



The High Court in Tanzania rules out that whatever done by an advocate with no valid license “unqualified”, is invalid!

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Unqualified advocate

United Republic of Tanzania

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The **doctrine of Purification** is what, the High Court of Tanzania at Dar es Salaam District termed when expunging pleadings drafted by an advocate who did not valid practicing certificate. It held that the fact that an advocate has belatedly renewed his practicing license will not purify pleading crafted when he was yet to renew his license.

The fate of pleadings and or suit prepared/commenced by unqualified advocate.

The court held further that the application/suit commenced by pleadings drafted by an unqualified advocate need to be struck out with costs to the said advocate unlike the innocent client who engaged the advocate believing that he is at the time qualified counsel.

Comments:

Advocates being officers of the Court need be diligent in renewing their practicing license, short of that their suits commenced by them will be struck out with costs on their part. That is not all, it is an offence for unqualified person to practice law. At the time an

advocate is yet to renew his license, there is no difference between him and a mere street hooligan commonly “kishoka”

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