

THE REPUBLIC OF UGANDA

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING

BETWEEN

**UGANDA TECHNOLOGY AND MANAGEMENT
UNIVERSITY (UTAMU)**

AND

UGANDA LAW SOCIETY (ULS)

CONCLUDED AT ULS HOUSE, KAMPALA
THIS 18TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025

MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING (MoU)

This Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) is made **this 18th day of August 2025**.

BETWEEN

Uganda Technology and Management University (UTAMU), Kungu Campus: Plot 8374 Block 82, Kyadondo, Kungu, Nansana Municipality, Wakiso District; Bugolobi Campus: Plot 2 Rd, Kiswa Bugolobi, Kampala; P.O. Box 73307, Clock Tower, Kampala, Uganda; Telephone: +256 702 646093/ +256 750 599736/ +256 780 249942/ +256 770 884643; Website: www.utamu.ac.ug; Email: info@utamu.ac.ug (hereinafter referred to as “UTAMU”), which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its assignees and successors in title,

AND

Uganda Law Society (ULS), ULS HOUSE, Plot 5A John Babiiha Avenue, Kololo, P.O. Box 426, Kampala, Uganda; Telephone: +256 800 355355; Website: <https://uls.or.ug>; Email: uls@uls.or.ug (hereinafter referred to as “ULS”), which expression shall, where the context so admits, include its assignees and successors in title,

Both UTAMU and ULS are hereinafter collectively referred to as the “Parties”.

PREAMBLE:

WHEREAS, UTAMU is licensed by the National Council for Higher Education (License Number: UIPL022) to operate as a Private University in Uganda, established with the purpose of making a difference in the teaching and learning, research, innovation and community engagement within the East African region and beyond;

WHEREAS, ULS is the national bar association established under the Uganda Law Society Act, Cap. 305, committed to upholding the rule of law, protecting human rights, and providing professional services, resources, support, and benefits to lawyers while improving access to justice;

WHEREAS, both Parties seek to collaborate in promoting training, capacity building, research, innovation, and advocacy to enhance professional development and access to justice;

NOW THEREFORE, THIS MoU WITNESSETH AS FOLLOWS:

ARTICLE 1: GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- 1.1 The Parties recognize that cooperation is essential to leverage their respective strengths, resources, and expertise to create impactful synergies.
- 1.2 The collaboration shall be guided by mutual respect, transparency, accountability, and a shared commitment to advancing professional excellence and societal impact.
- 1.3 Both Parties shall make reasonable efforts to initiate and sustain activities in training, capacity building, research, innovation, and advocacy.

AC

ARTICLE 2: SCOPE OF COOPERATION

- 2.1 The Parties propose to explore the following areas of cooperation:
- a) **Capacity Building and Professional Development:** Design and deliver tailored training programs for ULS members, including Continuing Legal Education (CLE) accredited courses.
 - b) **Joint Seminars, Workshops, and Conferences:** Organize events to foster knowledge sharing, professional networking, and public engagement on legal and technological advancements.
 - c) **Commissioned Research and Innovation:** Collaborate on research projects addressing legal, technological, and societal challenges, including access to justice and digital transformation in the legal profession.
 - d) **Advocacy and Public Awareness:** Partner on initiatives to promote legal literacy, access to justice, and the integration of technology in legal practice.
 - e) **Technology Development and Integration:** Explore opportunities to develop legal tech tools, platforms, or applications to enhance service delivery for ULS members and the public.
- 2.2 Specific activities identified under this MoU shall be implemented in accordance with the Parties' respective practices, procedures, and policies.
- 2.3 ULS shall ensure that training and capacity-building programs provided by UTAMU are accredited for CLE points for participating lawyers.
- 2.4 ULS shall promote training opportunities to its members, facilitate enrolment, and provide logistical support for registration.
- 2.5 The cost of training, capacity building, and other agreed activities shall be determined by UTAMU in consultation with ULS, ensuring affordability and accessibility for ULS members.

ARTICLE 3: FUNDING OF ACTIVITIES

- 3.1 The implementation of activities under this MoU shall depend on the availability of resources from the Parties or their members.
- 3.2 Funding for specific activities shall be negotiated and agreed upon in writing on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.3 ULS members shall be encouraged to pay for CLE-accredited training and capacity-building programs at mutually agreed fees.

- 3.4 The Parties may jointly seek external funding, grants, or partnerships to support collaborative initiatives, where applicable.

ARTICLE 4: PROJECTS FOR IMMEDIATE IMPLEMENTATION

- 4.1 **Training in Digital Literacy for Lawyers:** UTAMU shall provide training and certification in digital literacy, covering tools and platforms relevant to legal practice. The curriculum and fees per ULS member shall be mutually agreed upon.
- 4.2 **Training in Artificial Intelligence (AI) for Lawyers:** UTAMU shall offer training and certification in AI applications for legal practice, including case management, legal research, and automation. The curriculum and fees shall be mutually agreed upon.
- 4.3 **Legal Tech Innovation Lab:** The Parties shall explore establishing a joint Legal Tech Innovation Lab to develop tools, such as e-justice platforms or legal aid apps, to improve access to justice.
- 4.4 **Public Legal Education Campaigns:** The Parties shall collaborate on community outreach programs to enhance legal literacy and awareness of rights, leveraging digital platforms where applicable.

