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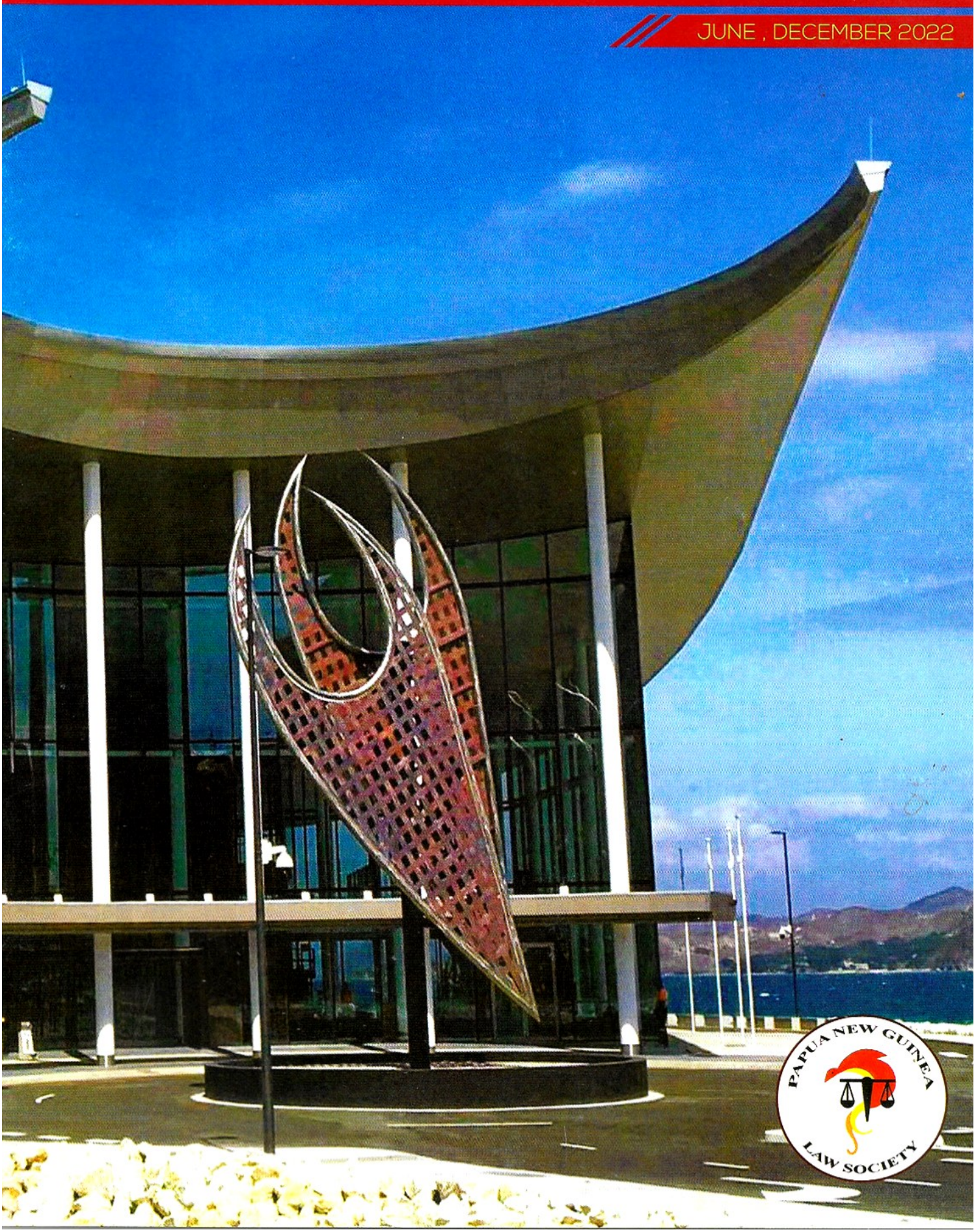

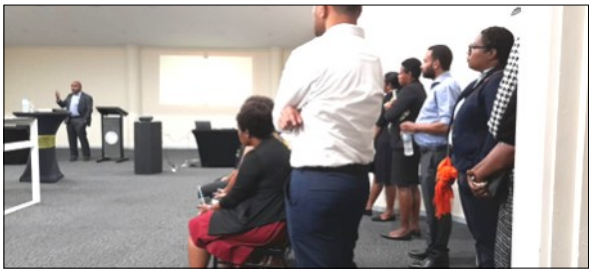

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Editorial

Acknowledgement and appreciation go to the Post Courier particularly its East New Britain Bureau for covering the CPD event entitled - PNG Law & Justice Sector Workshop themed 'Access to Justice' and for the main articles on pages 4, 5, 15, 16, & 17 of this publication.

We also encourage our members to contribute to Law Tok. It could be about any topic covering the legal profession as a whole. It could be a commentary on new laws and rules or on cases decided by the National & Supreme Courts.

You may also contribute a paper you presented at a Workshop or at a Conference or a speech you delivered at one of those events.

We also take an opportunity to thank all the members of the Society who participated in the 2021 Council General Election.

We wish everyone a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous 2023.

Welcome to our Issue 6 of Law Tok publication.

My thanks to all members of the Society both here in PNG and Overseas for participating in the election of the 18th Council of the Society.

