



LAUNCH OF THE 2ND ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS PROBONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR 2014 AWARDS COMPETITION FOR MEMBERS OF THE BAR

1. Background

Provision of *Pro Bono* services plays a vital role in bridging the gap between justice and victims of injustice. It was in this regard that in December, 2013, Amnesty International, Kenya (AIK) and the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) sponsored an award that honoured and celebrated the outstanding contribution of *Pro Bono* lawyers that had excelled in litigating on the right to housing. The award recognised the sacrifices they had made in advancing the course of justice. The facilitation of this initial award was informed by AIK's 2009 campaign which focused on addressing human rights violations that drive poverty especially within the context of people living in the slums and informal settlements. Indeed, this award was a conduit for raising human rights awareness and empowering people to not only better understand their rights but also actively participate and engage in actions for the promotion, defence and realization of human rights. The awarded pro bono lawyers were Mr. Elisha Ongoya, Ms. Carol Mburugu, Mr. John Chigiti and Mr. Anthony Mulekyo.

It is against this background that Amnesty International Kenya (AIK) in collaboration with the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and The East African Centre for Human Rights (EACHRights), hereby launches its 2nd competition for the 2014 ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS PROBONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD. This award is a build up from the initial award which has been expanded to recognise members of the Bar that will excel in this emerging area of law.

2. Criteria for being nominated

The nominee must-

- (i) Receive at least 2 nominations;
- (ii) Be nominated by an individual or organisation that can attest to his/her contribution to economic and social rights;
- (iii) Be a Kenyan citizen;
- (iv) Be an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya, academic, officer from a civil society organisation, or any other institution that works on economic and social rights;
- (v) Have contributed to the jurisprudence on economic and social rights either through litigation or academia; or
- (vi) Have contributed to enhancing levels of awareness on economic and social rights in Kenya.

The nominee shall not be-

- (i) Self nominated;
- (ii) Nominated by this/her employer;
- (iii) Nominated by an individual from the same organization where they are working;
- (iv) Nominated by a family members.

3. Nomination process

- The nominator shall fill the prescribed nomination forms available on the websites of the Law Society of Kenya (www.lsk.or.ke); Amnesty International Kenya (www.amnestykenya.or.ke); and the East African Centre for Human Rights (www.eachrights.or.ke)
- The completed nomination form together with supporting documents shall be sent either by e-mail or by post to-

The Award Committee
2014 ECOSOC Rights Jurists of the Year Award
C/O Law Society of Kenya
Opposite Valley Arcade
Lavington, Gitanga Road
P.O. Box 72219-00200
NAIROBI, KENYA
email: collins.h@lsk.or.ke

- If sending nomination by e-mail, then please include on the subject line “**2014 ECOSOC RIGHTS PROBONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR AWARD**”
- **DEADLINE FOR THE RECEIVING THE DULY FILLED NOMINATION FORMS TOGETHER WITH THE SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS WILL BE FRIDAY, 28TH NOVEMBER, 2014 AT 5 P.M.**
- The winners of the award shall be determined by a committee comprising of 5 institutions.
- The 2nd award ceremony for the ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL RIGHTS PROBONO LAWYER OF THE YEAR 2014 AWARDS shall be on Wednesday, 10th December, 2014 from 9 a.m. at a venue to be confirmed.

ECOSOC RIGHTS AWARD NOMINATION FORM

1. Name and Title of nominee:	2. Gender of nominee:
	3. Name of nominee's current employer:
4. Nominee's postal address, telephone number and e-mail address:	
5. Short Bio of the nominee (Maximum 500 words):	
6. Nominee's achievements that qualify him for consideration for the award (Maximum 500 words):	
7. List of additional supporting documents/material (as appropriate) that may provide relevant support to the nomination (Attached or enclosed):	

NOMINATOR'S DETAILS

NAME _____

ORGANISATION _____

ADDRESS _____

TELEPHONE _____

SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____