



Commonwealth  
Lawyers Association

## Involvement Through Membership



# About The Commonwealth Lawyers Association

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**The Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA) is supported by professional lawyers, academics and students practising within the Commonwealth.**

Together we promote and maintain the rule of law throughout the Commonwealth by ensuring that an independent and efficient legal profession serves the people of the Commonwealth.

CLA seeks to uphold the rule of law by encouraging exchanges between members of the profession, through projects, conferences and workshops, and by driving improvements in legal education.

CLA regularly engages with other Commonwealth organisations on Commonwealth working groups and projects, and is an accredited partner organisation of the official Commonwealth.

## Becoming A Member

"We have taken great care to deliver a new membership proposition that delivers an increasing focus on assisting our members to connect with one another around the Commonwealth; support us more actively in our goals surrounding our projects; and finally, in better engaging on key topics which impact on our mission to promote and maintain the rule of law throughout the Commonwealth."

**Brian Speers**  
President



## Becoming A Sponsor

*"There are a range of high value sponsorship and advertising opportunities for organisations wishing to reach and connect with our members.*

*All sponsorships are respectful of the work and mission we are conducting and the revenues raised go directly to supporting our mission and projects throughout the Commonwealth."*

**Brigid Watson**  
Secretary General





# Connected Through The Commonwealth

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**The organisation comprises a governing council, executive committee and a secretariat and four regional hubs; Africa, The Americas, Australasia and Europe.**

Commonwealth countries share a substantial common ground in their legal systems. The CLA is committed to the preservation of the highest standards of ethics and integrity and to the furtherance of the rule of law for the benefit of the citizens of the Commonwealth.

The CLA's objectives, as enshrined in its Constitution, are to maintain and promote the rule of law in the Commonwealth by:

- ✓ Ensuring that a common bond of Commonwealth is preserved and fostered;
- ✓ Strengthening professional links between members of the legal profession;
- ✓ Maintaining the honour and integrity of the profession;
- ✓ Promoting uniformity in the standards of professional ethics;
- ✓ Encouraging improved standards of education;
- ✓ Promote the administration of justice and protection of human rights in accordance with the principles enshrined in the Harare Declaration of 1991, Milbrooke Action Programme of 1995 and the Latimer House Guidelines of the Commonwealth of 1998 (now referred to as the Commonwealth (Latimer House) Principles on the accountability of and relationship between the three branches of Government), and the Commonwealth Charter 2013.

**One association, four proactive regional hubs**



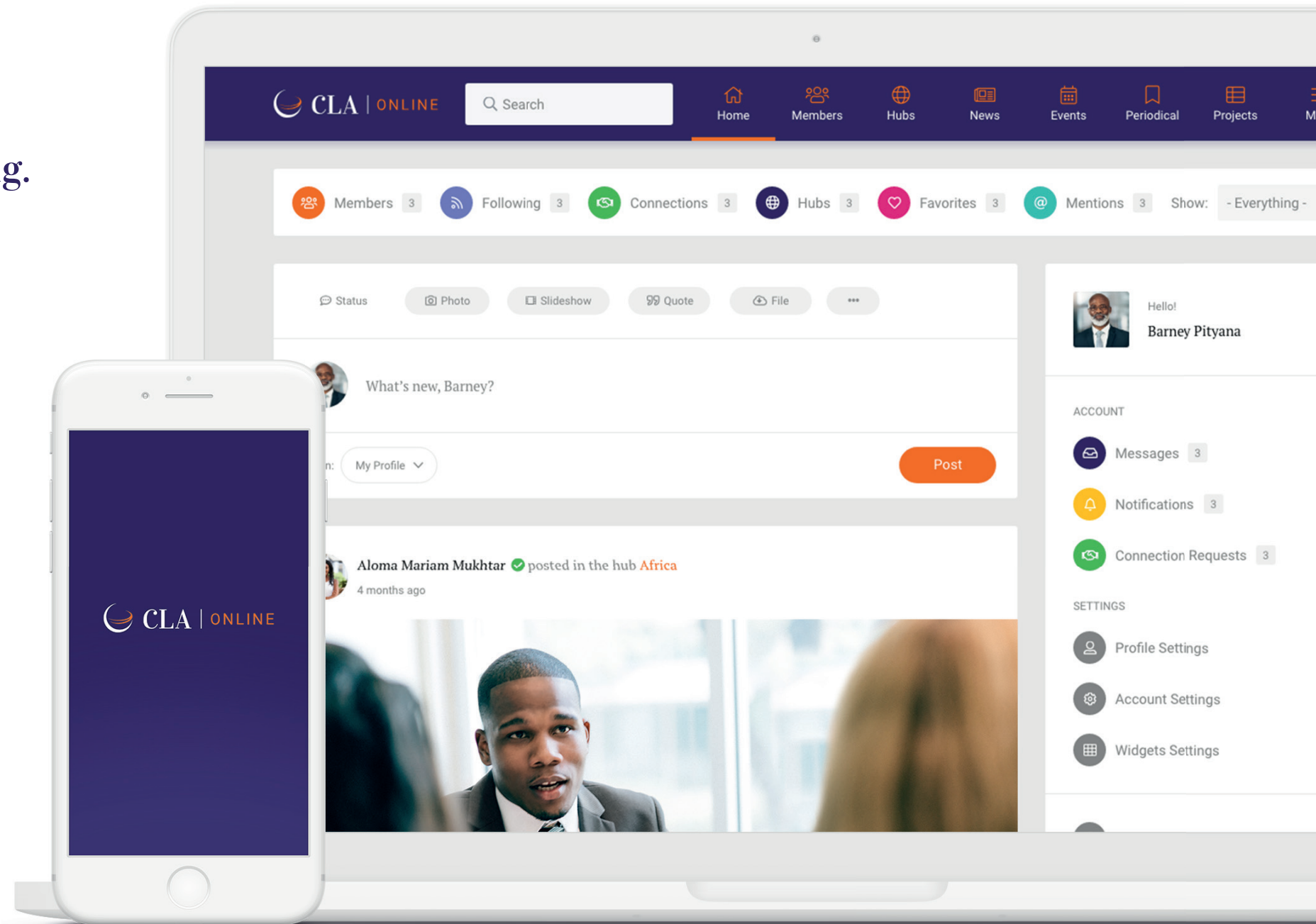
**This members-only, interactive site enables the opportunity for connection, support, discussion, peer networking, knowledge-share and mentoring.**

