PERSONAL STATEMENT

I aim to become accomplished in the various pursuits that I am engaged in both as an academician, lecturer, a leader and a responsible citizen. I am working towards achieving professorship status through teaching, research, and publishing particularly in the areas of constitutional law, rights-based discourses, and legal theory. I fully participate in civil society activities including conceptualisation and strategic thinking of various socio-legal phenomena because I strongly believe in the movement of citizens from the periphery of governance to the centre, where they rightly belong.

EDUCATION

- **University of Birmingham, UK, 2002 - 2007, PhD in Law.**
  Key issues explored include the historical emergence of government and state law in Kenya, an appraisal of the socio-economic status of Kenyans identifying the role of government in determining this, good governance as system of national governance, a comparative analysis of the constitutional review process in Kenya highlighting the involvement of women, a comparative analysis of the constitutional and political change processes of Uganda, Eritrea, South Africa, Georgia, Ukraine, and Kyrgyzstan, with that of Kenya.

- **University of Warwick, UK, 2000 – 2001, Masters in Law in Development.**
  *Dissertation – The Electoral Process in Kenya; Emancipatory or Disempowering?*
  Core Course - Law in Development and the options chosen were Constitutional Law and Theory in the Third World, and Comparative Perspectives in Gender, Law, and Development.

- **Kenya School of Law 1997 – Diploma in Legal Studies.**
  I undertook a programme of pupillage in an advocate’s office for a year.

- **University of Nairobi, Kenya, 1992 – 1996, Bachelor of Laws Degree.**
  *Dissertation – Ignorance of the Law is No Defence: A Case for the Mandatory Inclusion of Basic Legal Literacy in all Education Curricula.*

CURRENT CONSULTANCIES/RESEARCH/INTERESTS

- Currently developing a Legal framework, on behalf of the African Union Commission, for the African Education Observatory, bringing together the work of the Pan African Institute of
Education for Development (IPED) in Kinshasa, and the International Centre for Girls and Women's Education in Africa (CIEFFA) in Ouagadougou.

- I participate in the pre-and post referendum Sudan Policy Dialogues under the aegis of the Heinrich Boll Foundation and the East African School of Human Rights.
- Together with colleagues we are investigating the scope of work and pre-requisites needed for women to realise their expanded rights under the new Constitution. This research is being undertaken with the Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development.
- I am examining and cataloguing Post-Independence Constitutional amendments and their effects on national governance with a colleague for development into a documentary. We have serious expressions of interest from funding agencies to do this.
- I am undertaking a detailed examination of the structure of national governance in Kenya zeroing in on how ordinary Kenyans, civil society organisations, and the private sector are incorporated into national governance. It is hoped this research will also be converted into a series of documentaries when complete.

EMPLOYMENT

Current - Acting Dean, Lecturer, Kenyatta University (KU) School of Law

Core Tasks: As Acting Dean of the School of Law, I oversaw the initial start up and set up of the new School. I continue to oversee the general administration of the School including matters pertaining to both the teaching and administrative staff, and student matters. I oversee the academic, examination, disciplinary, and budgetary aspects of the School. I admit students to the School and provide a framework for them to achieve their law degree through ensuring a conducive academic and social environment. I cascade and implement the overall Vision of the University in terms of teaching and research at the School level. I have overseen the institution of a very successful Lecture Series conducted on Wednesdays that enables the students to benefit from diverse speakers on various socio-legal topics. I have supervised the commencement and operation of an Adjunct Faculty Programme that sees select successful lawyers interact with students in a classroom environment. I have also led the School in adopting more ICT related methods of teaching and learning to name but some.

As Lecturer, I essentially deliver classes to law students in matters of Public Law and particularly Constitutional Law. I continuously strive to use exciting and engaging teaching methods and techniques to enable students to understand the concepts and develop a love for the subjects.

As a Leader – I continue to work closely with the Lecturers, students and other stakeholders of the School in order to spur them on and motivate them to achieve the objects of the school. I strive to lead by example by setting the pace through hard work, organisation, and maintaining high standards in all our endeavours.

As a Mentor, I work closely with the number of students assigned to me by the University Directorate of Mentoring to build bridges and nurture the students holistically throughout their stay in Law School.

As Chair/Member of University Committees, I play my part in serving my University and ensuring the success of the various Committees’ objectives as outlined by the appointing authority and empowering legislation. My membership in University Committees includes; University Senate, Dean’s Committee, Tenders Committee, and Digitization of Teaching/Learning materials for Chemistry and Communication Skills for Open Learning Mode Committee.

KEY PAPERS/CONFERENCES
IGAD Gender Experts and Sixth Meeting of Ministers of Women/Gender Affairs Conference in Addis Ababa, 27 Nov – 1 December 2010 – Presentation of IGAD Gender Strategy for achieving the target of 50:50 status by 2015. This is the precursor to its presentation to the Heads of State Summit for endorsement as an official IGAD Policy/Strategy.

IGAD Regional Strategy for Higher Representation of Women in Decision Making Positions by 2015 – results of research presented to stakeholders from all the IGAD Member States at Inter Continental Hotel in Nairobi in June 2010.


IGAD Regional Strategy for Higher Representation of Women in Decision Making Positions by 2015 – Consultancy carried out together with an Ethiopian Consultant on behalf of the Gender Desk, Inter Governmental Authority on Development – May 2010


Principles of Legislative Drafting – Paper presented at Legal Resources Foundation Workshop for Pro Bono Lawyers – December 2009


The British Association for Literacy in Development – Conference on Communication across Sectors: Gender and Learning in Development.

AWARDS

Partial Tuition Scholarship for PhD Studies at the University of Birmingham 2002-2007.
Chevening Scholarship from British Council to do a Masters in the UK - 2000.

ORGANISATIONAL AFFILIATIONS

Legal/Specialised Committee on Thematic Cluster on Legal Education and Practice in the East African Community through the Inter-University Council for East Africa.
Currently an active member of the Doctoral Working Group on the Great Lakes Region.
Currently an active member of the Africans Without Borders Diaspora Group.
Secretary General of African Centre for Rights and Governance.

INTERESTS

Theatre, photography, debating, and travelling.