

SPEECH BY THE HON. CHIEF JUSTICE

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1. Hon Judges and Chairman Cadi Appeal Panel, The Attorney General and Minister of Justice, President and Members of the Bar, Ladies and Gentlemen, on behalf of the court, I extend to you a warm welcome.

Praise to Allah. Thanks to His Excellency, the President for providing you with this Law School.

2. To the newly admitted practitioners found fit and proper for the job. I offer my congratulations. You arrive here today as a result of many years of hard work and sacrifice and you are entitled to be proud of your achievements. I am pleased to observe the presence of so many of your friends and family, for it is only proper that you share this occasion with those who have doubtless made an invaluable contribution to your success. More particularly, your parents and supporters have likely made repeated donations to your bank accounts, fed you, listened to no doubt hilarious anecdotes about snails in ginger beer and provided counseling during pre-exam panic attacks.

3. LAW SCHOOL GRADUATION GIFT

Q. What do you buy for a friend graduating from law school?

A. A lobotomy

4. How many lawyers does it take to screw a light bulb.

Four: One to climb the ladder, one to shake the ladder and one to sue the ladder company.

5. THE POPE AND A LAWYER ARE ON THE ELEVATOR

The pope and a lawyer are on the elevator to heaven. When they arrive at the gates, there's a mad rush of angels, saints, and other holy people on their way to greet them.

When they arrive, they pick the Lawyer up on their shoulders and carry him off cheering hysterically. The pope is deeply saddened.

St. Peter sees this and goes over to him and says, "Don't feel bad. We get popes in here all the time, it's not every day we get a lawyer."

FRANCIS BACON

6. There is no comparison between that which is lost by not succeeding and that which is lost by not trying.
7. Reading maketh a full man; conference a ready man; and writing an exact man.

BERTRAND RUSSELL

8. The trouble with the world is that the stupid are cocksure and the intelligent are full of doubt.

The good life is one inspired by love and guided by knowledge.

It Couldn't Be Done

BY EDGAR ALBERT GUEST

Somebody said that it couldn't be done
But he with a chuckle replied
That "maybe it couldn't," but he would be one
Who wouldn't say so till he'd tried.
So he buckled right in with the trace of a grin
On his face. If he worried he hid it.
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it!

Somebody scoffed: "Oh, you'll never do that;
At least no one ever has done it;"
But he took off his coat and he took off his hat
And the first thing we knew he'd begun it.
With a lift of his chin and a bit of a grin,
Without any doubting or quiddit,
He started to sing as he tackled the thing
That couldn't be done, and he did it.
There are thousands to tell you it cannot be done,
There are thousands to prophesy failure,
There are thousands to point out to you one by one,
The dangers that wait to assail you.
But just buckle in with a bit of a grin,
Just take off your coat and go to it;
Just start in to sing as you tackle the thing
That "cannot be done," and you'll do it.

God bless you and the Gambia. And do not forget your code of
conduct and the two Latin maxims quic quid est contra norman.

1. Recti est injuria

Whatever is against the rule of right is a wrong

2. Quieta no movere

Not to unsettle things which are established