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**THE COMPREHENSIVE MANIFESTO OF DR. GERALD UGOCHUKWU ABONYI (ESQ.)
ASPIRING TO CONTEST FOR THE OFFICE OF 1ST VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIA
BAR ASSOCIATION.**

1.0 Introduction

The Chairman and Members of the Electoral Committee of the NBA

1.1 I hereby most respectfully present myself as a candidate for the office of the 1st vice president of the Nigeria Bar Association. I am Dr. Gerald Ugochukwu Abonyi who was called to the Nigeria Bar on the 9th of June 1994; having graduated with Honours from Nnamdi Azikiwe University Awka, University of Lagos with double Masters and distinctions in Law, Masters of Law (L.L.M) and Masters of Humanitarian and Refuge Studies (MHRS), and University of Calabar with a Doctor of Philosophy in Law and also with a distinction in complex dissertation of public international law on the topic; – **“An Appraisal of the Doctrine of *Pacta Sunt Servanda*; a case study of the Cameroun/Nigeria Bakassi Pennisula Dispute”**. I contend that I have the panache, panacea, temerity and power to successfully drive the vision for the Office of the First Vice President of the NBA.

1.2 The duties of the First Vice President is as provided in Part II of Section 9 (5) of the NBA constitution as follows;

Section 9(5) (b) of the NBA constitution 2015 (as amended) “The First Vice President;

- i. Shall in the absence of the President preside at all meetings in which the president is empowered to preside by the provisions of this constitution;
- ii. Shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the group branches as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President and shall pay periodic visits as necessary and/or required to the Branches so assigned to him/her and shall make periodic reports to the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee on such visits.
- iii. Shall encourage and supervise the formation of new branches within his/her zonal supervisory jurisdiction in line with the guidelines set out in this constitution.
- iv. Shall perform all other duties as he/she may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the

Annual General Meeting or such other duties which the president is unable to perform owing to ill health, old age, absence from the country or any other reason.

1.3 The above Constitutional provisions of the duties and functions of the 1st Vice President of the NBA shall be my guide in executing my program of action as that is the legal framework guiding the functions of the office of the 1st Vice President of the NBA

1.3(a) But suffice it to say that there are other ways of making one's contribution to a large professional organization like the NBA and in which team work and team spirit play a vital role in the success of any executive administration. I shall channel credible ideas gleaned from my past 30 years in active legal practice as a Total Bar Man who have traversed the length and breadth of our nation Nigeria, for the continued growth, development and betterment of the NBA.

1.3(b) It is very imperative and exigent that formation of New Branches of the NBA is a critical factor in the administration of justice to the grassroot level and that I shall actively promote and encourage that within the geopolitical areas of coverage of the office of the 1st Vice President of the NBA. More judicial divisions are created and increasing with each new administration in power at the State Executive levels while the advantages in Lawyers empowerment has no need for over emphasis. It is very trite and indubitable that NBA Branches are critical in judicial appointments to the Lower Benches and Customary Courts, and even in providing for critical welfare of lawyers, and with the exponential growth in the numerical strength of lawyers in Nigeria today, that area shall be confronted and given the priority it deserves and moreso, it is not in doubt that local branches (otherwise called hinterland branches) are always at the rear end of receiving benefits and other welfarist programmes which Capital Bar Branches receives as a matter of course. This is perceived as injustice and neglect which this office when occupied by my humble self shall tackle assiduously.

1.3 (c) I shall also as part of my manifesto, diligently with the instructions of Mr. President lead the challenges of violations of rights of legal practitioners by the security agencies and champion such good causes for the benefits of the members of the NBA in my zone of coverage area and shall make sure that

the office of the President is not over burdened by issues affecting lawyers generally in my area of assignment.

1.4 Furthermore, since our NEC is the highest decision making authority of the NBA and second only to the AGM, I shall from time to time through active interface and engagement with diverse members of the NBA assist in collating critical policy documents to the President aimed at formulation of positive decisions and reformation agenda for the upliftment of the Bar. The motto of the NBA is promoting the Rule of law. Therefore, it is radically expected that lawyers shall be at the forefront of the highest professional ethical standard. It is my intention to constantly engage with the President of the Bar on such sensitive issues as character and learning are the two outstanding attributes of any professional in any field of endeavour while our characters as lawyers border on conduct, discipline and ethics. According to Hon. Mr. Justice C.A. Oputa JSC, in his book *Modern Bar Advocacy; on The role of the Bar;-*

The proper, speedy, efficient and effective administration of justice can never be fully achieved without the active co-operation of an honest, able, responsible, fearless and trustworthy Bar. The major role of the Bar is to advocate. There is however a duty in Advocacy, there is an art in Advocacy and there is a code of Advocacy. The co-operation the Bench expects from the Bar is for the Bar to discharge its various duties steadfastly and punctiliously; to discharge them with the refineness and grace of a consummate artist and to bring to bear on every aspect of the discharge of those duties an ever present awareness of, and a voluntary obedience to, that code of behavior and etiquette which alone will justify the Bar in proudly proclaiming itself an honourable profession, which indeed it is.

