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## 1.1 About SLASLEC

SLASLEC is an in-house citation style developed by the staff and students of Strathmore Law School to be used for all publications of the institution, particularly those published by Strathmore University Press. SLASLEC is complimentary to and should be used together with the style guides issued by both the Strathmore Law Journal and the Strathmore Law Review.

Our house style applies the short title system in footnotes. To this end, authors are advised to avoid using cross-referencing terms in footnotes: *ibid*, *op cit.*, *supra* or their anglicised versions.

In subsequent citations, authors are to use the short title system. This means that where the title of a publication is long, after first stating the title in full, it may be shortened to the first few words of the title in subsequent citations.

### **First Citation**

Kamau C, 'Transitional justice as a path to distributive justice: A jurisprudential and legal case for land restitution in Kenya' 1(1) *Strathmore Law Review*, 2016, 25.

### **Subsequent Citation**

Kamau C, 'Transitional justice as a path to distributive justice', 25.

SLASLEC does not apply cross-referencing terms in footnotes as these are prone to engender inaccuracies during post peer-review copy-editing.

The citation style below is to be used on both footnotes and bibliography. This house style does NOT admit of endnotes.

## 1.2 General Guidelines

### 1.2.1 Full stops

- ALL citations must end with a full stop.
- Full stops are ONLY used at the end of a sentence or phrase

- DO NOT USE full stops in Mr; Mrs; Dr;
- DO NOT use full stops to separate initials, in both citations and text  
Anderson DM, NOT Anderson D.M.,  
UN, not U.N.; ICJ not I.C.J.

### 1.2.2 Abbreviations

#### i) In text

Write out full name or title on first mention, followed by the abbreviation in parenthesis. All subsequent references in the abbreviation.

**First mention: International Tribunal on the Law of the Sea (ITLOS)**

**Subsequent mentions: ITLOS**

#### ii) In footnotes

DO NOT write out title in full at first instance if this has been captured in body text. In such instances, simply use abbreviation in footnote.

#### List of select SLASLEC abbreviations

African Commission on Human and Peoples' Rights	ACmHRP
African Court on Human and Peoples' Rights	AfCHPR
African Charter on Human and Peoples' Rights	ACHPR
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights	IACmHR
Inter-American Court on Human Rights	IACtHR
European Commission on Human Rights	ECmHR
European Court on Human Rights	ECtHR
UN Committee against Torture	CAT
UN Human Rights Committee	CCPR
UN Commission on Human Rights	UN CHR
UN Human Rights Council	UN HRC

### **1.2.3 Page and Paragraph Numbers**

Page numbers are placed at the end of the citation, WITHOUT ‘p’

Paragraph numbers are identified by ‘para.’ INCLUDE period.

### **1.2.4 Spelling**

SLASLEC uses British English. Therefore, use -ise rather than -ize; organisation NOT organization; organise NOT organize

### **1.2.5 Dates**

Avoid superscripts and commas in dates. That is, 1 April 2000, rather than 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2000

### **1.2.6 Quotation Marks**

Place punctuation outside quotation marks. ‘... as so ordered by the Court’.

Place both footnotes and full stops outside punctuation ‘... as so ordered by the Court’.<sup>23</sup>

### **1.2.7 Capitalisation**

Capitalize only the first letter of a title as well as proper nouns.

Njoroge M, ‘Regulation of financial markets in Kenya’ in Murungi J (ed), *The law of financial institutions in East Africa*, Oxford University Press, 2012, 456.

DO NOT capitalise nouns that do not serve as proper nouns in a sentence, especially in nouns that may relate to highly regarded subjects such as judge, court, constitution, council, president.

Examples:

A transformative constitution is not simply... NOT A transformative Constitution

The transformative Constitution [of Kenya or South Africa]

### **1.2.8 Shortening of Long Titles**

Indicate shortened version of long titles, particularly of reports, upon first mention.

