

DEPARTMENT OF ARCHITECTURE _ UON - Law Courts -Meru County

Law Courts -Meru County is a project conceived from regionalist notions to civic built space, form and function. When the Kenyan Judiciary took steps to acclimatize the public to how judiciary works, propose new law court facilities and effect the new constitution's values, certain attitudes in architecture - to respond to context and cultural, took ground.

This project picking orientations of Ameru people's courts of law, heralded by the Nchuri Ncheke council of elders is grounded more to the articulation of social interaction of its users- The Public, Judges, Detainees and Witnesses-than other architectural value systems.

Its concept is a tree. Series of pretensions external concrete fins, in the shape of trunks and branches together with bamboo poles, horizontally laid and warped onto the fins create a support skin for the spaces inside. There are 10 courtrooms, a shared library, basement custody cells and an external tribunal courtospace.