

GIMPA Law Conferences 2018

The Judiciary and Its Contribution to Ghana After 60:

Reflecting on the Past, Analyzing the Present, Preparing for the Future

Thursday and Friday
15 and 16 February, 2018

Call for Papers

GIMPA Law School, in cooperation with the African Centre for Legal Ethics (ACLE) and Fordham Law School, is organizing a landmark conference on *The Judiciary and Its Contribution to Ghana After 60: Reflecting on the Past, Analyzing the Present, Preparing for the Future*. The conference will take place at GIMPA Law School on Thursday and Friday, 15 and 16 February 2018.

The sponsoring organizations invite submissions for a collaborative exchange and discussion at the two-day conference.

The Judiciary has played a critical role since Ghana's independence. It has indeed greatly contributed to creating stable conditions for the country's growth, consolidated democracy and the rule of law. The Judiciary has served the country and its citizens under different constitutional provisions over the past 60 years and the time is ripe, during the celebration of Ghana after 60, to reflect on the role of the Judiciary, its successes and challenges in performing its role and to strategize about measures and reforms needed to ensure a Judiciary fit and ready for a 21st century Ghana.

The proposed conference on "The Judiciary and its Contribution to Ghana after 60" will examine the past, the present and the future of the judiciary in Ghana and will draw from research and presentation from leading Ghanaian judges, academics, practitioners as well as contributors from different jurisdictions sharing their own experiences.

The conference working language will be English. The conference will include paper presentations on topics detailed below and will also include working group discussions with a broad range of stakeholders, including, for example, government officials, members of the judiciary, representatives of non-governmental organizations and other interested persons.

Twenty papers will be selected for presentation at the conference by a Steering Committee comprised of members from the sponsoring organizations. All proposals should include a project description and the applicant's curriculum vitae. All proposals should be in English with project descriptions not exceeding 1000 words. As publication of selected papers is contemplated, submissions should **preferably** describe work that has not been previously published.



Possible topics for consideration include:

1. Ethics, Justice and the Judicial Process
2. Appointment of Judges
3. Judging and Opinion Writing
4. The Courts, the Legal Profession and Academia
5. Contemporary Trends and Issues in Human Rights Adjudication
6. Judicial Performance: Evaluation and Assessment
7. The Judiciary and ICTs: Challenges and Opportunities
8. Economic Growth and the Role of the Judiciary
9. Communications and the Judiciary
10. Funding Quality Justice Delivery
11. Reforming, Retooling and Rethinking the Judiciary for the 21st Century

Proposals will be evaluated on a rolling basis and the final deadline for submission is Monday, 15 January 2018.

For more information and to submit your proposals please email

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Presenters will be notified on a rolling basis that their papers have been accepted for presentation at the conference. The papers will be published together in a book after the conference. Publication is contingent on producing a final paper of publishable quality.

