Training course on Lease Agreements: Drafting, Negotiation and Enforcement

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	**Duration**	10 Days
Base Fee	$3,000 USD	**Delivery Mode**	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core principles and strategic responsibilities** of **lease agreements: drafting, negotiation, and enforcement in Kenya**.
2. **Master sophisticated techniques** for **interpreting and applying key Kenyan landlord-tenant laws and contractual principles**.
3. **Develop nuanced strategies** for **drafting comprehensive, clear, and legally enforceable residential and commercial lease agreements**.
4. **Implement effective negotiation tactics** for **securing favorable lease terms for landlords and tenants**.
5. **Manage complex lease clauses** including **rent review, service charge, repairs, and alienation provisions**.
6. **Apply robust strategies** for **ensuring legal compliance throughout the lease lifecycle**.
7. **Understand the deep integration of property management practices** with **lease agreement provisions**.

8. **Leverage knowledge of dispute resolution mechanisms** for **landlord-tenant conflicts (e.g., Rent Restriction Tribunal, ELC)**.
9. **Optimize strategies for preparing for and conducting eviction proceedings** in accordance with Kenyan law.
10. **Formulate specialized lease agreements** for **diverse property types (e.g., retail, office, industrial, residential) and unique client needs**.
11. **Conduct advanced legal due diligence** related to **leasehold interests and encumbrances**.
12. **Navigate challenging situations** such as **breach of lease terms, tenant default, force majeure, and dilapidations claims**.
13. **Develop a holistic, ethically sound, and strategically effective approach** to **lease management and enforcement in Kenya**.

Target Audience:

This course is designed for real estate professionals seeking advanced skills in Lease Agreements: Drafting, Negotiation, and Enforcement:

1. **Property Managers:** Directly responsible for managing leases and tenant relations.
2. **Real Estate Agents and Brokers:** Drafting and negotiating lease agreements for clients.
3. **Landlords and Property Owners:** Seeking to protect their interests and ensure compliance.
4. **Tenants (Corporate and Individual):** Understanding their rights and obligations in lease agreements.
5. **Legal Professionals (Lawyers, Advocates, Paralegals) in Kenya:** Specializing in landlord-tenant law and conveyancing.
6. **Real Estate Developers and Investors:** Involved in leasing out completed projects.
7. **Real Estate Accountants:** Understanding the financial and tax implications of lease terms.
8. **Facility Managers:** Overseeing compliance with lease clauses related to property use and maintenance.

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Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Lease Law in Kenya**
  - Definition and **types of leases** (residential, commercial, periodic, fixed-term).
  - **Legal framework**: Land Act, Land Registration Act, Landlord and Tenant Act (Cap 301), distress for rent act.
  - Essential **elements of a valid lease agreement**.
  - Distinction between **leases and licenses**.
  - Ethical considerations in **drafting and negotiating leases**.
- **Module 2: Drafting Residential Lease Agreements**
  - Key clauses in a **residential tenancy agreement**: parties, property description, term, rent, deposit.
  - Understanding **tenant's rights and landlord's obligations** under Kenyan law.
  - Clauses related to **repairs, maintenance, utilities, and quiet enjoyment**.
  - Termination clauses and **notice periods**.
  - **Case Study:** Drafting a standard residential lease agreement for an apartment in Nairobi.
- **Module 3: Drafting Commercial & Retail Lease Agreements**
  - Specific complexities of **commercial leases**: user clauses, fit-out periods, service charge.
  - Types of **commercial rent structures**: gross, net, triple net, percentage rent.
  - Clauses for **alienation (assignment, subletting), alteration, and insurance**.
  - Break clauses, renewal options, and **force majeure provisions**.

