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David currently teaches Human Rights, Law & Development and Legal Theory at Mt. Kenya University. He is a former Commonwealth Scholar and holds a BA (Honors) degree from Kenyatta University and a Masters in law (LLM-International Development Law and Human Rights) from the University of Warwick in the UK. David is also pursuing a PhD in Law at the University of Utrecht under the Supervision of Prof. Ann Stewart (Warwick) and Prof. Barbara Oomen (Utrecht). Prior to joining Mount

Kenya University, David taught Gender and Human Rights at Kenyatta University and Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology. He has also served as a human rights researcher in the Talai-Kipsigis Land Compensation Claim, an on-going compensation claim (by G.T Chambers and J. Bosek advocates) against the British government for colonial injustices against the Kipsigis and Talai communities.

David has previously worked with the Children Legal Action Network (CLAN) as a program manager where he co-ordinated the legal representation of abused children by clan lawyers and pro-bon advocates. Throughout his stay at CLAN, he represented the organization in the Kenya National Commission on Human Rights Human Rights Partners Forum and the Nairobi Child Protection Team. David was also part of the caucus convened by Plan International to look into the weaknesses in the laws relating to child sexual exploitation. He has also worked with the Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development, Women's Empowerment Link and Carolina for Kibera (CFK) on children rights, women rights, community empowerment and men's involvement in women rights protection. He was one of the pioneer members of Africa Unite-Kenya Chapter, a UN Secretary general's campaign against gender based violence. He has also served as a researcher in the IDRC funded research projects on Challenges Facing Young Women Leaders in Kenya (convened by Kenyatta University, Women's Empowerment Link and National Gender Commission) and 'Violence in Transition Periods in Kenya' (convened by the Collaborative Centre for Gender and Development).