

# Education

## Presby University College admits first batch of law students

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**T**HE first batch of 66 law students have been matriculated into the Presbyterian University College Ghana (PUCG) in Kumasi to pursue a four-year Bachelor of Law (LLB) programme.

The Deputy Attorney General and Deputy Minister for Justice, Mr Godfred Yeboah Dame, charged the students to learn good ethical practices and abide by them in order to serve the nation

after graduating from school.

Speaking at the matriculation ceremony last weekend, he noted that "the greatest of client complaints are about incompetence, neglect and procrastination."

Mr Dame explained that as a profession with a monopoly over the performance of certain services, they had a special obligation to the consumers of justice to be energetic and imaginative in producing the best quality of justice at the lowest possible cost and with a minimum delay in passing judgement.

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In order to make law students familiar with ethical demands of the profession, the deputy minister charged law faculties to inculcate moot court practices as a veritable part of the academic calendar, where experienced practitioners and long serving judges would share their thoughts with students.

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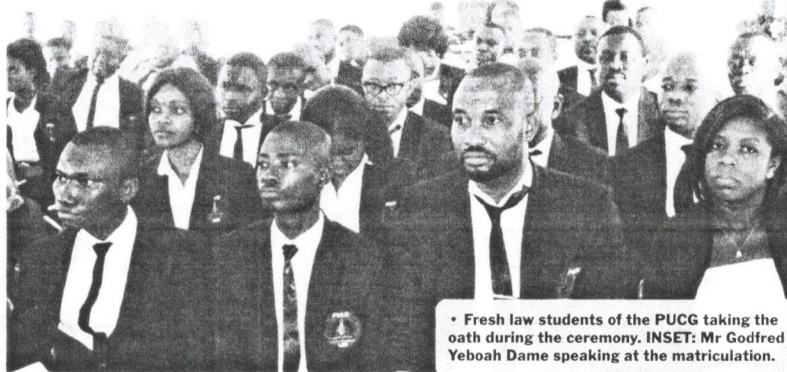
He reminded the students that they would have to pass an entrance exam after school before they could be granted admission to the Ghana School of Law to qualify as competent lawyers.

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For his part, the President of the PUCG, Reverend Professor Emmanuel Adow Obeng, said in view of the role lawyers played in the development of the country, it was imperative to focus attention on a robust legal system to strengthen the Ghanaian society and secure its future.

He said products from the PUCG law programme would not only know the law and apply it appropriately, but would also be imbued with Christian values to make them responsible lawyers rather than becoming conduits of corruption in the judicial system.

That notwithstanding, Prof. Obeng urged law students to shy away from the regurgitation of facts, also referred to as 'chew and pour', adding that passing their end of semester exams was just not enough justification but rather their ability to appreciate substantive law.



• Fresh law students of the PUCG taking the oath during the ceremony. INSET: Mr Godfred Yeboah Dame speaking at the matriculation.