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CALL FOR PAPERS

Background

URSB is a government agency responsible for among others Insolvency matters. Annually, URSB publishes an Insolvency Journal in line with the strategic objective of promoting research, and deepening understanding of insolvency practices among the key stakeholders. The Journal aims to provide both authoritative and academic information on major topics and issues that are of importance to the development of insolvency law and practice in Uganda.

Call for Papers

The Official Receiver, together with the Editorial Board of the Insolvency Journal of Uganda, invites submissions for publication in our upcoming issue. We welcome high-quality articles, case studies, commentary, and practical insights from the academia, practitioners, judges, regulators, and policymakers working in the fields of insolvency, restructuring, and related disciplines. This issue focuses on emerging global trends and regional perspectives shaping the future of insolvency practice.

Thematic Areas of Interest

1. Cross-Border Insolvency and Recognition Developments under the UNCITRAL Model Law, Judicial cooperation between jurisdictions, Cross-border group restructurings.

2. ESG (Environmental, Social, Governance) and Insolvency. How ESG obligations affect insolvency proceedings, climate-related financial risk and director duties in distressed companies.

3. Insolvency and Digital Assets: Treatment of crypto-assets and digital tokens in insolvency, Challenges of tracing and recovering digital assets Insolvency of crypto exchanges.

4. Pre-Pack Administrations and Pre-Insolvency Workouts: Effectiveness and transparency of pre-packs, Lessons from reforms in the UK, EU, and South Africa.

5. Close-out Netting and Financial Contracts in Insolvency: Legal enforceability of close-out netting clauses, Impact of insolvency moratoria on netting and set-off, Treatment of derivatives, repo, and securities lending in insolvency, International standards (ISDA Master Agreements, UNCITRAL Model Law on Secured Transactions).

6. Small and Medium Enterprise (SME) Insolvency Regimes: Simplified restructuring frameworks for SMEs, Post-pandemic lessons for SME debt resolution.

7. Director and Officer (D&O) Liability in Distress: Wrongful trading, fraudulent trading, and personal liability, Shift in directors' duties when approaching insolvency.

8. Insolvency and Artificial Intelligence: Use of AI in restructuring analysis, predicting failure, Ethical challenges and legal risks when AI systems manage financial distress.

9. Public Sector and Sovereign Insolvency

Sovereign debt restructuring mechanisms, State-owned enterprises (SOE) insolvency frameworks.

10. Consumer Insolvency and Over-Indebtedness: Trends in Personal Bankruptcy Regimes.

11. Post-Pandemic Restructuring Trends: Government bailout impact on insolvency patterns

12. Harmonisation of Insolvency Laws: Global efforts at legal harmonisation (World Bank, UNCITRAL, EU initiatives), Regional approaches in Africa (OHADA, SADC).

13. Insolvency and Tax Law Interplay: Priority of tax claims vs. creditors Tax structuring in distressed companies.

14. Emerging Markets Challenges: Developing Insolvency Regimes in Africa.

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