*Report of the special rapporteur on the situation of human rights in Eritrea, Sheila B. Keetharuth, 28 May 2013, UN Doc A/HRC/23/53 (hereafter UN SR E 2013 Report), para. 34;*

**In subsequent citations**

*UN SR E 2013 Report, para.23.*

## **2 Footnotes**

### **2.1 Primary Sources**

#### **2.1.1 Legislation, Acts Of Parliament**

**Section x, *Act Title* (No. x of Year).**

**Article xx, *Constitution of Country* (year).**

Section 54, *Land Registration Act* (Act No. 3 of 2012).

Section 1610(d), *Foreign Sovereigns Immunities Act* 150 28 USC.

Section 2(3), Chapter 4, *Aliens Act* (Sweden).

Article 20, *Constitution of Kenya* (2010).

**Remains the same for subsequent citations**

#### **2.1.2 International Instruments**

**Article xx, *Convention* (year of adoption NOT entry into force) Treaty Series No.**

Article 19 (2), *Vienna convention on the law of treaties*, 23 May 1969, 1155 UNTS 331.

**Subsequent citation**

Article 19 (2), *Vienna convention on the law of the sea*.



### 2.1.3 Kenyan Case Law

The v of versus is NOT capitalised and there is no period following it.

i) When the case title is included in the footnote because it is not directly quoted in the text and there is an eSOURCE:

***Party v Party (Year) eSOURCE.***

*Marson Integrated Ltd v Minister of Public Works & Another (2012) eKLR.*

ii) When the case is not included in the footnote because the citation is direct:

**(Year) eSOURCE**

### 2.1.4 Foreign Case Law

***Party v Party (year), Court and Country (if unreported, indicate).***

*Roe v Wade (1973), The Supreme Court of the United States.*

*Donoghue v Stevenson (1932), The United Kingdom House of Lords.*

*NK v Minister of Safety and Security (2005), Constitutional Court of South Africa.*

*Jumbe and Mvula v Attorney General (2005), High Court of Malawi (unreported).*

### 2.1.5 ICJ Case Law

**First Citation**

*Legal consequences for states of the continued presence of South Africa in Namibia (South West Africa) notwithstanding security council resolution 276 (1970), Advisory Opinion, ICJ Reports 1971, 22.*

*South West Africa cases (Ethiopia v South Africa; Liberia v South Africa)*, Preliminary Objections, ICJ Reports 1962, 319.

### **Subsequent citation (short title)**

*Presence of South Africa in Namibia*, ICJ, 22.

*South West Africa cases*, ICJ, 324.

## **2.1.6 European Court Of Human Rights**

### **First Citation**

*Berhami and Berhami v France and Saramati v France, Germany and Norway*, ECtHR Judgement of 2 May 2007, para. 153.

*Eldar Imanov and Azhdar Imanov v. Russia*, ECtHR Judgement of 16 December 2010.

### **Subsequent citations**

*Imanov and Imanov*, ECtHR, 56.

*Berhami and Berhami*, ECtHR, 113.

## **2.1.7 Inter-American Court Of Human Rights**

### **First Citation**

*Manuel Cepeda Vargas v Colombia*, IACtHR Judgment of 26 May 2010, (Preliminary Objections, Merits, Reparations and Costs), 119.

*Velásquez-Rodríguez v Honduras*, IACtHR Judgment of 26 June 1987, (Preliminary Objections), 21.

### **Subsequent citations (short title)**

*Cepada v Colombia*, IACtHR, 119.

*Velásquez Rodríguez v Honduras*, (Preliminary Objections) IACtHR, 21.

## **2.1.8 Inter-American Commission On Human Rights**

### **First citation**

*Diana Ortiz v Guatemala*, IACmHR Case 10.526 (1996), 15.

*Raquel Martín de Lejía v Peru*, IACmHR Case 10.970 (1996), 12.

### **Subsequent citations (short title)**

*Diana Ortiz v Guatemala*, IACmHR, 15.

*Raquel Martín de Lejía v Peru*, IACmHR, 12.

## **2.1.9 African Commission On Human And Peoples' Rights**

### **First citation**

*International PEN et al (on behalf of Ken Saro-Wiwa Jnr.) v Nigeria*, ACmHPR Comm.137/94, 39/94, 154/96, 161/97, 12 Activity Report (1998), 96.

*Annette Pagnouille (on behalf of Abdoulaye Mazou) v Cameroon*, ACmHPR Comm. 39/10, 10 Activity Report.

