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  - Between staff and students;
  - Lack of collaboration among institutions.
4. Lack of innovation in diversification of publications, and problems regarding spheres of focus in research.
5. Raising the stakes too high in assessing the quality of publishable manuscripts (despite) shortage of (such) manuscripts.
6. Lack of tradition of salvaging "distressed" manuscripts through sympathetic editing without compromising quality.
7. Weak consumption of research products in the legal professional community and in government institutions, and poor state of constructive feedback.
8. Inadequate attention to relevance of research to the real life or actual problems of the society.

### *Vision of law schools*

Law schools shall have vision towards elevating the standard and quality of legal education to the level of leading law schools in other countries, and towards preparing graduates who will have optimum impact in Ethiopia's development, democracy, good governance and social justice.

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### *Mission of law schools*

Law schools shall promote the intellectual and social conditions of Ethiopia by providing equitably accessible quality legal education and training programs through teaching, research and service to prepare competent and responsible members of the legal profession who actively contribute towards rule of law, democracy, human rights, good governance, social justice, equality, tolerance and development.

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