2.0 In his speech at the Valedictory in honour of Justice Kayode Eso JSC, Supreme Court of Nigeria on 14th December 2012, President Okey Wali SAN (as he then was) has this to say "... in 1965, it was his duty to hear the case of treasonable felony prepared against the writer and social critic, Wole Soyinka in the now celebrated "Mystery Gunman" case in the Western Region. There had been subtle pressures from all official quarters, certain powerful figures wanted Wole Soyinka to be convicted and taught a lesson. The western region was a febrile political arena at the time, with knife in edge partisan loyalties on display. The learned Judge bluntly refused to succumb to all pressures. Relying strictly on the weight of evidence before him, he dismissed the case for lack of evidence. He tells part of this story in his autobiographical book – *The Mystery Gunman*. A deconstruction of his various rulings as Supreme Court Justice, reveals a vigorous application of the law

as social modulator, a sensitivity to the responsibility of *Judex* and the Constitution as grundnorm as well as the place/function of counsel in the temple of justice. He served for the most part under the military dispensation, yet he was a fine epitome of his own avowal that no judge must suffer fools, gladly, and that every judge like Caesar's wife must be above board. In his usually analytical, lucid and erudite judgments, he often railed against Executive recklessness and impunity of any shape even as he laced every submission with much philosophy and literary taste (can be found at page 125 - 126 of the Nigeria Bar Association Annual Report 2012 - 2013). I can say without fear of equivocation and mendaciousness that the gospel of Kayode Eso as encapsulated attractively and lucidly above and his other great giant feats in the development of our law has been my guide and molded in me that unrepentant apostle of his.

This is my Manifesto and "Charter" to the Nigeria Bar Association in my aspiration to serve.

Thanks for the opportunity.

Dated this _____ day of _____ 2024

**Gerald U. Abonyi (Esq.)
Past Chairman
Nigeria Bar Association
Obollo Afor Branch 2012 - 2014**

Co-opted NEC Member 2014 - 2016

Candidate for the Office of 1st Vice President of the NBA

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Army Day Secondary School Ohafia	1981 - 1986	WASC Secondary School	WASC O/L
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UNIZIK Awka	1988 - 1992	LAW	LL.B HONs
The Nigerian Law School Victoria Island, Lagos State	1993-1994	LAW	B.L
UNILAG Lagos	2007 - 2009	MHRS (Masters in Humanitarian and Refugee Studies with Distinctions)	MHRS
UNILAG Lagos	2009 - 2011	LL.M with Distinctions (Master of Law)	LLM
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MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION:

1. Nigerian Bar Association 2012 till Date
Obollo Afor Branch, Enugu State
2. Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja Branch 1995-2012

POST QUALIFICATION EXPERIENCE:

- A) Notary Public of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.
- B) Pioneer, Chairman Nigerian Bar Association Obollo Afor Branch

- C) Past Member, National Executive Committee of NBA.
- D) Past Secretary, Welfare Committee of NBA, Ikeja Branch.
- E) Vice President S//West Unizik Alumni Association.
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PUBLICATIONS:

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- 2. MHRs Thesis-“The Refugees of the Nigeria Niger Delta”
- 3. Ph.D Dissertation-“An Appraisal of the Doctrine of *Pacta Sunt Servanda*: a Case Study of the Cameroun/Nigeria Bakassi Peninsula Dispute.”

SEMINARS

- 1. The Roles of International Financial and Trade Institutions in Africa.
- 2. An Appraisal of the National Electricity Regulatory Commission.
- 3. The Role of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development in the International Politics.
- 4. OPEC and Transnational’s Regulation of the Oil Sector.
- 5. Social Costs and Benefit Analysis of a Project.
- 6. Globalization Impact on Local Governance, Case Study on War Torn Countries in Africa.
- 7. Leadership Challenges in Nigeria; Quest for Political Stability.
- 8. The African Union and Political Stability in Great Lakes Region.
- 9. Penological Theories, their Content and Application with the Nigeria Criminal Justice System, “Elimination”
- 10. Many others.

