



THE JUDICIARY

RULES COMMITTEE OF THE JUDICIARY

Our Ref: RULES/CHILDREN ACT, 2022

Date: 3rd August, 2023

TO: ALL STAKEHOLDERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

RE: PUBLIC PARTICIPATION ON FOUR SETS OF RULES UNDER THE CHILDREN ACT, 2022

The Chief Justice is required under the Children Act of 2022 to make several sets of rules of practice for regulating the procedure and practice in matters relating to Adoption, Foster Care Placement, Guardianship, and Children in Conflict with the Law.

The Rules Committee of the Judiciary is established under Section 81 of the Civil Procedure Act with the mandate to make rules of procedure and to provide for any matters relating to the procedure before courts and tribunals. In addition, the Committee is tasked with advising the Chief Justice on such rules as may be necessary for the effective administration of justice.

The National Council on the Administration of Justice (NCAJ) is established under Section 34 of the Judicial Service Act, 2011, as a high-level policymaking, oversight, and coordinating body. The NCAJ Standing Committee on the Administration of Justice for Children has been at the forefront in lobbying and supporting the legislative drafting of the Rules and Procedures in support of the Children Act, 2022.

In line with their respective mandates, the two Committees have developed draft the following draft rules:

- i. The Children (Adoption Proceedings) Regulations, 2023
- ii. The Children (Foster Care) (Procedure and Practice) Rules, 2023
- iii. The Children (Guardianship) (Procedures) Rules, 2023
- iv. The Children (Children in Conflict with The Law) (Procedure and Practice) Rules, 2023

The Committees are conducting a public participation exercise as required under the Constitution And wish to invite stakeholders and members of the public to interact with the said draft rules. We appreciate written submission or Memoranda on the said rules which should be submitted to judrulescommittee@gmail.com by **August 31, 2023 at 5:00 p.m.**

Hard copies of the written memoranda may also be delivered to:



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There will be physical public participation and stakeholder engagement in select regions of the country as follows:

Eldoret and Nyeri Law Courts	- 7th August, 2023
Bungoma Law Courts	- 8th August, 2023
Meru Law Courts	- 9th August, 2023
Kisumu Law Courts	- 10th August, 2023
Embu Law Courts	- 11th August, 2023
Mombasa (Tononoka) and Nakuru Law Courts	- 14th August, 2023
Kericho and Malindi Law Courts	- 16th August, 2023

The four sets of draft rules can be accessed on the Judiciary's website and the websites of partner stakeholders. Members of the public can also access the same on this link <https://shorturl.at/denV5>



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