### **Subsequent citations**

*International PEN (Saro-Wiwa Jnr.) v Nigeria*, ACmHPR, 96.

*Pagnouille (Mazou) v Cameroon*, ACmHPR, 23.

## 2.1.10 UN Human Rights Committee

### First citation

*Abdoulaye Mazou v. Cameroon*, CCPR Comm.No. 630/1995 (6 July 1998).

*Gomez Casafranca v. Peru*, CCPR Comm No. 981/2001 (22 July 2003).

### Subsequent Citations

*Mazou v Cameroon*, CCPR.

*Casafranca v. Peru*, CCPR.

## 2.1.11 UN General Assembly

### First Citation

UNGA, *Declaration on principles of international law on friendly relations and co-operation among states in accordance with the charter of the United Nations*, UN A/Res/2625(XXV) 24 October 1970.

UNGA, *Climate change and its possible security implications*, UN A/Res/63/281 (3 June 2009).

### Subsequent citation

UNGA, *Declaration on friendly relations*.

UNGA, *Climate change and its possible security implications*.

## 2.1.12 UN Security Council

### First Citation

UNSC S/RES/1511 (2003) The situation between Iraq and Kuwait, 13.

UNSC S/RES/1983 (2011) HIV/AIDS and peacekeeping operations, 8.

### **Subsequent citations**

UNSC 1511 (2003), 13.

UNSC 1983 (2011), 8.

## **2.1.13 Other UN Documents**

### **First citation**

*CCPR General Comment No. 31, Nature of the general legal obligation imposed on states parties to the covenant*, 28 July 1994, 8.

*Draft articles on state responsibility for internationally wrongful acts*, ILC 53rd Report, 2001, UN Doc A/56/10.

### **Subsequent citations**

*CCPR General comment 31*, 8.

ILC, *Draft articles on state responsibility for internationally wrongful acts*.

## 2.2 Secondary Sources

### 2.2.1 Books

**Surname I, *Book Title*, Edition, Publisher, Place of Publication, Year, page number.**

Kimotho G, *Affirmative action and substantive representation of women in Kenya: A critical appraisal of constitutional framework*, Strathmore University Press, Nairobi, 2014, 97.

David R and Brierley JEC, *Major legal systems of the world today*, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, Stevens & Sons, London, 1985, 509-510.

#### **In subsequent citations (short title)**

Kimotho, *Affirmative action and substantive representation*, 97.

David and Brierley, *Major legal systems of the world today*, 509-510.

#### **Multiple Authors**

Where there are more than 2 authors, the first citation should include all their names separated by commas and the word 'and' separating the last name. Subsequent citations should give only the name of the first author followed by 'et al'.

#### **First citation**

Kameri-Mbote P, Odote C, Musembi C and Kamande M, *Ours by right: Law, politics and realities of community leasehold property disputes in Kenya*, Strathmore University Press, Nairobi, 2013, 34.

#### **In subsequent citations (short title)**

Kameri-Mbote *et al*, *Ours by right*, 34.

## 2.2.2 Chapter In Book

**Surname I, ‘Chapter title’ in Authors I (eds) *Book Title*, Edition, Publisher, Place of Publication, Year, page number.**

Njoroge M, ‘Regulation of financial markets in Kenya’ in Murungi J (ed), 3<sup>rd</sup> ed, *The law of financial institutions in East Africa*, OUP, 2012, 456.

Asin J, ‘Pursuing Al Bashir in South Africa: between ‘apology and utopia’’ in HJ van der Merwe, Gerhard Kemp (eds) *International criminal justice in Africa: Issues, challenges and prospects*, Strathmore University Press, 2016, 18.

**In subsequent citations (short title)**

Njoroge, ‘Regulation of financial markets in Kenya’, 456.

Asin J, ‘Pursuing Al Bashir in South Africa’, 18.

## 2.2.3 Hard Copy Journals

**Surname I, ‘Article title’ Volume (Issue) *Journal*, year, page number.**

Legarre S, ‘Towards a new justificatory theory of comparative constitutional law’ 1(1) *Strathmore Law Journal*, 2015, 96.