I can assure you that those you have elected will work in your best interests. I now commend to you Issue 6 of Law Tok publication which includes the 2021 General Election, Rules of Court Etiquette etc.

We also feature the PNG Law & Justice Sector Workshop themed 'Access to Justice' held in the East New Britain Province and bring to you the Meet & Greet event hosted by the PNG Women Lawyers Association.

I also take this opportunity to thank the Post Courier for covering the 'Access to Justice' Workshop held at the Kulau Lodge (Gazelle District, ENBP) and for contributing to this publication.

I further acknowledge the Secretariat of the Society for ensuring that the Society not only meets its objectives but for making sure that the profession is kept in good standing in the eyes of the public and its members.

I commend the work of the Secretariat as they do a lot of work behind the scenes.

I also encourage our members to contribute to this publication on any topic that covers the legal profession or article on new amendments to the laws, new Acts etc or maybe a paper you presented at a Workshop - something informative and worth reading.

Lastly but not the least, I would like to remind ourselves of our commitment to the values of the rule of law, justice and respect for each other in our profession and private lives.

I wish everyone a special Christmas, a blessed & prosperous 2023. God Bless & Happy Reading..

Mr Allan Mana

"Society not only meets its objectives but for making sure that the profession is kept in good standing"

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Council members elected at the General Election of the Law Society in 2021 and in office in 2022 were as follows;

ALLAN MANA - **PRESIDENT**

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MR PHILIP TABUCHI
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MR E'AVA SOTUTU GEITA

* During 2022, Keith Iduhu resigned and at a By-election, Justin Wohuinangu was elected to fill Keith's position. Justin assumed office as a Councillor on the 19th January 2023.

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News:

Continue to help lawyers: Mr Mana

President of PNG Law Society Allan Mana during the PNG Law & Justice Sector Workshop, Oct 20-21 2022, ENBP.

Pictures & stories courtesy of Post Courier

As a mandate of the PNG Law Society there is a requirement that we continue to help lawyers to refresh their memory of the law.

This was the statement made by the PNG Law Society President Allan Mana during the two days PNG Law and Justice Sector Workshop at the Kulau Lodge, Gazelle district in East New Britain Province.

The Workshop was themed 'Access to Justice' which included all legal officers from the province including judges, magistrates, lawyers and stakeholders and representatives from the New Guinea Island region provinces.

The Motor Vehicle Insurance Limited (MVIL) and the Investment Promotion Authority (IPA) also made their presence felt with their paper presentations.

Mr Mana said the workshop topics were chosen by Justice Kassman based on what he saw was needed.

Mr Mana said this required bringing people with relevant knowledge together to help and improve the understanding of lawyers in terms of how things are done.

"He (Justice Kassman) structured the program and consulted the PNG Law Society to contribute to make it happen. We financially contributed as well as assisted in bringing lawyers from Kavieng, Kimbe and Bougainville," Mr Mana said.

He said the program was educational especially with IPA presentation on incorporating companies and legal entities which was an eye opener for many not involved in that area.

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Continue to help lawyers: Mr Mana

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Mr Mana presenting his paper

Mr Mana said another was MVIL's presentation on third party insurance and the processes and how to access the insurance. "Many realized that things changed according to the change in law last year which clarified a few things that were not previously included which included the time limitations on the different provisions under MVIL.

"I also did a refresher on what is required of lawyers in terms of their obligations around ethics and integrity," he said.

Mr Mana said the Workshop was tailored into two parts - Civil and Criminal which saw the challenges faced by police.

"One thing that came out which was a big problem is resourcing especially in ENB where you have three towns of Kokopo, Rabaul and Kerevat.

"That problem is faced by police investigators and prosecutors, the juvenile division and probation office as well.

"But one good thing about this province is we have very resilient people who, regardless of challenges, rise to help our people." Mr Mana said.

He explained that it was timely to have all relevant stakeholders participate in such Workshop to educate lawyers, practitioners and the general public.

"We want to educate practitioners and the public, identify what the challenges and the need areas are and to make recommendations that can address those challenges and most importantly to act upon them in terms of presenting recommendations to the government and making sure there are appropriations made available to ensure that there is sufficient resourcing that this important role continues to the benefit of everyone in the province," Mana said

Participants at the Kulau Lodge, ENBP. Oct 20-21, 2022.

MEET NELSON MOSIBEBE

Admin clerks Alpheus Kaveregari (left) & Vilu Tau (middle) assisting Nelson by confirming names on the envelopes containing ballot papers.

Nelson comes from Milne Bay Province. He is 48 years of age. He lives at Konedobu in Port Moresby.

Nelson works as a cleaner with the Law Society. He started in 2014, on July 27th.

Apart from his cleaning duties, he does banking and other clerical duties. He is hardworking and easy to get along with.

He said he is undecided when to leave the Law Society but for now, he enjoys his work and thanked the Council and the Secretariat for the trust bestowed upon him to do what is required of him.

"I strive to do the best I can for the Law Society. Yes, I am employed as a cleaner but I do other duties such as banking, mail runs, photocopying and am also involved in the preparations for By and General Elections for the Society.

"I love my job and the people I work with. We are a cooperative team and we all work well together," he said.

This is his eighth (8) year of service with the Society.

