“Compulsory Legal Education in PNG – Has the Time Come?”

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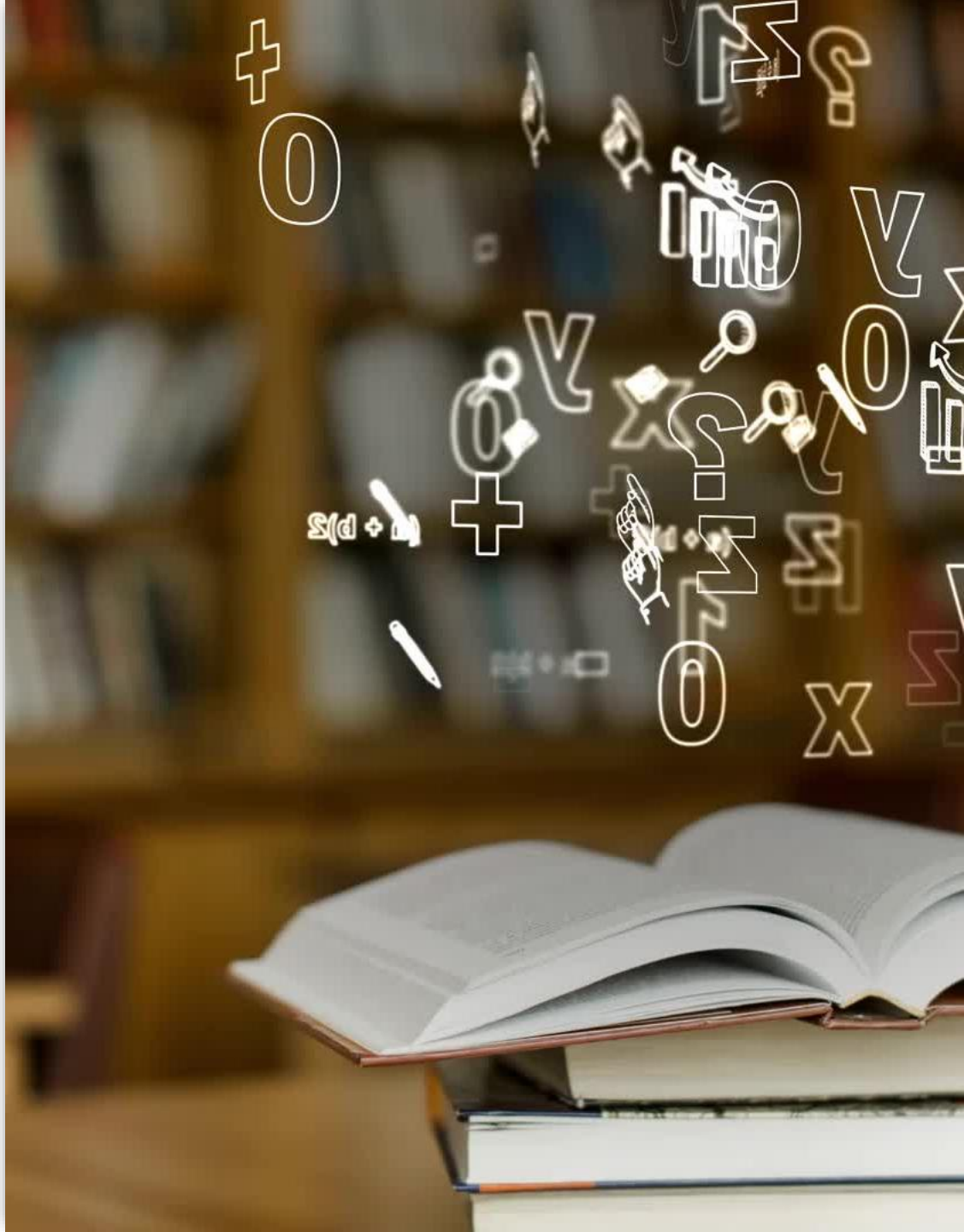
The Changing Landscape of Law

- Law is no longer confined to the courtroom
- **Technology & AI** reshaping legal practice
- Growth of **E-commerce & digital economy**
- Rise of **Transnational & Cyber Crimes**
- Demand for **specialized and updated knowledge**



Why Compulsory CLE?

- Ensures lawyers remain **competent and current**
- Builds **public trust and confidence** in the profession
- Aligns PNG with **international best practices**
- Promotes **professional excellence** and accountability
- Protects the **future of justice and democracy**

The Roadmap to 2027

- **2025–2026**: Design, consult, and prepare CLE framework
- **Stakeholder engagement**: Lawyers, Judiciary, Law firms, Department of Justice & Attorney General, and regional law societies.
- **Focus areas**:
- Ethics and professional standards
- Emerging technologies and AI
- International and commercial law
- Human rights and constitutional law
- **2027 onwards**: Compulsory CLE implementation

Yes, compulsory CLE is coming!

As custodians of justice, we cannot stand still.

Compulsory CLE is not about compliance, it is about **commitment to excellence**.

Lawyers must be prepared for the next 50 years and beyond.

The time is now – the journey begins.

We have begun a tradition — Marching in March for the Rule of Law.