

# LDC students petition court seeking release of results

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A group of students pursuing a post-graduate bar course at the Law Development Centre (LDC) have asked High Court to compel the institution to produce their answer scripts and marking guides for the 2018 examinations for verification.

Godfrey Akampulira and Simon Peter Oriokot, who are representing over 200 students, accuse the LDC management of maliciously recording lower marks in the supplementary examinations they had passed with the intention of charging them a repeating fee of sh2.5m for the failed subjects.

The duo yesterday asked Justice Lydia Mugambe to compel LDC to produce their examination answer scripts for the supplementary examinations sat in August last year and February this year.

The judge has set December 9 to deliver the ruling in the matter. LDC's graduation is slated for December 13.

The students claim that the fees for the supplementary examinations was without their knowledge increased by 200% on December 12 last year after other students had done their papers.

The students purport that LDC introduced supplementary exams and weekly individual



**City lawyer Abbasi Bukonya (third-right) chats with some of the students from Law Development Centre after they petitioned the High Court in Kampala yesterday.** Photo by Ramadhan Abbey

tests and subjected them to a few selected students, including those who passed the major exams, with an intention of defrauding them. The petitioners were admitted to the bar course on September 27, 2017.

## **LDC defends decision**

The institution's lawyer, John Musiime, has

asked court to dismiss the case with costs, arguing that LDC is an institution with autonomous powers to have its policies in place.

"This case is a matter of policy and LDC has powers to administer and release examinations in the manner it deems fit," the lawyer submitted.