When asked what advice he would give to the persons working as cleaners as well, he said:

"Always be humble and be honest. Come to work early and finish on time.

"Ask questions if you are unsure of what to do. Every day, is a learning day."

His advice could apply to all of us - *everyday is a learning day going forward.*

Nelson admires front page of Law Tok Issue 2

CONDOLENCES - LATE PAULINE MOGISH, OL

IT is with great sorrow that the Legal Training Institute (LTI) has lost one of its longest serving directors - Pauline Mogish, OL. Pauline passed away on the 11th of December 2022, at the age of 59. She was born on the 31st of July, 1963. The Acting Director of the LTI Angelyn Paranda, the LTI Council, staff and the trainees expressed their sympathy at the passing of the immediate former Director of the institute. They conveyed their heartfelt sorrow to the husband His Honour Panuel Mogish, the children, grandchildren and the extended family. "We will remember her immense contribution to the institute and the country in the training of so many lawyers through the LTI over her tenure of 20 years." Angelyn aid.

Pauline, after her admission as a lawyer in November 24, 1986, worked as a lawyer with the office of the Public Prosecutor from 1987 to1994. In 1995 to 2000, Pauline worked at the Solicitor General's Office and then she became the Director of the Legal Training Institute from 2000 to 2020.

Pauline created her own legacy by being the longest serving Director of LTI (20 years) and also becoming the first President of the PNG Women Lawyers Association (PNGWLA) from 2017 till 2021. She was instrumental in establishing the framework and foundation for the PNGWLA including the official launch of the association in 2018 by the then Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia. **2019 File photo: Closing of the Advocacy Workshop at LTI.**

News:

WOMEN LAWYERS ENCOURAGED TO JOIN PNGWLA

BY BRIAN JEMEJEME

Principal Legal Officer Roshinah Wari of the National Gaming Control Board (NGCB) is encouraging all women lawyers to join the Papua New Guinea Women Lawyers Association (PNGWLA).

While encouraging the women lawyers to join the association, she found time to thank the executives of PNGWLA for hosting the Meet & Greet event since the COVID period.

"Its quite refreshing to meet women lawyers. Its nice to come together and get to know them and put face to the name.

"Because I am working in-house, I don't know my other professional colleagues working out there in different environments.

"But I think this PNGWLA is an avenue where women lawyers can be encouraged to join as members and come together and talk about issues affecting our profession, Gender Based Violence and many other issues that we face," Wari said.

She said she would to like to see the executives work little extra hard and increase female membership as this would empower women to be proactive in addressing issues one way or the other.

Roshinah was recently appointed as Acting Director Corporate Affairs of the NGCB. She is from Eastern Highlands and Central Province.

Roshinah Wari

L-R: Chinyere Kalu (Lawyer at Dentons), Mary Johns (Company Sectary for BSP Financial Group), Dianne Aikung (Company Secretary for Kumul Petroleum Holdings Limited) & Igua Guba (Associate at Allens).

PAPUA NEW GUINEA WOMEN LAWYERS ASSOCIATION

PNGLWA member Tiffany Eggins takes notes (below) and other random photos after the Meet & Greet event.

By forming an association or by starting a small business or buying a car or a house, every success has a start and today we look at how PNG Women Lawyer Association (PNGWLA) started.

The formation of the PNGWLA came about when the Women Lawyers Association of Queensland (WLAQ) encouraged a group of professional women to form an association.

These group of legal professionals did not waste time. Papers and documents were obtained, filled out and filed with the Investment Promotional Authority (IPA).

In 2015, the Papua New Guinea Women Lawyers Association was formed and much to the delight of these professional women, the PNGWLA was officially launched in 2018 by the then Chief Justice Sir Salamo Injia, GCL, at the Legal Training Institute (LTI) under its then president Pauline Mogish.

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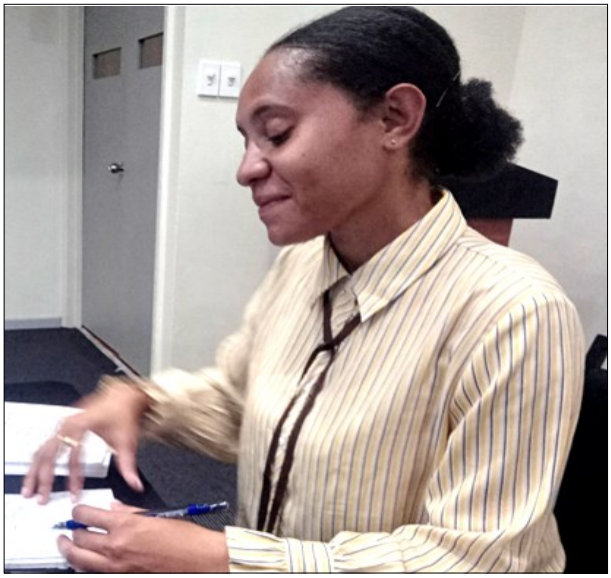
* Sadly, Pauline passed away on December 11, 2023. *See article on page 7.*



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The association is a thriving organization made up of women lawyers admitted to practice law in PNG. Its focus is to grow its membership to achieve its vision and mission.

PNGWLA intends to have a major influence in policy, legislation, socialization anticipation and deal with legal issues in PNG whilst supporting the advancement of women lawyers.

Prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, PNGWLA hosted Meet & Greet events and several continuing legal education (CLE) for its members and non-members, and has released press statements on Gender Based Violence (GBV) including TV interviews on issues affecting women in PNG.

During the peak period of the Covid-19 pandemic, many activities did not eventuate but that did not stop the management from communicating with its members as they hoped to do more for women lawyers who want to make a difference at the community and national level. As such, the Association came together and reconnected with their members once again and staged a Meet & Greet event in September 2022 at the Ela Beach Hotel .

Members, non-members, invited guests including the Chief Executive Officer for BSP Robin Fleming, President of PNG Law Society Allan Mana, attended and encouraged women to fulfil the ambitions and missions of the PNGWLA.

** **Mr** Mark T. Robinson replaced Mr Fleming as the new CEO of BSP in November 2022.*

Random photos at the Meet & Greet event at the Ela Beach Hotel, September 2022.

Meet & Greet event in pictures … Ela Beach Hotel Sept 22, 2022

BSP CEO Robin Fleming addressing members of the PNGWLA. Mr Fleming was replaced by Mark T. Robinson as the new CEO of BSP in November 2022

PNGWLA vision & mission

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PNGWLA vision is to unite women in the legal profession so they could equally and meaning-fully contribute and participate in nation building.

Their mission is to enhance the development of women lawyers and utilize their legal knowledge to assist societies

- PNGWLA values are based on Excellence, Integrity, Respect, Fairness and Unity.

  - Excellence to exercise professionalism , diligence and due care at all times

  - Integrity to conduct work with the highest level of integrity

  - Respect for all persons regardless of differences, status or color

  - Fairness to treat each other and others fairly and justly at all times &

  - Unity to work in a cooperative spirit with all partners and stakeholders

- PNGWLA sees the great opportunity in the current environment to work with partners and stakeholders to achieve the following key objectives:

  - the development, support and advancement of women in the legal profession

  - the provision of pro bono legal services to victims of domestic and family violence &

  - participation in law reform, particularly laws that affect women and children

L-R: Gaddaffi Maipson, Sandy Kipan, Belinda Poki & Amanda Mawa. They were present at the Meet & Greet event. Sept 2022 @ Ela Beach Hotel.

Smiling faces at the Meet & Greet event

"Unite women in the legal profession"

Rules of Court Etiquette - Courtesy to an Opponent:

Rule 1. Inform your opponent if you are going to be late or unable to attend

Rule 2. Advise your opponent in advance if the time estimate for a matter materially changes

Rule 3. Respect the procedure adopted by the particular Judge or Court

Rule 4. Do not insult or verbally intimidate your opponent

Rule 5. Be courteous in correspondence if sending communications to your opponent & be courteous to the Court Administration and Witnesses.

Rule 6. Dress properly

Rule 7. Do not attend the Judge's Chambers without opposing Counsel being present

Rule 8. Avoid improper ex parte emails or other communications with a Judge

Rule 9. Time estimates given should be as accurate as possible

Rule 10. Always inform the Court promptly on settlement of a case

Rule 11. Lists of authorities and copies of cases should be filed and served

Rule 12. Speak to your opponent prior to the hearing

Rule 13. No mobile phones in the Court

Rule 14. Always have a list of material to be relied upon available for the Court

Rule 15. Do not take coffee, tea or food into Court

Rule 16. Provide your name to the Court officials

Rule 17. Observe the etiquette of the Bar table

Rule 18. The Bar table should never be left unoccupied whilst the Judge is still sitting

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Rules of Court Etiquette - Courtesy to an Opponent:

Rule 19. Speak from the Bar table

Rule 20. Announce your appearance

Rule 21. Do not interrupt Counsel

Rule 22. Address your opponent as "learned friend"

Rule 23. Address the Court properly

Rule 24. Never address a Judge in the second person

Rule 25. Address witnesses properly

Rule 26. Never argue with a Judge

Rule 27. Cite authorities and references to Judges properly

Rule 28. Have draft orders prepared

Rule 29. Be absolutely punctual

Rule 30. Stand when the Judge enters the Court

Rule 31. Always bow when entering or leaving a Court which is in session

Rule 32. Always stand when addressing a Judge

Rule 33. Never interrupt a Judge from speaking

Rule 34. Do not patronize the Judge

Rule 35. Do not disparage or put down the Judge

Rule 36. Help the Judge

Rule 37. Remain silent during a ruling or judgement of the Court

Rule 38. Avoid the Judge out of the Court

Rule 39. Do not communicate with the Judge out of Court

Rule 40. Be gracious in defeat

COURT CHAMBERS

News:

Be servants to others, CJ urges legal officers

Do unto others as you want them to do unto you.

This popular reminder was echoed by the Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika at the last day of a 2-Days PNG Law and Justice Sector Workshop at the Kulau Lodge in East New Britain province.

Sir Gibbs said lawyers, court officers and front desk staff play a big role in that regard.

He urged the participants, mostly magistrates and legal officers to practise such to clients who come to seek help from them.

"Treat yourself like someone you are responsible for helping. All of us are responsible for helping someone. So feel responsible," Sir Gibbs said.

He said if we do that, then we will be able to love others and have respect for them.

"Help them in their time of worry and need. They need you and me," CJ said.

CJ hopes the workshop helped the participants by bringing them closer to the people.

"We are responsible and powerful people and we must be part of the community," he concluded.

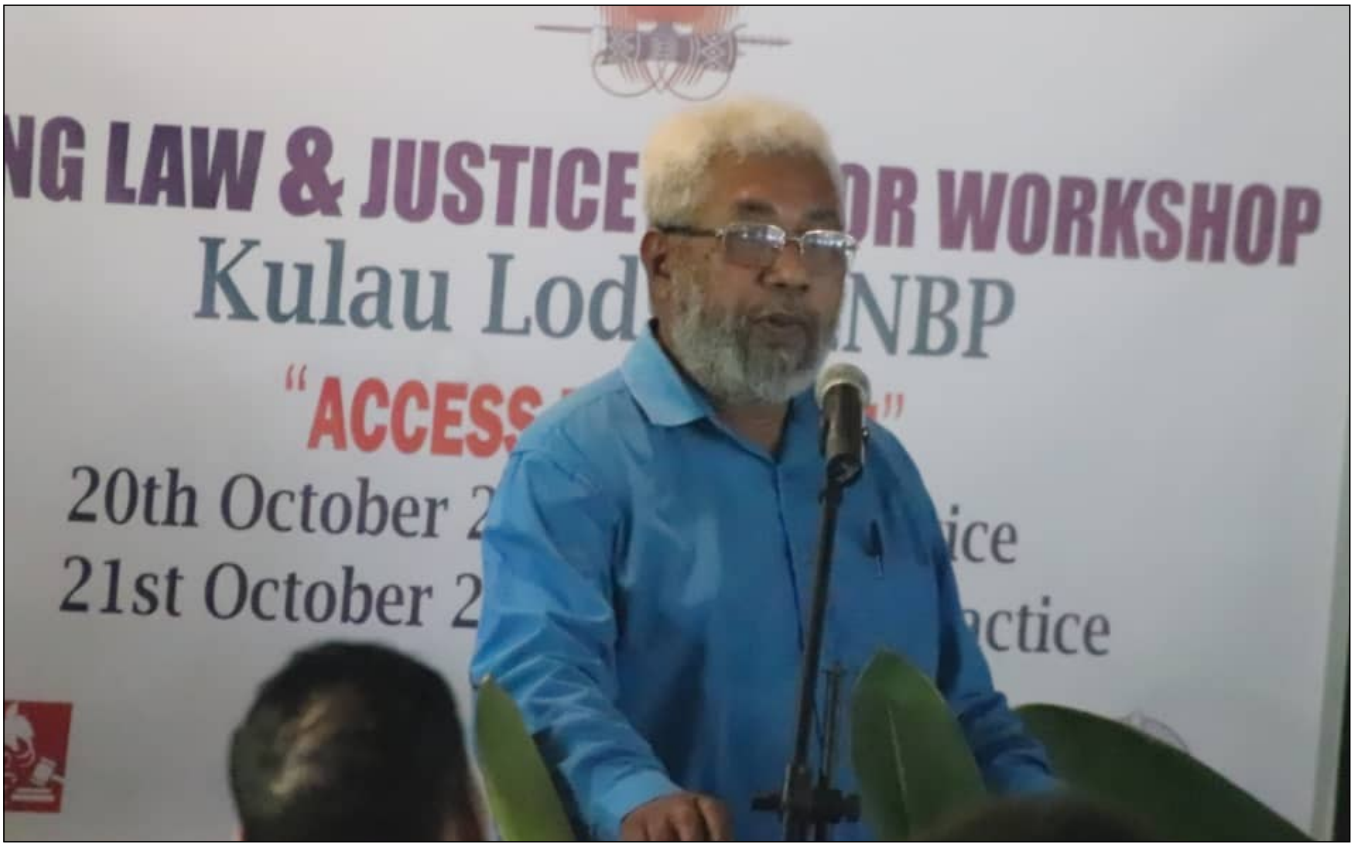
L-R: Justice Stephen Kassman & Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika at the Kulau Lodge for the PNG Law & Justice Sector Workshop. Oct 2022.

"All of us are responsible for helping someone. So feel responsible"
- CJ Salika

PNG Law Society Council member Tauvasa Tanuvasa also attended the PNG Law & Justice Sector Workshop

ENB Resident Judge Justice Stephen Kassman

News: # IECMS expected to roll out in East New Britain Province



Registrar of the Supreme & National Court Ian Augerea speaks about the values and the importance of the IECMS

Registrar of the Supreme and National Court Ian Augerea says the Integrated Electronic Case Management System (IECMS) would likely be rolled out in East New Britain Province in 2023.

The Registrar revealed this at the PNG Law and Justice Sector Workshop, held in October 2022 at the Kulau Lodge, Gazelle district.

He said the IECMS was approved in 2018 and eventually went online in March 2020 - much to the delight of the National Judicial Staff Service (NJSS).

"There are plans to have the country's registration system go electronic within the next five years," he told the participants.

Meanwhile, speaking on the IECMS was Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika, who said like all new systems, comes issues, which are gradually being addressed.

"I was not originally on the system until a few months ago. But in order for me to understand this system properly and to push and drive it, I told myself that I must understand the system. The system is simple enough, but you need to be computer literate to use them," he said.

