

## **Twining with Mombasa Law Society**

The sub committee has not met again since I last reported in this column, but we have had communication with our Kenyan colleagues. They have reported to us that they have put together a programme of events which they have organised to further their objectives. These include for example the following

On 27<sup>th</sup> March, 2009, they will have Legal Aid Clinic at Shimo La Tewa Prison. On this day they intend to provide the remand prisoners (those waiting trial) with free legal advice. They also intend during this visit to stock the Prison Library with Law Books and Statutes which they will collect from the members.

*When we toured this prison we heard the appeal by the paralegals from MUHURI and CLEAR for Law Books and Statutes. As I have indicated previously we are making inquiries as to how we can get books shipped.*

On 17<sup>th</sup> April, 2009, they will have a Legal Aid, Career and Mentorship Session at the Borstal Institute. The purpose of this Session would be to review the cases of the Children at the institution to find out if there is any that require legal assistance, to give guidance to the children on various careers and to encourage them to be good citizens.

*You may recollect I have mentioned previously the case we came across on our visit. Samson has reported that their member Christine, who was dealing with the case of the Juvenile who was to be taken to adults prison on reaching the age of majority confirmed that on her intervention, the boy was released from the Borstal institute when he turned 18.*

On 12<sup>th</sup> June, 2009, they will have a football Match with the Prisoners at Shimo La Tewa Prison. During this occasion, they are planning also to have a medical camp whereby the prisoners would receive free treatment.

In the month of October, 2009 (date not yet confirmed) they will have a two (2) day Continuous Legal Education Seminar for members at which the following topics among others would be discussed; 1. Alternative Dispute Resolution 2. Case Management 3. Immigration and the Law with focus on the rights of refugees.

*We hope that we will be able to assist with this training*

They have formed an editorial team that is working on how they can contribute to Liverpool Law.

*They have provided some articles which you may find an interesting insight to some aspects of our colleagues' work. This month we have published here an article which will be serialised giving some general background knowledge about Kenya and its legal system etc*

*The other articles will be posted on LLS website.*

They are also compiling a list of lawyers who specialise in various areas of law in Mombasa e.g Admiralty, Family Law, Personal Injury Claims, Commercial Civil litigation, Criminal Law, Corporate Finance, Mergers and Acquisitions, Banking etc.)

*We will post this on our Website for use by members who may have a client in need of legal assistance in Kenya.*

The main areas in which they normally require advice on English Law are admiralty, Arbitration, Trust, mergers and acquisitions, Banking and Corporate finance, Bankruptcy and Receivership, intellectual Property, Family Law and Company Law.

*If anyone thinks their firm can assist in any of these areas please contact Sarah at the office and we will compile a list of lawyers from LLS who are specialised in the area and are happy to be consulted.*

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