

## Legal Advocacy Training

WELCOME back to another edition of the Court page.

This week we feature stories on some of the advocacy training that are being held and some currently on foot.

Following the conclusion of the 10th Asia Pacific Mediation Forum Conference, the legal fraternity continues to carryout training to

empower both practicing lawyers and trainee lawyers.

Currently, the Legal Training Institute is hosting its 12th Commercial Law Litigation and Advocacy workshop which is presented by the Bar Association of Queensland.

The week-long workshop commenced on Monday this week and will end tomorrow, Friday.

A total of 92 trainee lawyers are attending the compulsory workshop that is held at the Legal Training Institute in collaboration with the Queensland Bar Association.

We also feature the PNG Continuing Legal Education on Commercial Law and Disputes seminar which was held on Tuesday this week.

The seminar was held at the Crown Hotel in Port Moresby that saw senior judges, lawyers and students from the Legal Training Institute participated to better themselves with understanding of commercial law and disputes.

Once again, we remind you our valued readers, to contribute to this page, either by commenting

on articles published or questions arising from this page. We will publish your comments, and questions and get the appropriate people to answer your queries.

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CHIEF Justice Sir Gibbs Salika (middle), members of the Queensland Bar Association, Acting Director LTI (Left) and LTI students during the workshop. PICTURE COURTESY: PNG LEGAL TRAINING INSTITUTE

### LTI advocacy workshop on foot

BY PRUDENCE AUVITA IPAPE

THE five-day 12th Commercial Law Litigation and Advocacy Workshop that commenced on September 2, 2024 is currently on foot.

A total of 92 trainee lawyers are attending the compulsory workshop that is held at the Legal Training Institute in collaboration with the Queensland Bar Association.

Today is the fourth day of the 12th Commercial Law and Litigation workshop that will end on Friday.

Minister-Counsellor Governance of Australian High Commission Penny Morton thanked the Legal Training Institute (LTI) Acting Director Angelyn Paranda for creating a good learning environment and making it possible for a successful conference.

Ms Morton further extended her gratitude to the Law Society and the Judiciary for signing a Memorandum of Understanding with the Queensland High Courts for this workshop to see many great experts from the Queensland Bar Association taking their time off to train the upcoming lawyers of Papua New Guinea.

"The training so far has enormously contributed to strengthening the preparation of upcoming lawyers with the experience of being in a courtroom, added Ms Morton.

Chief Justice of the National and Supreme Court PNG Sir Gibbs Gibuma Salika also conceded to the comments made by Ms Morton and encouraged the trainees to visit the Court House frequently to get a better feel of how experts in the legal fraternity deal with matters.

"Upcoming lawyers must visit the courthouse to see how practicing lawyers are handling cases from criminal to commercial law, how they argue their case to get self-confidence and boost their moral to be a good lawyer in the future," said Salika.

## Chief Justice urges LTI students to learn as much

BY PRUDENCE AUVITA IPAPE

THE landscape in the courtroom has changed a lot recently and students in the Legal Training Institute (LTI) must discipline themselves to learn as much as possible.

These are the words of Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika during the opening of the 12th Commercial Law and Litigation Advocacy workshop recently at the LTI campus in Port Moresby.

Sir Salika encouraged the LTI

students who are participating in the CCLA Workshop to maintain the education standard that brought them into the LTI and never lose focus on life and explained about the challenges that are out there in the legal fraternity.

"The legal profession is not the same as before where studies were done manually with books. In this day and era all the legal information are digitalized, hence; this is an opportunity for the students to learn as much as possible," said Sir

Salika.

Sir Salika also urged the 92 students taking part in the workshop to visit the courthouse often and see how lawyers in the courtroom argue their cases to get a feel of what is expected after passing out from LTI.

"The government has recently passed the bill to include in the three-tier court in the judiciary which is the appeals court. The passing of the bill gives the judiciary a difficult responsibility to appoint judges for the Supreme, Appeals

and the National Court, however; I am expecting the best from the practicing lawyers, the current LTI students and the upcoming law practitioners to be part of the judiciary," added Sir Gibbs.

With further words of encouragement to the LTI students and the appreciation extended to the Australian Government and Queensland Bar, Sir Salika officiated the week-long workshop which concludes tomorrow, Friday, September 6, 2024.

## Legal education seminar a success

THE PNG Continuing Legal Education on Commercial Law and Disputes seminar turned out a success.

The seminar was held at the Crown Hotel in Port Moresby that saw senior judges, lawyers and students from the Legal Training Institute (LTI) participated to better themselves with understanding of commercial law and disputes.

The was chaired by the Commonwealth Lawyers Association and supported by the PNG Centre for Judicial Excellence, PNG Law Society, the PNG Women Lawyers Association and the Australian Government through the PNG-Australia partnership including the Bar Association of Queensland.

Chief Justice Sir Gibbs Salika and other senior judges also participated in the seminar to disseminate some of their experiences with the

participants. David Denniston, a senior lawyer and a member of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association in Papua New Guinea, was the chairperson of the event and reiterated on the primary role of lawyers to uphold the rule of law. He said the Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) which PNG is part of, is a large organization throughout the commonwealth and supports the rule of law throughout the commonwealth and legal education.

"When we asked the Chief Justice what CLA could do best in this country, he said legal education. So that is why we doing this training," Denniston said.

He also spoke on the good work of the PNG Law Society and how CLA was supporting the law society in most of its advocacy work in upholding the rule of law in the

country.

Chief Justice Sir Salika gave the opening remarks and welcomed the participants including the LTI students.

Sir Gibbs encouraged the participants to learn as much as they can and apply with they learn in their line of duties.

The training comprised of two sessions and the first was about Business and Investment Legal issues, Project Area Landowner Benefits and Competition Law Matters.

The second session was on Judicial Review and Arbitration which included penal discussions and presentations by senior judges.

This was the second continuation of the legal education from a similar training held last year.

The five-hour seminar concluded on a high note.



SOME of the participants at the seminar.