

## BRIEF PROFILE – MS. LYNA N. SARAPAI

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**Profession:** **Lawyer**  
**Areas of Specialization:** Law and Development  
Environmental Law and Justice  
Human Rights Research and Advocacy  
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### RÉSUMÉ:

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Ms. Lyna Sarapai is a Tutorial Fellow in the Department of Private Law and also serves as the School Examinations Coordinator for the Kenyatta University School of Law. Her current duties include instruction and mentorship of undergraduate law students, and, coordination of preparations, administration, management, and accountability processes for all examinations in the School of Law.

Ms. Sarapai previously served in the Judiciary of Kenya for six years she accomplished herself in both trial and administrative duties, rising from District Magistrate II (Professional) to Senior Resident Magistrate and Programs Liaison in The Office of the Chief Justice. She also served as the Secretary to the Kenya Women Judges Association (KWJA), a non- governmental, non-profit organization dedicated to enhancing access to justice for women and youth. Her work experience spans practice in criminal and civil defense, family law, law reform consultancy, editorial consultancy, trial adjudication, mediation, judicial clerkship, administrative roles and training on projects for organizations such as the Judiciary of Kenya, the (then) Communications Commission of Kenya, the Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Environment, the Insurance Regulatory Authority, the Federal Government of the USA, the World Bank, the UN, and several Non-state and community based organizations.

She holds a Master of Laws (LLM) Degree in Sustainable International Development from the University of Washington School of Law, in Seattle, USA. (2013). She is also an alumna of the esteemed Alene Moris Leadership Program of Puget Sound in the USA (2013) and the Strategic Leadership Development Program (SLDP) No. 85 of 2014, at the Kenya School of Government. She obtained her Bachelor of Laws (LLB) degree from Moi University, in Eldoret, Kenya, in 2007 and was admitted to the Bar in 2009.

Her academic and professional interests include: Human Rights Research and Advocacy, Environmental Law and Justice, Law and Development, Feminist Theory and Practice, Alternative Justice Systems, International Law, Law Reform, and Clinical Legal Education.

In her free time she engages pro bono in various initiatives: offering legal aid, fostering legal awareness and mentoring the youth. She loves sport, arts, and the outdoors.

## PAPERS & PRESENTATIONS CONCERNING LAW, SOCIAL JUSTICE AND DEVELOPMENT:

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- ✚ 21<sup>st</sup> November 2017, Presentation, *“The Challenges in the Implementation of Resolutions from the Treaty Body Mechanisms”*, made during the Annual ICJ-K Jurists Conference, 2017, Session on Level of Implementation and Enforcement of Human Rights in Africa, at Serena Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya.
- ✚ 29th February 2016, Presentation, *“The Role of the Judiciary in Addressing Gender-Based Violence in Kenya: The Case of the Education Sector”*, made during the UNESCO County Teacher Management Directors Workshop, at Lake Naivasha Simba Lodge, Kenya.
- ✚ 30th March 2015, Presentation, *“Big Data for an Evolving Judiciary: Spotlight on Daily Court Returns”* made during the Judges Colloquium at Sarova Whitesands Hotel, Mombasa, Kenya.
- ✚ 30th May 2014, *“Taming Cyber and Cloud Security: Issues and Strategies for a Developing Economy”*, during the 1st Annual International Conference on Information and Communication Technologies for Sustainable Development, made at Africa Nazarene University, Main Campus, Ongata Rongai, Kenya.
- ✚ 8th November 2013, Presentation *“Justice through Community: A Comparative Perspective on Court User Forums”*, National Council on the Administration of Justice Inaugural Convention of Court User Committees”, at the Windsor Hotel in Nairobi, Kenya.
- ✚ 12th October 2013, Presentation, *“Taking the people Along: Judicial Transformation, the people and the role of Civil Society Organizations”*, during the “Amkeni” Civil Society Week at The Kenya Methodist University in Meru, Kenya.
- ✚ 11th April, 2013, Panel Presentation *“Perspectives on the Rule of Law in Sub-Saharan Africa”* Commentary on Seattle screening of the film “Beatrice Mtetwa and the Rule of Law” ; sponsored by World Justice Project and University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, USA.
- ✚ 5th April, 2013, Presentation, *“Spare “Wanjiku” The Trouble: Policy Lessons From Comparative Practices in Urban Wastewater Management”* in LSJ WorkShare Graduate Student Presentation Series at the University of Washington Comparative Law and Society Study Center, Seattle, USA.
- ✚ 1st April, 2013, *Revisiting Sticky Issues in the Rome Statute through the Kenyan cases at the Hague”* in “Global Mondays” Presenter Series, University of Washington School of Law, Seattle, USA.
- ✚ 7th February 2013, Panel Presentation, *“Overview of policy and legal responses to intentional injury/domestic violence in Kenya”* in Health Legal and Community Leaders Forum for Legal and Policy Solutions for Improving the Global Health of Women, Children and Adolescents Series, Seattle, USA.
- ✚ 5th May 2007, LLB Dissertation paper project *“Women’s place in politics: the case for Engendering the political process in Kenya”* Moi University Press, Eldoret, Kenya.
- ✚ 22nd March 2006, Student Paper Presentation, *“Ethnicity and Development in Africa”*, at the 3rd Annual East African Inter-varsity Conference and Moot Court Competition, University of Nairobi, Nairobi, Kenya.