Ngolo E, ‘Analysing the future of international criminal justice in Africa: A focus on the ICC’ 1(1) *Strathmore Law Review*, 2016, 104.

**DO NOT abbreviate journal title**

Johnson R, ‘The model law on HIV in Southern Africa: Third world approaches to international law insights into a human rights-based approach’ 9 (1) *African Human Rights Law Journal*, 2009, 149-159.

**NOT**

Johnson R, 'The model law on HIV in Southern Africa: Third world approaches to international law insights into a human rights-based approach' 9 (1) *AHRLJ*, 2009, 129-59.

### **In subsequent citations (short title)**

Legarre S, 'Towards a new justificatory theory of comparative constitutional law', 96.

Ngolo E, 'Analysing the future of international criminal justice in Africa', 104.

Johnson R, 'The model law on HIV in Southern Africa,' 153.

## **2.2.4 Online Journals**

**When the volume and issue number are available, cite the journal as a hard copy. However, if not available, cite it as an online journal**

**Surname I, 'Article title' *Journal Name*, Year, page—<link> on 14 May 2016.**

## **2.2.5 Working Papers, Discussion Papers and Research Papers**

**Surname I, 'Paper title' Name of Institution, Paper Series and paper number, Year, page number—<link> on 14 May 2016.**

Sihanya B, 'The presidency and public authority in Kenya's new constitution' The Society for International Development, Constitutional Working Paper Number 2, 2011, 4 —<http://www.sidint.net/content/working-papers> on 14 April 2016.

Clemens M, Montenegro C and Pritchett L, 'Bounding the price equivalent of migration barriers' Centre For International Development, CID Faculty Working Paper Number 316, March 2016, 3—  
<http://www.hks.harvard.edu/centers/cid/publications/faculty-working-papers/bounding-the-price-equivalent-of-migration-barriers> on 14 April 2016.



### **In subsequent citations (short title)**

Sihanya B, 'The presidency and public authority in Kenya's new constitution', 4.

If the paper series or paper number already indicates the year, do not repeat the year.

Example: If the research paper number is indicated as '2/2010' it is sufficient therefore do NOT write 2/2010, 2010.

## **2.2.6 Conference Papers**

**Surname I, 'Paper Title' Conference Name, Town/City, Date, page number—indicate if notes are on file with author.**

Jayachandran S, Kremer M and Shafter J, 'Applying the odious debts doctrine while preserving legitimate lending' Blue Sky Conference Organized by the Center for International Development at Harvard University, Boston, 9 September 2006, 12.

### **In subsequent citations (short title)**

Jayachandran S, Kremer M and Shafter J, 'Applying the odious debts doctrine while preserving legitimate lending', 12.

## **2.2.7 Self-Published Articles**

These are articles and papers uploaded to open access or publishing platforms and are not necessarily attached to a particular publisher, journal or institution.

**Surname I, 'Article Title' Publishing Platform, Year, page number.**

King J, 'The doctrine of odious debt in international law: A restatement' Social Science Research Network, 2007, 21.

Wabuke E, 'Enhancing access to justice in Kenya: The imperative of adopting the alternative dispute resolution approach' Academia.edu, 2.

## 2.2.8 Newspapers

**Print: Surname I, 'article title' Name of Newspaper, date, page number.**

Otuki N, 'Fuel prices hit a six-year low' Daily Nation, 15 April 2016, 1.

**Online: Surname I, 'article title' Name of Newspaper, date—<link> on 13 December 2015.**

Franceschi L, 'Time to salvage what remains of Kenya's common wealth' Daily Nation, 15 April 2016 – <<http://www.nation.co.ke/oped/blogs/dot9/franceschi/-/2274464/3160082/-/u2nn5vz/-/index.html>> on 15 April 2016.

## 2.2.9 Reports

**Originating Source, *Title*, date, page number.**

## 2.2.10 Institutional Authors

Constitution of Kenya Review Commission, *Final draft*, 2005, 223-224.

## 2.2.11 Dissertations and Theses

**Surname I, 'Thesis title' whether published or unpublished, University, Town/City, Year, page number.**

Beyene T, 'The question of independent and impartial constitutional adjudicator in Ethiopia: A comparative study with Germany and South Africa' Unpublished LLM Thesis, Central European University, Budapest, 2012, 13.

