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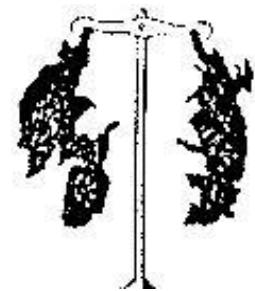
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PREFACE

The publication of Volume 4 of the *Zanzibar Yearbook of Law* (ZYBL) is an indication that the publication has solidified and is gradually becoming of age. Contributing to this volume is a string of prominent academics and practitioners in the field of law – at both national and international level.

Leading is a contribution from the Republic of South Africa canvassing the rich and highly popular practice and jurisprudence of the Constitutional Court of the country in the area of public interest litigation. A lot has been written on specific cases before, but the current contribution puts this rich legacy together.

The general articles address issues such as the work of the United Nations treaty bodies; the African philosophy and the death penalty which was not to be found anywhere in the African continent before the coming of the colonialism; and the question of independence of the judiciary at international level. Then, there are several contributions from Rwanda, Uganda, Zambia and Tanzania touching on a number of interesting topics.

Specific works addressing Zanzibar focus on the the law relating to inheritance under Islamic Law; corruption; and the position of the isles within the United Republic of Tanzania. These contributions underline the policy that Zanzibar retains a distinct place in the *Yearbook* which carries its name.

The shorter articles are on the constitutional review process in Tanzania; social protection in Africa; public interest litigation in Uganda; independence of the judiciary in Zambia; and a brilliant and nostalgic memoir on teaching law in Africa in 1960s.

The book review is on a publication on Zanzibar and the East African Community. The main question here is how Zanzibar is represented at East African level and indeed at the global level by the United Republic of Tanzania on non-Union issues such as agriculture and tourism. The publication raises issues which are worth a serious consideration in the unfinished constitutional review process in Tanzania.

As seen from the above, the contributions have done justice to the volume making it worth reading.

Chris Maina Peter
Managing Editor

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