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About the Law School

I. Background

The Law School commenced its academic work on the 19th of December 2002 as the Faculty of Law of Jimma University. For the first year, it accepted 158 advanced diploma students who graduated three years later. Then, the School has been accepting and teaching students in four first degree programs, namely, in the regular, evening, summer, and distance programs. Thus far, it has graduated thousands of students in the first three programs while the students in the distance program are yet to graduate for the first time.

Moreover, the Law School has commenced an LL.M program in **Commercial and Investment Law** in 2012/2013 (2005 E.C.). At the moment, it has 17 students in the program. This LL.M program is a two years program. Indeed, the School is now conducting a feasibility study to open new postgraduate programs.

In addition to its teaching jobs, the Law School has been publishing its law journal called **Jimma University Journal of Law**. It is a journal published at least once in a year. Besides, there are research works that the academic members of the School conduct although they are usually not published.

Finally, the Law School is making its presence in the community felt by rendering legal services to the indigent and the vulnerable parts of the society (such as children, women, persons with disabilities, persons with HIV/AIDS, and old persons) in Jimma town and Jimma Zone through its

Legal Aid Center. Currently, the Center has six branches and they are all doing great jobs to facilitate the enjoyment of the right of access to justice for the indigent and the vulnerable groups. Of course, the other main aim of the Centre is enabling our students to acquire practical legal skill before they graduate from the School.

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