

Training course on Dispute Resolution and Litigation in Real Estate

Professional Development Training Course Outline

Category	Real Estate Institute	Duration	10 Days
Base Fee	\$3,000 USD	Delivery Mode	Online / On-site Hybrid

Course Introduction

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Course Objectives:

Upon completion of this course, participants will be able to:

1. **Analyze core principles and strategic responsibilities of dispute resolution and litigation in real estate in Kenya.**
2. **Master sophisticated techniques for identifying and preventing potential real estate disputes.**
3. **Develop nuanced strategies for effective negotiation in real estate conflicts.**
4. **Implement effective mediation processes for amicable resolution of property disputes.**
5. **Manage complex arbitration proceedings as an alternative to court litigation.**
6. **Apply robust strategies for preparing for and engaging in real estate litigation (e.g., in Kenyan courts).**
7. **Understand the deep integration of contract law, land law, and procedural rules in real estate disputes.**
8. **Leverage knowledge of key real estate dispute types (e.g., contractual, landlord-tenant, boundary, ownership).¹**
9. **Optimize strategies for evidence collection, witness preparation, and legal argumentation**
10. **Formulate specialized dispute resolution plans for diverse property types and transactional contexts.**
11. **Conduct advanced risk assessment and mitigation planning related to potential litigation liabilities.**
12. **Navigate challenging situations such as fraudulent claims, complex multi-party disputes, and enforcing judgments.**
13. **Develop a holistic, ethically sound, and strategically effective approach to real estate dispute management and litigation in Kenya.**

Target Audience:

This course is designed for real estate professionals seeking advanced skills in Dispute Resolution and Litigation:

1. **Real Estate Agents and Brokers:** Dealing with commission disputes, misrepresentation claims, and contractual disagreements.
2. **Real Estate Developers and Investors:** Facing land disputes, construction defects, and contractual breaches.
3. **Real Estate Legal Professionals (Lawyers, Advocates, Paralegals) in Kenya:** Specializing in property litigation and dispute resolution.
4. **Property Managers:** Handling landlord-tenant disputes, rent arrears, and eviction proceedings.
5. **Land Economists and Valuers in Kenya:** Involved in valuation disputes and compulsory acquisition compensation claims.
6. **Government Officials (Land Registries, NLC) in Kenya:** Managing land records and dispute referrals.
7. **Senior Real Estate Consultants:** Advising clients on potential legal risks and dispute strategies.
8. **Anyone involved in High-Stakes Real Estate Transactions:** Requiring mastery of conflict prevention and resolution.

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Course Modules:

- **Module 1: Foundations of Real Estate Disputes**

- Identifying common **sources of real estate disputes**: contract breaches, land boundaries, ownership.
- Understanding the **costs and impacts of disputes** (financial, reputational, time).²
- The **legal and regulatory landscape** for dispute resolution in Kenya (e.g., Judiciary, Tribunals).
- Overview of the **dispute resolution continuum**: negotiation, mediation, arbitration, litigation.³
- Ethical considerations in **dispute management and professional conduct**

- **Module 2: Preventing Real Estate Disputes**

- Strategies for **clear contract drafting** to avoid ambiguities.
- Importance of **thorough due diligence and disclosure** in transactions.⁴
- Effective **communication and expectation management** with clients and parties.
- Documenting all **agreements and communications** meticulously.⁵
- **Case Study:** Analyzing common contractual clauses that frequently lead to disputes and how to improve them.

- **Module 3: Negotiation in Real Estate Disputes**

- Advanced **negotiation principles** applied to conflict situations.
- Techniques for **identifying underlying interests vs. stated positions**.
- Strategies for **reaching win-win solutions** where possible.
- Dealing with **difficult personalities and power imbalances** in dispute negotiations.
- **Case Study:** Role-playing a negotiation to resolve a commission dispute between agents.

- **Module 4: Mediation in Real Estate Conflicts**

- Understanding the **mediation process and the role of the mediator**.
- Benefits of **mediation for real estate disputes** (cost-effective, confidential, preserving relationships).⁶
- Preparing for and effectively participating in **mediation sessions**.
- Drafting **binding settlement agreements** from mediation outcomes.
- **Case Study:** Simulating a mediation session for a landlord-tenant dispute over property damage.