Vicini G, 'The court of justice of the EU: an emerging global actor of refugee law?' Published LLM Thesis, European University Institute, Florence, 2015, 6.

### **2.2.12 Hansard Reports**

There are four series of the Hansard. One applies to Parliamentary debates prior to 2010 (unicameral house) and the other three apply to debates post 2010 (bicameral house). For these three, one reported debates on the floor of the National Assembly, one reports the debates on the floor of the Senate and another debates held in joint sittings of the National Assembly and Senate.

Parliament Hansard Report, 17 March 2009, page number.

National Assembly Hansard Report, 17 March 2016, page number.

Senate Hansard Report, 17 March 2016, page number.

Joint Session of National Assembly and Senate Hansard Report, 17 March 2016, page number.

### **2.2.13 Emails And Other Personal Communication**

E-mail from Ambani J on 4 November 2014.

Telephone communication with Ambani J on 4 November 2014.

Personal communication with Ambani J on 4 November 2014.

Interview with Ambani J on 4 November 2014.

## 2.2.14 Other Internet Resources

When citing online sources a distinction ought always be made between an online resource as library and that which is the publication itself. In this sense, urls are only admissible in say, referencing the 'About' page on the Permanent Court for Arbitration page (<https://pca-cpa.org/en/about/>) as opposed to a Daily Nation webpage which is simply a library. Therefore, authors are encouraged not to insert internet links for downloads that would stand as separate publications by themselves as the website in question only serves as a digital library.

When providing an online link in the footnotes, use a long dash before the link.

– <[http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag\\_id=1037](http://www.pca-cpa.org/showpage.asp?pag_id=1037)> on 4 November 2014.

When an author or article is cited, provide full information.

### **Surname I, 'Article title' Source, Date—<link> on**

Brig Gen James Mwakibolwa, 'New method of combating violence in the DR Congo'  
UN News Centre, 29 May 2013 –  
<[http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45031#.U\\_wIpqNGQ0k](http://www.un.org/apps/news/story.asp?NewsID=45031#.U_wIpqNGQ0k)> on 7  
August 2014.

## 2.2.15 Dictionaries and Encyclopaedias

### **Name of Dictionary/Encyclopaedia, Edition.**

Merriam Webster Dictionary, 4<sup>th</sup> ed.

Black's Law Dictionary, 3<sup>rd</sup> ed.

Encyclopædia Britannica, 7<sup>th</sup> ed.

### **3 Bibliographies**

In general, sources in bibliographies are cited the same way as the first citation in a footnote with the omission of the page number, paragraph number or section, whichever applicable. However for chapters in books, the page numbers of the *entire* chapter are indicated.

Online resources are cited without the access date.

#### **Select Examples**

##### **3.1 Books**

Kimotho G, *Affirmative action and substantive representation of women in Kenya: A critical appraisal of constitutional framework*, Strathmore University Press, Nairobi, 2014.

David R and Brierley JEC, *Major legal systems of the world today*, 3ed, Stevens & Sons, London, 1985.

Kameri-Mbote P, Odote C, Musembi C and Kamande M, *Ours by right: Law, politics and realities of community leasehold property disputes in Kenya*, Strathmore University Press, Nairobi, 2013.

##### **3.2 Chapter in Books**

Asin J, 'Pursuing Al Bashir in South Africa: Between 'apology and utopia'' in HJ van der Merwe, Gerhard Kemp (eds) *International criminal justice in Africa: Issues, challenges and prospects*, Strathmore University Press, 2016, 5-27.

##### **3.3 Journal Articles**

Legarre S, 'Towards a new justificatory theory of comparative constitutional law' 1(1) *Strathmore Law Journal*, 2015.

Ngolo E, 'Analysing the future of international criminal justice in Africa: A focus on the ICC' 1(1) *Strathmore Law Review*, 2016.

Johnson R, 'The model law on HIV in Southern Africa: third world approaches to international law insights into a human rights-based approach' 9 (1) *African Human Rights Law Journal*, 2009.