Tribute to Professor Sango Mukalay Adalbert

FOREWORD

These articles are devoted to paying tribute to Professor Sango-Mukalay Adalbert of the Faculty of Law at the University of Lubumbashi (in the Democratic Republic of Congo) where he pursued his career as Professor, Deputy Dean in charge of Research and then became Dean of the Faculty of Law, before being appointed in other academic institutions as Administrative Secretary General of the Higher Institute of Social Studies of Lubumbashi and Chancellor at the University of Kalemie.

For a period of about ten years prior to his demise, the distinguished Professor Sango-Mukalay Adalbert was one of the editors of the KAS African Law Study Library, which is supported by the Konrad Adenauer Stiftung (KAS). His field of research focused on "Law and Society", and he was particularly interested in issues pertaining to relationship between States and the respect for human rights. For several years, he was involved in the organization of seminars focusing on the rule of law in Africa as published in the above-mentioned journal.

His undergraduate and post-graduate courses at the School of Law in different universities in the Democratic Republic of Congo focused primarily on the areas of Philosophy of Law, General Introduction to the Study of Law, History of Law and Introduction to Scientific Research.

His extensive knowledge in law, in addition to excellent instructive and tutorial skills, were unanimously applauded and appreciated by his students. His courses in Philosophy of Law, History of Law and Introduction to Scientific Research attracted more students than many of the mandatory courses offered by the faculty. This is due to the fact that he had developed additional significant teaching contents over and above the normal contents required to train lawyers and magistrates.

He also dispelled the myths of doctoral theses that were cultivated at the University of Lubumbashi Law School.

He has been severally honoured for excellence in his teaching expertise by journalists and students from the city of Lubumbashi. The distinguished Professor Sango-Mukalay Adalbert is regarded as an example of what academic excellence represents. The excellent qualities as a communicator led him to the international arena where his work has had significant influence and where he also participated as a guest speaker in so many scientific events.

As a fundamentalist jurist of his time, teaching of Philosophy of Law had always been of great intellectual interest to Professor Sango-Mukalay Adalbert, particularly his ability to place at the heart of the analysis of Law, the philosophical and historical dimensions embodied in legal norms.

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As a matter of fact, Institutions are built based on personalities that constitute them. No university is exempt from this rule. From the human relations point of view, Professor Sango-Mukalay Adalbert was always a man who was too generous and discreet. He avoided conflict and tribalism. He was sensitive to the condition of students as learning minds and maintained a true friendship with all his colleagues. He was a lover of Italian music, a seasoned weekend walker. He loved high class: he always liked beautiful things and wonderful people. He hated hypocrisy and always worked for truth and sincerity, which is a wonderful thing for us as a people.

A simple visit to his office would open doors to a world of references and enriching experiences that gave us something to dream about and, in the minds of many of us, we had converging interests.

A combination of all these qualities would lead to his promotion by the Congolese Government to the rank of a full professor in 2018.

KAS African Law Study Library will keep precious memories of this great personality who contributed to the training of African elites in the field of 'Law and Society' studies, and it is for this reason that the publication of these different articles contained in this volume focusing on the emergence of the Rule of Law shall be dedicated to him.

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