AREA OF EXPERTISE:

- 1. Public and International Law.
- 2. Energy Law;; oil prospecting, explorations and exploitations between oil companies and host communities, representations, legal advice, guidance, drafting of agreements for drilling services in the oil and gas industry ,consultancy services; & commercial drafting in oil and gas. Preparing agreements for monitoring crude oil lifting, production sharing contract, gas exploitation, fabrication contracts, drilling services in the oil and gas industry.
- 3. Commercial Law.

COURT RECORDS:

I have concluded over 100 cases at the High Court, Federal High Court, Court of Appeal and some pending at the Supreme Court.

HOBBIES:

1. Law Researches and Publications
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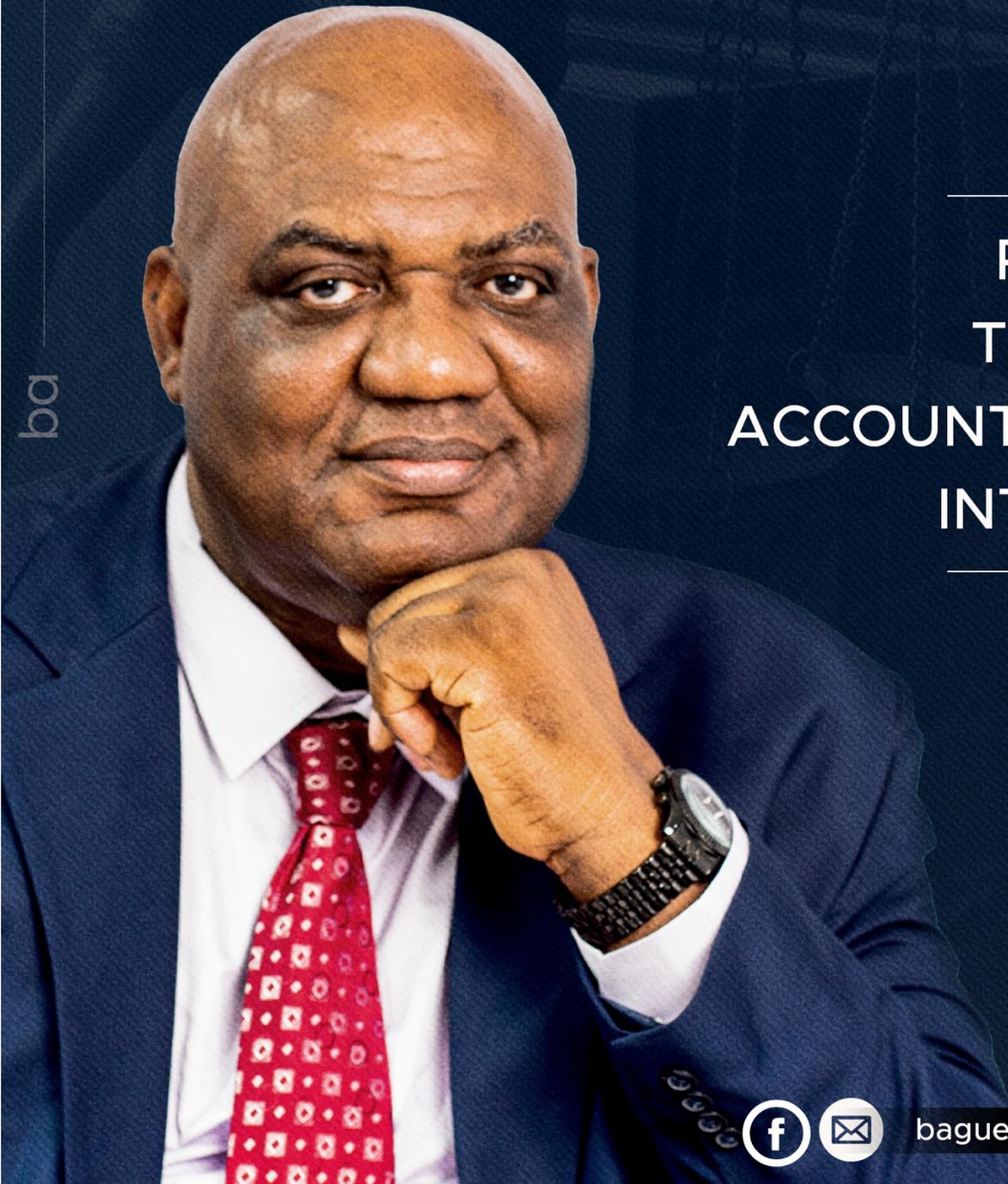
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**Manifesto for the Office of the First Vice President of the Nigerian Bar
Association**