    - **Case Study:** Drafting a complex commercial office lease agreement with specific tenant improvement allowances.
- **Module 4: Negotiation Strategies for Lease Agreements**
    - Understanding **landlord and tenant objectives** in negotiations.
    - Techniques for **valuing lease terms** beyond basic rent.
    - Strategies for **concessions, trade-offs, and package deals**.
    - Handling **difficult negotiation tactics and impasses**.
    - **Case Study:** Role-playing a negotiation scenario for a new commercial lease, focusing on rent-free periods and fit-out costs.
- **Module 5: Key Lease Clauses (Advanced Analysis)**
    - In-depth analysis of **rent review clauses**: market rent, RPI, fixed increase.
    - Detailed examination of **service charge provisions and auditing rights**.
    - Understanding **repairing obligations (full repairing and insuring vs. internal repairing)**.
    - Clauses for **insurance, indemnities, and warranties**.
    - **Case Study:** Analyzing a real-world service charge dispute and advising on its resolution based on lease terms.
- **Module 6: Lease Compliance & Administration**
    - The importance of **lease administration and record-keeping**.
    - Managing **rent collection, arrears, and reconciliation**.
    - Ensuring compliance with **statutory obligations** (e.g., withholding tax on rent).
    - Regular **property inspections and maintenance schedules** as per lease.
    - **Case Study:** Developing a compliance checklist for managing a portfolio of commercial leases.
- **Module 7: Breach of Lease & Remedies**
    - Identifying **common breaches of lease terms** by landlords and tenants.
    - Understanding **available remedies**: forfeiture, distress for rent, damages, specific performance.
    - The process of **issuing notices of breach and remedies**.
    - Mitigation of loss by the non-breaching party.
    - **Case Study:** Analyzing a scenario where a tenant has defaulted on rent and advising on appropriate remedies.
- **Module 8: Eviction Proceedings & Possession**
    - Legal requirements and procedures for **lawful eviction in Kenya**.
    - Navigating the **Rent Restriction Tribunal (RRT)** and the **Environment and Land Court (ELC)**.
    - Understanding **tenancy at will vs. protected tenancies**.
    - Issuing **statutory notices** (e.g., notice to quit).
    - **Case Study:** Guiding through the step-by-step process of evicting a non-paying commercial tenant.
- **Module 9: Lease Termination & Dilapidations**
    - Modes of **lease termination**: effluxion of time, surrender, forfeiture, notice to quit.
    - Understanding **dilapidations**: claims for disrepair at the end of a lease.
    - Negotiating **dilapidations settlements**.
    - The process of **handing over and taking possession** of premises.
    - **Case Study:** Assessing a dilapidations claim from a landlord's perspective for a commercial property.
- **Module 10: Legal Due Diligence on Leasehold Interests**
    - Conducting **searches on leasehold titles** at the land registry.
    - Verifying **validity and enforceability of existing leases**.
    - Identifying **undisclosed liabilities or encumbrances** related to leases.
    - Due diligence for **acquisition of properties with existing tenants**.

    - **Case Study:** Performing a simulated due diligence on a property being sold with an existing commercial lease.
- **Module 11: Taxation of Lease Income & Transactions**
    - Income Tax implications of **rental income for landlords** in Kenya.
    - Withholding Tax on **rental payments to non-residents**.
    - VAT implications on **commercial leases and service charges**.
    - Stamp Duty payable on **lease agreements**.
    - **Case Study:** Calculating the tax liabilities for a landlord with multiple commercial and residential leases.
- **Module 12: Emerging Trends & Future of Lease Agreements**
    - The impact of **PropTech and digital platforms** on lease management.
    - Trends in **green leases and sustainability clauses**.
    - Flexible leasing models: **co-working spaces, short-term rentals**.
    - The future of **landlord-tenant relations and dispute resolution**.
    - **Case Study:** Discussing the integration of smart building technology into lease agreements for efficiency and compliance.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Upcoming Scheduled Sessions**

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Online	$2,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$3,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$6,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$9,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000
23 Nov 2026	04 Dec 2026	Physical	$12,000

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