

**SPEECH BY THE DEAN – SCHOOL OF LAW – ON THE OCCASION OF
THE LAUNCH OF THE SCHOOL OF LAW**

The Hon the Chief Justice and President of the Republic of Kenya, all Protocol observed

First allow me to recognize the following persons-

- Senior Counsel
- Deans of other Law Schools
- Staff of the School
- Students

The Law Programme at the University was developed following extensive consultations involving a feasibility study, stakeholder's meeting, benchmarking with other Law Schools, School Board and the Senate. Subsequent to the wide consultations aforementioned, Management decided to settle for Media and Communications Law as the niche area for the School. The University has dedicated spaces to be used for purposes of the Law programme, which include a state-of-the-art Moot Court, library and computer facilities. At this juncture, I wish to acknowledge all those people who participated in one way or another to make this dream come true. I would like to single out the Council of Legal Education for their regulatory role. The Daystar community – comprising of the Daystar Company, University Council, Senate, Management, all staff and students - deserves a special mention for their sacrifice to see to the fruition of this project we now launch today.

The Law Programme is offered both on a fulltime and on a part-time basis. At the end of second year, students attend an internship for at least 8 weeks. At the end of third year – students go for eight weeks for judicial attachment. Before completing the fourth year, students are required to attend an international internship lasting about three months in a legal environment. To this end, the School is cooperating with about 100 international institutions.

The Daystar University School of Law is headed by a Dean. The School has two Departments one for Media & Communications Law, and Intellectual Property Rights Law. The University is surrounded by many hospitals. To this end, the School has a robust Centre for Medical Law and Ethics. Currently, the school has 14 students, six members of faculty, two Librarians, and two administrators. This number of staff as well as that of students is projected in the coming days.

In order to maintain the Christian faith base of the University, the School of Law endeavors to integrate Christian values in the teaching of the Law programme. It is hoped

that a Law graduate from Daystar University, will be firmly grounded in ethical values as to be a transformative leader, prepared to positively impact society at his or her place of engagement and beyond.

At the School, we have embraced modern methods of teaching and assessment such as problem-based learning, mootings, oral examinations and use of an array of ICT facilities. We strive to be the school of choice for legal studies in the region.

God bless Daystar

God bless you all.