Training will be conducted on the use of the IECMS before it is rolled out in other centres.

Sir Gibbs officially opened the two days Workshop, under the theme 'Access to Justice' with the aim of identifying challenges to access the justice system and come up with collective solutions to address them.

In attendance were stakeholders of the law and justice sector, senior government officers and judges including ENB Resident Judge Stephen Kassman, Solicitor General, Public Solicitor, Public Prosecutor, PNG Law Society President, Magisterial Services, Probation Office in Kokopo, CIS, Police and private lawyers.

Staff from PNG IPA, MVIL, the ENB Provincial Administration and the Chamber of Commerce also anticipated in the Workshop.

News:

Serious cases being thrown out: Justice Tusais

Day 2 of the PNG Law and Justice Sector Workshop in East New Britain Province began with discussions on criminal practice and justice.

One of the ENB Resident Judges Paul Tusais opened the day's discussions at the Kulau Lodge in the Livuan Reimber LLG of Gazelle District, saying East New Britain is no longer the peaceful province it once was.

Justice Tusais said criminal activities are increasing in the province and thus he urged stakeholders at the Workshop to look at what has worked and what hasn't, and how they can work together to overcome those challenges.

He further outlined contributing factors to the increase in law and order issues, such as breakdown in communities, beginning with family homes.

Justice Tusais said there are also issues of serious cases been thrown out of court that result in public outrage.

"For those of us in the criminal justice arena, what can we do about this? How do we deal with matters in the past and at present, and how can we move forward**?**" he asked.

Justice Tusais explained that there are resources available now, as compared to the past and enquired;- "We have internet and other resources now, but how do we utilize them?"

All stakeholders' roles are equally important in criminal justice

PNG Chief Magistrate Mark Pupaka (pictured) has applauded the initiative by East New Britain Resident Judge Stephen Kassman and colleagues for hosting the Law and Justice Sector Workshop in the province.

He urged the organizers of the PNG Law and Justice Sector Workshop, to maintain such meetings in the province in the near future.

"I am happy to see that the President of the PNG Law Society Allan Mana and Solicitor General of PNG Tanuvasa Tauvasa have supported this meaningful workshop.

"It's not only meaningful but to enlighten and keep all officers of the legal fraternity with up-to-date information available and changes made especially in legal practice. It should be done regularly because we need to have this conversation," Pupaka said.

He said these meetings are necessary to ensure members do their jobs properly and stressed, no effort is bigger than the other - all stakeholders' roles are equally important in the criminal justice system.

"Courts cannot function without police doing their job, and likewise, police cannot do their job when people do not report crimes," he said.

Bench Bar Dinner pictorials … Nov 17th, 2022 - Stanley Hotel

The Bench Bar Dinner (BBD) is hosted every three (3) years and in 2022, the 4th BBD was held at the Stanley Hotel on November 17. Keynote speaker was Justice James Allsop AO, of the Federal Court of Australia. Other speakers included Chief Justice of PNG Sir Gibbs Salika, President of Law Society Allan Mana and Minister for Justice Hon. Pila Niningi. Other notable names among attendees were Deputy Chief Justice Ambeng Kandakasi, Registrar Ian Augerea, Senior Lawyer Loani Henao, Solicitor General Tauvasa Tanuvasa, Deputy Solicitor General Ea'va Geita and IRC Commissioner Sam Koim. The event was co-hosted by the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence (PNGCJE) and the PNG Law Society

Bench Bar Dinner pictorials … Nov 17th, 2022 - Stanley Hotel

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News:

The 18th Council declared elected

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BY BRIAN JEMEJEME

The terms of the President and the Councillors of the Seventeenth Council expired on 13 October 2021.

Those on the 17th Council were Allan Mana as President and the eight (8) members of the Council were Tauvasa Tanuvasa, Christine Copland, Keith Iduhu, Emmanuel Asigau, Paul Mawa, Gertrude Tamade, Nerrie Eliakim and Eunice Parua.

The Papua New Guinea Law Society General Election is held every two (2) years to elect new members for the Council of the Law Society.

When the term of the Seventeenth Council expired on 13 October 2021, a General Election was held to elect a new Council of the Law Society.

After the polling had closed, the Returning Officer from the Electoral Commission declared the following elected;

President: ALLAN MANA

Council members:

TAUVASA TANUVASA

CHRISTINE COPLAND

*** KEITH IDUHU**

EMMANUEL ASIGAU

EUNICE PARUA

PHILIP TABUCHI

MICHAEL HENAO &

SOTUTU EA'VA GEITA

The election ran smoothly under the auspices of Mr Hetinu (RO) with combined efforts by the staff of the Electoral Commission and the Law Society.

* Mr Keith Iduhu resigned from the Council as he is now a member for Hiri Koairi electorate in the National Parliament hence Justin Wohuinangu was declared elected in a recently ended By-election - replacing Mr Iduhu.

Top: RO Mr Terence Hetinu (in green hat) giving progressive results as the other staff of the Electoral Commission mark the tally sheets during the counting session.

Sports: Peter Kuman sponsors Left-Over Rugby League Club

By BRIAN JEMEJEME

The Left-Over Rugby League Club received morale boosting gifts as they were preparing to participate in the 2022 Governor's Cup competition in NCD.