- **Module 5: Arbitration in Real Estate**

- Understanding the **arbitration process** and its binding nature.
- Advantages and disadvantages of **arbitration vs. litigation** for real estate.
- Selecting an **arbitrator with real estate expertise**.
- Preparing and presenting a **case for arbitration**.

- **Case Study:** Analyzing an arbitration award in a construction dispute related to real estate development.
- **Module 6: Fundamentals of Real Estate Litigation in Kenya**
 - The structure and jurisdiction of **courts handling real estate matters in Kenya** (Environment and Land Court - ELC, High Court).
 - Understanding **civil procedure rules** relevant to real estate cases.
 - Stages of litigation: **pleadings, discovery, pre-trial, trial, judgment**
 - The role of **evidence, witnesses, and expert testimony** in court.
 - **Case Study:** Examining a typical ELC court process for a land ownership dispute.
- **Module 7: Litigation in Specific Real Estate Disputes**
 - Litigation of **contractual disputes**: specific performance, damages, rescission.
 - **Land ownership and boundary disputes**: adverse possession, trespass, injunctions.
 - **Landlord-tenant disputes**: eviction, rent arrears, breach of lease terms.
 - **Construction defect claims and professional negligence**.
 - **Case Study:** Analyzing a court ruling on a boundary dispute between two adjacent properties.
- **Module 8: Evidence, Disclosure & Discovery in Litigation**
 - Types of **evidence admissible in real estate cases** (documents, oral, expert).
 - Rules of **disclosure and discovery** (e.g., interrogatories, requests for production).
 - Strategies for **collecting, preserving, and presenting evidence**.
 - The importance of **witness preparation and credibility**.
 - **Case Study:** Identifying key pieces of evidence needed for a misrepresentation claim against an agent.
- **Module 9: Judgments, Appeals & Enforcement**
 - Understanding **court judgments and orders** in real estate cases.
 - The process of **appealing a court decision**.
 - Strategies for **enforcing judgments**: warrants of attachment, charging orders.
 - Managing **post-judgment compliance and challenges**.
 - **Case Study:** Analyzing a successful enforcement of a judgment for specific performance in a land transaction.
- **Module 10: Ethical Conduct in Real Estate Disputes**
 - Ethical obligations of **real estate professionals** when involved in disputes.
 - Duties of **legal practitioners** in litigation (e.g., duty to court, duty to client).
 - Avoiding **frivolous litigation and vexatious claims**.
 - Maintaining **confidentiality and professional integrity** during disputes.
 - **Case Study:** Discussing an ethical dilemma where a client requests a legal strategy that is professionally questionable.
- **Module 11: Specialized Dispute Resolution Bodies in Kenya**
 - The role of the **National Land Commission (NLC)** in land dispute resolution.⁷
 - Powers of the **Environment and Land Court (ELC) and Magistrate Courts** in real estate.
 - Understanding the role of **sector-specific tribunals** (e.g., Rent Restriction Tribunal).
 - The interplay between **statutory bodies and traditional dispute resolution mechanisms**.
 - **Case Study:** Tracing a land dispute from a local administrative body to the ELC.
- **Module 12: Emerging Trends in Real Estate Dispute Resolution**
 - The impact of **technology** (e.g., ODR platforms, AI) on dispute resolution.⁸
 - Growth of **online dispute resolution (ODR)** for real estate matters.
 - The increasing importance of **preventative law and dispute avoidance strategies**.
 - Global trends in **real estate litigation and international arbitration**.
 - **Case Study:** Debating the potential benefits and challenges of implementing an ODR platform for landlord-tenant disputes in Kenya.

Training Methodology

- **Interactive Workshops:** Facilitated discussions, group exercises, and problem-solving activities.
- **Case Studies:** Real-world examples to illustrate successful community-based surveillance practices.
- **Role-Playing and Simulations:** Practice engaging communities in surveillance activities.
- **Expert Presentations:** Insights from experienced public health professionals and community leaders.
- **Group Projects:** Collaborative development of community surveillance plans.
- **Action Planning:**Upcoming Scheduled Sessions

Start Date	End Date	Location	Price
07 Sep 2026	18 Sep 2026	Online	\$2,200
14 Sep 2026	25 Sep 2026	Online	\$2,200
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