As well as connecting with others, members will be able to access exclusive content, covering news, insights, thought-leadership and event invites.

- ✓ More membership inter-connectivity
- ✓ More shared knowledge
- ✓ More regional engagement
- ✓ Engage on a wealth of important legal topics

## Connect . Support . Enagage

CLA | Online is a new web-app for our members, allowing then to connect with other members from around the Commonwealth, better support our projects and shared missions and engage and share in the debate on a wealth of important legal topics.





# Membership Options

	Full Membership	Institution / Corporate membership	Newsletter Sign-Up
Association News	✓	✓	✓ Limited access
Assocation Newsletters	✓	✓	✓
Hub Newsletters	✓	✓	✓
Event Invitations & Event Discounted Rates	✓	✓	✗
Periodical Journal	✓	✓	✗
CLA   Online Access (New)	✓	✓	✓ Limited
Articles & Insight Reports Daily association and Hub updates	✓	✓	— Limited to 1 post per day
Post Comments & Share Thoughts Comment On topic threads or articles and other post	✓	✓	✗
Public Profile Create a full professional profile to share and help connect with others	✓	✓	— Limited profile
Connections Ability to form valuable and influencial connections with other full members from around the Commonwealth	✓	✓	✗
Contribute Ability to contribute custom or exsting articles	✓	✓	✗
Offers & Discounts Relevant discounts and offers available exclusively to CLA membes	✓	✓	✗

# Institutional & Corporate Group Memberships

Now available as group memberships, giving you better value and better access to the benefits of CLA for your members.

Through the revenue we are able to raise in sponsorships we are offering grants towards group memberships for firms, academic institutions, Law Societies & Bar Associations from throughout the Commonwealth.

## How it works:

- ✓ Contact the Membership Secretary on [membership@commonwealthlawyers.com](mailto:membership@commonwealthlawyers.com) to discuss the level of membership that is right for your institution
- ✓ A discounted cost will be proposed, dependent on the number of memberships you would like (see the adjacent table as a guide)
- ✓ On approval, your institution nominates an ‘administrator’ who will be responsible for the account
- ✓ Your administrator is sent an invoice, for which payment is arranged
- ✓ On receipt of your subscription fee payment, your administrator will send a list of your members you have identified to receive CLA membership. Their own full accounts will be set up and they will receive a welcome email with login details.

## Full memberships:

Group Size	Discount	Group Annual Cost
Up to 5 full members	£49.99	£199.96
Up to 10 full members	£99.98	£399.92
Up to 20 full members	£199.96	£799.84
Up to 30 full members	£299.94	£1,199.76
Up to 40 full members	£399.92	£1,599.68
Up to 50+ full members	POA	POA

- ✓ At the anniversary of your join-up, you will be invited to renew and, confirm your membership list for the new year (these need not be the same people each year)’. The Rates will obviously change as and when they go live.
- ✓ At the biennial conference, your organisation, through the administrator, will be invited to nominate two of your full members to cast votes for your organisation at the General meeting, where Council members are elected.



# Sponsorship Opportunities

As well as making our new site more relevant for members, it also offers more value to our sponsors.

Your sponsorship allows us to better deliver on our mission and projects around the Commonwealth and across our regional hubs.

It also allows us to invest in:

- ✓ New technology to enhance your connectivity
- ✓ Expert support on our projects
- ✓ Building engagement between the membership

We have a range of high value sponsorship opportunities. If you would like to discuss any of these please contact Brigid Watson - [info@commonwealthlawyers.com](mailto:info@commonwealthlawyers.com)