The gifts included four Rugby League balls and two pumps courtesy of Peter Kuman.

The former president of the PNG Law Society is not new to assisting such local clubs as it is one of his trade marks.

Mr Kuman has supported many local clubs not only rugby league sport but also basketball, volleyball, golf and among others.

"In one way or the other, all of us are responsible for helping our young people in the community," he said.

He said it was good to support the young people at this time of the festive period. "This will certainly keep them out of trouble and enjoy their festive season through the game of rugby league," he said.

He also thanked the Office of the Governor of NCDC for hosting the tournament adding the tournament is one avenue for keeping all the young people in the community and around the settlements busy and away from illegal activities.

He encouraged other senior members of the community,

business operating individuals, business houses and Senior Government officers to come out and support local teams and young people in their communities who are participating in such tournaments during the Christmas and New Year season.

Mr Kuman topped off his kind gesture with K1000 for the club's amenities.

Team captain Norla Tom thanked Mr Kuman for the timely sponsorship. "We thank him deeply and appeal to other senior members in the community to come and assist as well," he said.

Unfortunately, the Leftovers did not make the finals but gave other tops teams a good run for their money.

According to the tournament director of the Governor's Cup Dago Rarua, 60 teams participated in the Governor's Cup competition. 48 teams for men and 12 teams for women.

Sports: **Jeffersons Lawyers are the new kings of Lamana Cup pool competition**

By BRIAN JEMEJEME

Team Jeffersons Lawyers are the new kings of the Lamana Cup Pool Competition.

They defeated the defending champions Team Trenglish with an upsetting point-margin 3-2 win in front of many pool players and supporters in the evening of Thursday, December 26, 2022, at the Lamana Club in Port Moresby.

It was current PNG snooker rep and Team captain Kelly Yambi's innovative skills in the pool that led Jeffersons Lawyers to victory.

Although Jeffersons Lawyers was a new team in the competition, Kelly's experience was able to pull the plug on team Trenglish and became the champions.

Major sponsor and owner of the team and Principal of Jeffersons Lawyers Jeff Lome could not hold back his excitement given their grand final appearance tag as the 'underdogs' saying - we will be vigorously defend the cup in 2023.

They entered the Lamana cup pool competition for the first time (2022) but proved other experienced teams wrong. Lome said despite being first timers, we made our presence felt by winning K6, 000 cash prize plus the cup.

"I am very excited. My players put on an extra effort and pulled-off the match against one of the hardest opponents in the Lamana Cup competition," he said.

Principal of Jeffersons Lawyers Jeff Lome (4th from left) and his team for photo shoot after the grand final awards presentation

He thanked the sponsor SP Brewery and Lamana Hotels for hosting the competition and acknowledge all the teams for making the Lamana Cup competition a competitive one for 2022.

"We thank everyone for coming and witnessing the grand final. We also congratulate teams that played for the plate play-offs as well. Pool is an exciting game so lets look forward for another competitive 2023," he said.

Meanwhile, SP Brewery is the major sponsor of the Lamana Cup and the Media Pool competition. Lamana Cup is managed by the Hotel's management while Media Pool is hosted by its own executives under its president Kepson Pundu.

The Lamana cup pool competition has been around for more than 6 years. It usually starts around November following the Media Pool Competition which starts around March and finishes in September every year.

RPC APPLICATION CHECK-LIST

Application - Form PCA 1

Applicant should:

1 – Provided accurate business/home addresses and contact details (phone and fax numbers, email address)

2 – Indicate place and date of admission

- in PNG
- in countries other than PNG
- if Australia, state where admitted

3 – Indicate citizenship *(Section 2)*

4 – Indicate exact nature of employment *(section 4)*

5 – State actual physical location of place of employment:

Example: *Ramendi & Co. Lawyers, Justice Building Level 1, Atlas Street, Hohola 4, Section 81, Lot 14, National capital District*

6 – Date and sign the application form *(Section 7)*

Application - Form PCA 3

Applicant should:

1 – State name and full address

2 – State whether a citizen of PNG or non-citizen intending to reside in PNG for not less than 12 months from the Date of Application

3 – Date and sign this form before a Commissioner for Oaths

TRUST MONIES STATUTORY DECLARATION

In the Statutory Declaration on Trust Monies, state his/her occupation:

Example: …"… I, Anton Ramendi, a lawyer of Ramendi & co. Lawyers

PO Box 030, Boroko, National Capital District…."

UPC APPLICATION CHECK-LIST

APPLICATION – FORM PCA 2

The applicant has:

Part 1 – provided proper business/home addresses and contacts (phone and fax numbers, email addresses), including place/date of admission

Part 2 – Circle only one of the parts that apply to him/her i.e, *2 (a), (b), (c), (d) or (e)*

Part 3 – Indicated whether he/she is a sole practitioner, partner, employed by a law firm, or employed by the State

Part 4 – Stated the actual physical location of practice.

Example: Ramendi & Co. lawyers,
Justice Building Level 1, Atlas Street, Hohola 4,
Section 81, Lot 14, National capital District.