ARTICLE 5: INFORMATION EXCHANGE

- 5.1 Effective collaboration shall rely on open, comprehensive, and regular exchange of information at the institutional level.
- 5.2 The Parties shall respect each other's confidentiality policies and may enter into specific agreements to safeguard sensitive information or documents.
- 5.3 The Parties shall establish secure communication channels to facilitate the exchange of non-confidential data, research findings, and best practices.

ARTICLE 6: INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY

- 6.1 Unless otherwise agreed in writing, each Party shall retain ownership of its intellectual property, including patents, copyrights, trademarks, and other proprietary materials developed independently or prior to this MoU.
- 6.2 Intellectual property developed jointly under this MoU shall be governed by a separate written agreement specifying ownership, usage, and revenue-sharing arrangements.

ARTICLE 7: NON-CREATION OF AGENCY OR EMPLOYMENT RELATIONSHIP

This MoU does not establish an agency, employment, or partnership relationship between the Parties or their respective staff, unless expressly provided in a separate written agreement.

ARTICLE 8: FOCAL PERSONS

8.1 The Parties designate the following focal persons for the implementation of this MoU:

For UTAMU:

Dr. Erasma Demeris Rutechura
Dean, Law School
P.O. Box 73307, Clock Tower, Kampala, Uganda
Email: deanlaw@utam.ac.ug
Telephone: +256 783 226468/ +256 708 004212

For ULS:

Ms. Doreen Atukunda
Head of Department, Professional Development and Members Affairs
P.O. Box 426, Kampala, Uganda
Email: membersaffairs@uls.or.ug
Telephone: +256 774 590 680, +256 706 317 017

8.2 The focal persons shall be responsible for:

- (a) Establishing effective communication between the Parties.
- (b) Facilitating the implementation of this MoU and identifying new opportunities for cooperation.
- (c) Promoting the collaboration and activities under this MoU within their respective organizations.
- (d) Monitoring and evaluating the progress of activities under this MoU.
- (e) Performing other duties assigned by their respective heads of institutions related to this MoU.

ARTICLE 9: MONITORING AND EVALUATION

- 9.1 The Parties shall establish a joint committee, comprising representatives from both UTAMU and ULS, to monitor and evaluate the implementation of this MoU.
- 9.2 The committee shall meet at least biannually to review progress, address challenges, and propose new initiatives.
- 9.3 An annual report summarizing activities, outcomes, and recommendations shall be prepared and shared with both Parties.

ARTICLE 10: TERM AND TERMINATION

- 10.1 This MoU shall take effect on the date of signing by the authorized representatives of both Parties and remain in force for thirty-five (35) years, subject to renewal by mutual agreement.

Ac

10.2 Either Party may terminate this MoU by providing five (5) years' written notice to the other Party.

10.3 Upon termination, the Parties shall endeavour to complete ongoing activities in good faith, cognisant of the rights of third parties likely to be affected by the termination.

ARTICLE 11: LAW APPLICABLE AND DISPUTE RESOLUTION

11.1 This MoU shall be governed by the laws of the Republic of Uganda.

11.2 Any disputes arising from this MoU shall first be resolved through good-faith negotiations. If unresolved, the Parties shall resort to mediation and arbitration under the Laws of Uganda.

ARTICLE 12: MISCELLANEOUS

12.1 This MoU shall not interfere with the independent decision-making autonomy of either Party.

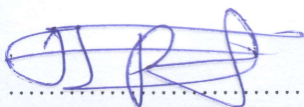
12.2 No Party shall have the authority to bind the other to any agreement without prior written consent.

12.3 Amendments to this MoU shall be made by mutual written agreement.

12.4 This MoU serves as a framework for cooperation and does not create legally binding obligations unless specified in subsequent agreements.

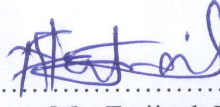
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties, through their duly authorized representatives, have executed this MoU on **this 18th day of August 2025**.

**For and on behalf of
Uganda Technology and Management University**



Prof. Fred Paul Mark Jjunju
VICE CHANCELLOR

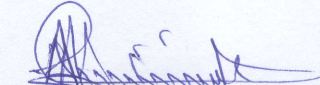
WITNESSED BY:



Ms. Fatiinah Nakitende
UNIVERSITY SECRETARY

**NAKITENDE FATINAH Esq
ADVOCATE
P.O. BOX 25224 Kampala**

**For and on behalf of
Uganda Law Society**



Mr. Asimwe Anthony
VICE PRESIDENT

WITNESSED BY:



Ms. Christine Awori
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER