

## Preface

A lot has been written on issues concerning pregnancy in school girls, such as causes, prevalence and ways to reduce the rate of school pregnancy cases. The writings helped the government and non-governmental organizations to take various measures with the aim of stopping or reducing the number of pregnant cases in Tanzania. New writings on this field are supposed to address other views of challenges, such as those faced by pregnant students during criminal procedures and challenges faced by handlers of the case, which include community leaders, parents, teachers and law enforcement officers. This book just does that. Based on true research entitled “Moral challenges in handling pregnant school adolescents in Tanga Municipality, Tanzania” that was first published in the South African Journal of Bioethics and Law, the author of this book blended with his experience of working as a police officer to describe how laws and policies in Tanzania lead to untold challenges on pregnant students and community leaders. Under the current laws and regulations, political leaders take full control of decisions about whether a pregnant student should be excluded from the formal education system or retained. During criminal procedures, a lot is happening to pregnant students as first witnesses and community leaders as case coordinators. While community leaders are polled by the pro-criminal procedures group on one side and the anti-criminal procedures group on another side, a pregnant student as a first witness is scraped by a pro-complaining group on one side and a pro-defending group on the other side. This book intends to induce the wider scope of dealing with pregnant cases, especially under criminal procedures.