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VIOLENCE AT THE LAW SOCIETY OF KENYA OFFICES

The Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA-Kenya) is a non-governmental, non-partisan, non-profit making membership organization whose vision is a society that upholds and respects the rights of women. FIDA-Kenya’s mission is to promote women’s individual and collective power to claim their rights in all spheres of life.

FIDA-Kenya condemns in the strongest terms possible the violence meted on several Law Society of Kenya Council (LSK) members and Secretariat officials who included women at the LSK offices on August 10, 2021.

The ongoing factional fight at the Law Society of Kenya is not only retrogressive but, as we have previously stated, sets a very bad precedent and is negatively castigating the legal profession. Attacks, intimidation or threats against any Council member or staff, regardless of their position and gender, is totally unacceptable. The current wrangling at the LSK has not only paralysed operations at the Secretariat but has also greatly affected service delivery to members who include FIDA-Kenya membership.

We call for a speedy and amicable solution to the situation at the LSK in a manner as prescribed by law as opposed to resorting to violence.

We further call upon the National Police Service and the Directorate of Criminal Investigations to conduct speedy investigations and prosecution of those found responsible for the violence on August 10th 2021, against LSK Council Members and staff at the Secretariat.

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