



Paul K Muite SC

Paul Kibugi Muite, S.C., a Senior Lawyer and an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya with 51 years of legal practice. He was educated in Kenya later obtaining LLB (Hons) degree from the University of London. He was admitted as an Advocate of the High Court of Kenya in June 1970 and signed the Roll of Senior Counsel on 7th March 2003 – equivalent of Queen’s Counsel in the UK. He is also an active member of the Law Society of Kenya (LSK) and served as its President in 1990/91. In the 51 years he has been in legal practice, Paul K. Muite, S.C, has handled many high profile constitutional, criminal and civil cases both locally and internationally.

Paul K. Muite has also used his legal skills and experience in Parliament, notably between 1992 and 2007, when he served as an elected Member of Parliament for Kikuyu Constituency. During this time, he chaired both the Parliamentary Committee on Administration of Justice and Legal Affairs and the Select Committee on Constitutional Reforms.

In the late 1980s and 1990s, he was a leading figure in the so-called "*Struggle for the Second (2nd) Liberation*" and the fight for multi-party democracy, having played a key role in providing political leadership that promoted the rule of law and respect for human rights. He continues to support constitutional/democratic growth.

He is passionate about human rights issues and has distinguished himself as a fearless defender of the Bill of Rights, contributing to the development of laws that gave birth to Kenya's current Constitutional Order. He has served on various Tribunals and Committees, including the International Bar Association's Human Rights Institute and attending international conferences in that connection, notably: -

1. Global Convening on the Decriminalisation of Sexual Orientation and Gender Identity, 22-24 May 2019, Barbados
2. *“Constitutions are Excellent Documents to have but they alone won't Guarantee Africa's Prosperity”* Paper delivered at the Uganda Law Society's Annual Rule of Law Event, 2013 on Constitutionalism and Rule of Law in Uganda: A Reality or Façade? 4th October 2013.
3. A presentation on the *“Role of Political Parties”* at a Workshop in Bamako, Mali (November 2010) which discussed the Constitutional Reforms process in Kenya;

In 2015, he was awarded ICJ-Kenya's Jurist of the year Award.