



**COUNTY GOVERNMENT OF SAMBURU**  
**COUNTY ASSEMBLY OF SAMBURU**  
**THIRD ASSEMBLY –SECOND SESSION**

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**Request for Statement**

**Honorable Speaker,**

Pursuant to Standing Order 45(c), I hereby request for a statement from the chairperson of Committee on Labor, Justice and Legal Affairs in regards to the legal representation at the county level.

**Honorable Speaker,**

It is a significant stride towards enhancing governance and legal representation at the county level, Samburu County proudly announced the establishment of the County Attorney's office. This milestone marks a crucial development in the county's efforts to ensure effective legal oversight, uphold the rule of law, and protect the interests of its residents.

**Honorable Speaker,**

The establishment of the County Attorney's office in Samburu County was prompted by recognition of the need for specialized legal counsel to address the diverse legal challenges facing the county. This office is tasked with providing legal advice and representation to the county government, ensuring that its actions align with the constitution and statutory requirements.

Key responsibilities of the County Attorney's office in Samburu County include:

1. **Legal Advisory Services:** The County Attorney's office offers expert legal guidance to county government departments, helping them navigate complex legal issues, contracts, and policies while ensuring compliance with the law.
2. **Litigation Management:** The County Attorney represents Samburu County in legal proceedings, both as a plaintiff and a defendant, safeguarding the county's interests and resources.
3. **Drafting and Reviewing Legal Documents:** The office is responsible for drafting, reviewing, and vetting legal documents such as contracts, agreements, and ordinances, ensuring they align with the county's objectives and legal standards.
4. **Conflict Resolution:** The County Attorney's office plays a pivotal role in dispute resolution, seeking amicable solutions to conflicts before they escalate into costly legal battles.
5. **Protection of Public Interest:** It ensures that the actions and decisions of the county government prioritize the public interest and adhere to the principles of transparency, accountability, and fairness.

**Honorable Speaker,**

It has come to our attention that the office currently operates with only one County Attorney, struggling under an overwhelming workload. As representatives of our wards, it is our duty to ensure the efficient functioning of all county departments, and I believe it is crucial to address this issue promptly.

The current situation, where the entire office relies on the efforts of a single County Attorney, has raised significant concerns about the quality and timeliness of legal services provided to county agencies and officials. This

situation not only places immense pressure on the County Attorney but also hinders our ability to create and implement the numerous policies necessary for the county's progress.

**Honorable Speaker,**

In view of this, the Chairperson should inquire into and report on;

1. Why did the County Administration not take immediate action to address this issue?
2. Why is the office of the County Attorney not employing adequate legal staffs, in order to alleviate the current workload?

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**HON. Silapia Lenamatiyo MCA,**

**DATE.....**