

The Legislative Drafting Workshop, conducted as part of the 7th GNLU Annual Legal Services Forum (GALSF 7.0) organised in partnership with the Institute of Constitutional and Parliamentary Studies (ICPS), provided participants with a valuable opportunity to develop practical legislative and policy-drafting skills. Organized during the Legal Services Week, the workshop was designed to introduce students to the fundamentals of legislative drafting and the role of clear, precise, and effective legal language in the law-making process.

The session covered key aspects of drafting legislation, including the structure of statutes, formulation of definitions and preliminary provisions, drafting techniques, interpretation concerns, and the use of delegated legislation. Participants were guided through the principles that govern the preparation of legislative instruments, with particular emphasis on ensuring clarity, consistency, and enforceability. The workshop also encouraged participants to critically examine the relationship between law, policy, and governance, highlighting the importance of drafting as a tool for achieving legislative objectives.

In keeping with the theme of GALSF 7.0, “Artificial Intelligence for Access to Justice,” the workshop further explored the emerging role of artificial intelligence in legislative and policy-making processes. Discussions focused on the potential of AI-assisted tools to support legal research, policy analysis, and drafting, while also addressing concerns relating to accuracy, accountability, and ethical use. By combining doctrinal knowledge with contemporary technological developments, the workshop offered participants a holistic understanding of modern legislative drafting practices.

The workshop served as an important skill-development initiative, equipping attendees with practical insights into an often-overlooked area of legal education. It successfully fostered critical thinking, policy awareness, and drafting proficiency, thereby contributing to the broader objective of strengthening legal knowledge and promoting innovative approaches to law and governance.