Part 5 – (Same as Part 4)

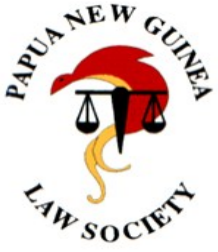
Part 6 – Indicated by circling whether he/she is a citizen of PNG

Dated and sign the application form

In his/her Statutory Declaration on Trust Monies, state his/her occupation.

Example: …"… I. Anton Ramendi, a lawyer, of Ramendi & co. Lawyers,
PO Box 030, Boroko, National Capital District…."

Provide supporting references from UPC holders who have employed them and under whom they have practised.



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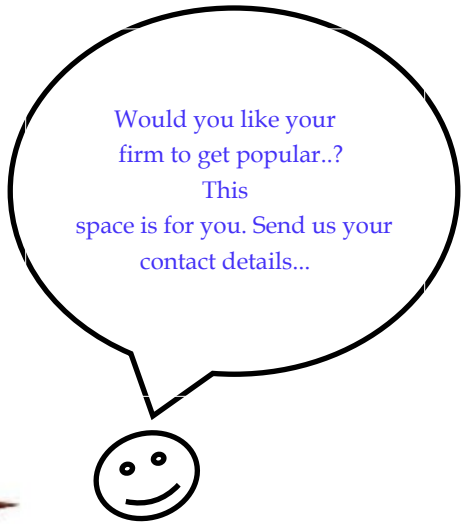

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Javati Lawyers	532 9895 / 7725 2668	532 1860
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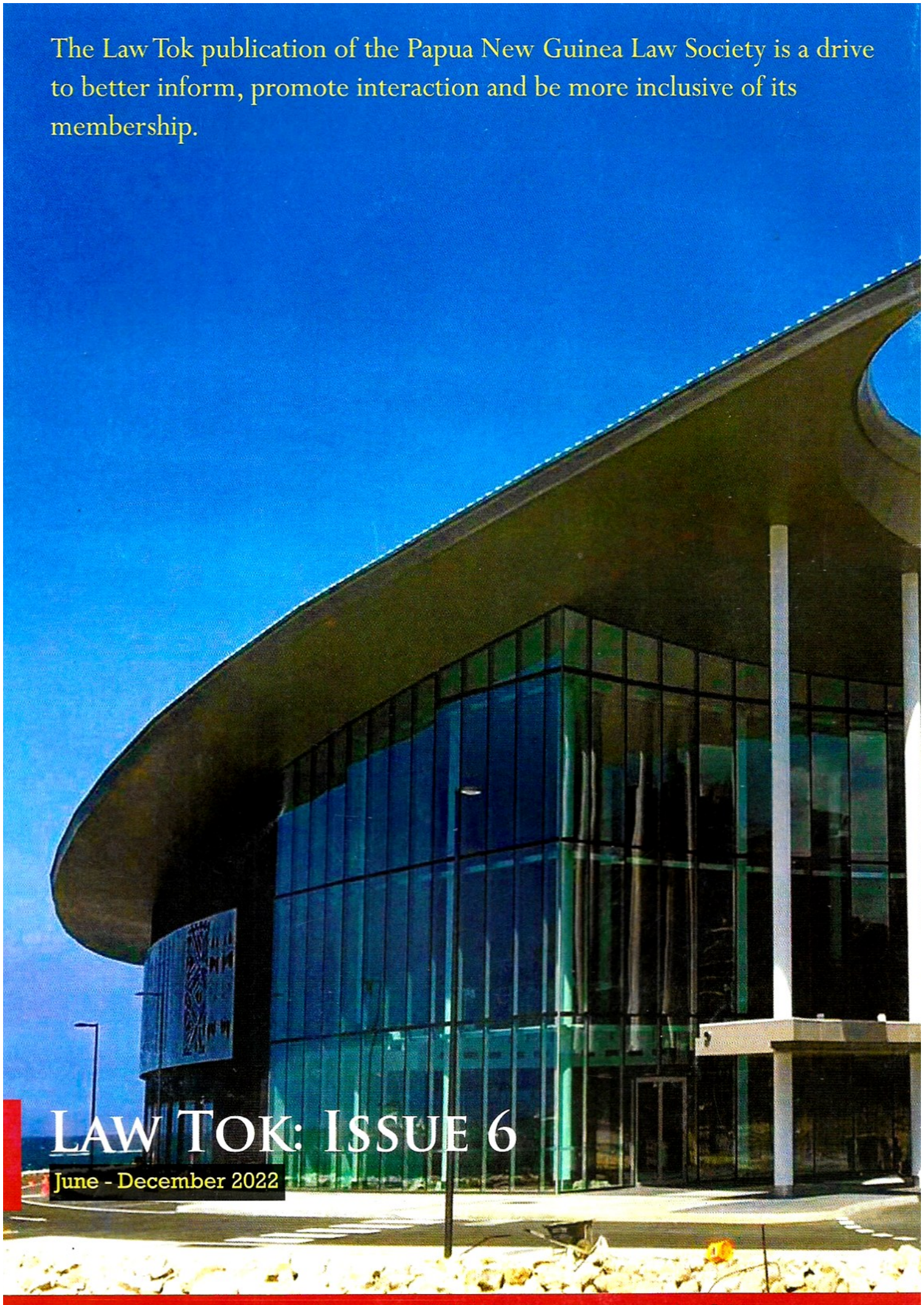

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