A Vision for Excellence

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Introduction:

I am Bartholomew Aguegbodo, a native of Nando in the Anambra East Local Government Area of Anambra state. I graduated from the prestigious university of Lagos (UNILAG) in 1999, thereafter, I proceeded to the Abuja Campus of the Nigeria Law School in 2000, and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2001. I am a full-time legal practitioner with a special bias for civil and criminal matters and have carried on my practice successfully as the principal partner of B. Aguegbodo & Co. in Lagos for over 22 years. With a burning passion to build a bar that works for all, I have served at different times to actualize this. As Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja Branch between 2020 – 2022, I Started and completed the building of a lounge at the branch secretariat during my administration, bought a brand-new Toyota Hiace bus for the branch, took active steps that dissipated the fractional fracas in the branch and brought about the peace that the branch now enjoys; between 2014 – 2016, I was a member of the Court Monitoring Committee of the Ikeja branch of the NBA; Chairman, NBA Ikeja Conference Committee for Annual General Conference 2016; Owing to my zeal and drive for human rights advocacy, I was a member of the Human Rights Committee, NBA Ikeja branch from 2018 – 2020.

My commitment...

I have a strong interest in human rights initiatives. I have a strong passion to dedicate my time and efforts towards bringing about significant and constructive changes within the NBA, especially concerning the general well-being and interests of its members. Because of this, and following careful consideration, I, Bartholomew Aguegbodo, humbly submit my candidacy for the position of First Vice President of our esteemed organization, the Nigerian Bar Association.

The functions of the 1st Vice President are as provided for in Section 5(b)(i) - (iv) of the newly amended NBA Constitution, 2021.

The aforementioned provisions make clear how important the First Vice President's duties are since the position's holder, with the backing of the President, will collaborate closely with the branches, oversee their operations, and provide reports to the National Executive Council and Committee. In order to move the Association forward, everyone involved must work together to

bring in a person who can build bridges, is knowledgeable about the Association, and can come up with ideas for the President and NEC to consider. This person must also be able to command respect and be experienced in Association matters, have adequate problem-solving skills, and be versatile in other areas of life.

As your first Vice President, with a profound dedication to the principles of justice, integrity, and professionalism, I pledge to:

contribute to and spearhead initiatives that will address some of the problems the Bar is now facing. It goes without saying that the Association's primary responsibility is to ensure the welfare and well-being of its members. We also have to acknowledge that a significant portion of our members are quite dissatisfied with the National body on a number of subjects. Our primary issues appear to be the Association's welfare advantages, which don't seem to motivate us, and our obligations to the Association and society don't seem to be very important. Thus, if elected to the position of first vice president, I will suggest the following to NEC and the Association: I have always supported, and I will continue to support the idea that at least 30% of the practicing fees should be remitted to the branches. Remittances must be increased, and the Association must guarantee that they are only utilized for members' benefit. Since the branches are the Association's closest organs to the membership, our top priority should be to increase the branches' responsiveness to member needs. The branches, not the individuals, make up the national body. The Association is made up of just its branches; without members, it would not exist. For this reason, the leadership of the Association must always prioritize the welfare of its members over all other obligations.

I will propose that the Association support law officers employed by the government in their efforts to provide better service conditions. The Association must support and acknowledge their right to strike. To enable them to always express their concerns to the Association, the Law Officers Association of Nigeria ought to have a set, automatic number of NEC members.

I will specifically propose an increase in the number of observers of young lawyers at NEC. The issues of harassment and abuse of lawyers by security personnels, especially the police will not go unnoticed. The National Body of the NBA can no longer stand by and treat these problems as regional ones that

the branches should tackle. Anywhere in Nigeria, the brutalization of a lawyer is an attack on the dignity of Nigerian lawyers as a whole. It's time to address this issue head-on.

Summarily... I will:

Serve the NBA and its members with unwavering determination and diligence. In consonance with the NBA constitution, I will encourage and supervise the formation of new branches to foster a better sense of belonging, unity, and inclusiveness.

3. In Fostering Unity and Inclusivity: I will...

- Work tirelessly to bridge divides and promote unity among members of the Nigerian Bar Association, regardless of background, specialization, or affiliation.
- Champion inclusivity initiatives to ensure equal opportunities and representation for all members, including young lawyers, women lawyers, and lawyers from marginalized communities.

