof. Agasha Mugasha**

Visiting Professor

**Prof. Agasha Mugasha** has a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from Makerere University and a Master of Laws and PhD degrees from Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in Toronto, Canada. He has also been a Visiting Professor at American University Washington College of Law in USA, Bocconi University in Italy, Osgoode Hall Law School of York University in Canada, and Assumption University of Thailand. He has lectured extensively in Banking law, International Financial Law, International Trade Law and Commercial Law.



**Prof. Winnie Tarinyeba**

Visiting Professor

**Prof. Winifred Tarinyeba-Kiryabwire** holds a Doctor of Science of Law degree (JSD) and Master of Science of Law degree (JSM) from Stanford University as well as a Master of Laws degree (LL.M) from Cambridge University, UK and a Bachelor of Laws (LL.B) degree from the University of Makerere. She has advised various government agencies and inter-governmental bodies on the development and implementation of company law and securities regulatory frameworks. She is also a member of the Institute of Directors (UK), International Insolvency Institute and INSOL International. Her areas of expertise include: Corporate law, Securities Regulation, and Corporate Governance.



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