4. In Upholding the Rule of law: I will...

- Advocate for the supremacy of the rule of law as a cornerstone of democracy and good governance, particularly in the NBA.
- Work collaboratively with relevant stakeholders to ensure the effective implementation of laws and the protection of the constitutional rights of the members of this great association.
- Champion initiatives to combat corruption, promote transparency, and strengthen the institutions responsible for upholding the beliefs of the NBA constitution and the general interest of its members.

5. In Promoting Access to Justice: I will...

- Collaborate with civil society organizations and government agencies to address barriers to access to justice, particularly for marginalized and vulnerable groups.
- Support initiatives to enhance alternative dispute resolution mechanisms and decongest the courts to ensure timely and affordable resolution of disputes.

6. **In Enhancing Ethics and Discipline:** I will...
 - Strengthen the enforcement of professional ethics and discipline within the legal profession through effective regulatory mechanisms.
 - Promote a culture of integrity, accountability, and ethical conduct among legal practitioners through education, awareness campaigns, and mentorship programs.
7. **In Empowering Young Lawyers:** I will...
 - Advocate for the creation of mentorship and apprenticeship programs to support the professional development and career advancement of young lawyers.
 - Facilitate access to resources, networking opportunities, and practical training to equip young lawyers with the skills and knowledge necessary for success.
 - Promote inclusivity and diversity within the legal profession, creating pathways for underrepresented groups to thrive and contribute meaningfully to the profession.
8. **In Advocating for Judicial Independence:** I will...
 - Support initiatives to enhance judicial autonomy, capacity, efficiency, and accountability, including the adoption of technology-driven solutions and performance evaluation mechanisms.
9. **In Ensuring Gender Equality and Diversity:** I will...
 - Advocate for gender-sensitive policies and practices within the NBA to address gender disparities and promote equal opportunities for women in the legal profession.
 - Support initiatives to combat gender-based discrimination and harassment in the workplace, fostering a culture of respect, dignity, and inclusion.
 - Promote diversity and representation across all levels of the NBA leadership and governance structures, recognizing the value of diverse perspectives and experiences.

- Advocate for better representation of lawyers with disabilities across the various organs and structures of the Association and support policies that better represent their interest.

Conclusion:

In my desire to serve as the First Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association, I am guided by a steadfast commitment to serve the interests of the legal profession and the broader society. Together, let us work tirelessly to uphold the rule of law, promote access to justice, and advance the cause of justice and equality for all Nigerians. With your support and trust, we can build a more inclusive, ethical, and resilient legal profession that serves as a beacon of hope and progress for generations to come. Thank you for your consideration and support.

Again, I am Bartholomew Aguegbodo.

God bless the Nigerian Bar Association!

God bless the Federal Republic of Nigeria!

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SUMMARY

A lawyer with over 22 years of experience in the Nigerian legal space. An astute bar man who has brought to bear his vast knowledge and skills in the development of the legal profession. My passion and desire to have a prospering bar with better and improved experience for its' members has seen me submit myself at different times for leadership positions where I have contributed to the robust growth of the profession. I have a special focus for always negotiating the best possible terms for members of the bar I have served. My strategic and individual approach to every issue exemplifies my leadership style.

EXPERIENCE

B. Aguegbodo & Co.

Principal Partner

2001 till date

- Managed clients' expectations and goals with optimal results.
- Helped clients through negotiation, mediation, and arbitration as alternative means of settling disputes with other parties and reaching amicable resolutions and 100% client satisfaction without the long hurdle of litigation.
- Offered legal representation to clients on criminal matters, human rights advocacy, and general civil matters that range from copyrights and patents, family law matters, and land disputes to property law consulting, and other law matters.
- Monitored development in the legal space through attendance of conferences and research.
- Provided legal guidance and coaching for employees and associates.

Ombe Odushola & Associates, Lagos

2000

Law School Extern

- Prepared written correspondence for senior counsels.
- Engaged in legal research and drafting, and provided support to senior counsels
- Handled documentation of cases.

EDUCATION

Nigerian Law School, Abuja Campus

1999 – 2000

- BL

University of Lagos

1994 - 1999

- LL.B

LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE

- Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association, Ikeja Branch 2020 - 2022
- Chairman, Sub-committee on Security, NBA Annual General Conference 2022
- Member, Local Organizing Committee for NBA Annual General Conference 2022
- Member, Sub-committee on Transport, NBA Annual General Conference 2022
- Member, Section on Business Law 2021 till date
- Member, Section on Spidel 2019 till date
- Member, Section on Legal Practice 2018 till date
- Member Human Rights Committee, Ikeja 2018 - 2020
- Chairman, NBA Ikeja Conference Committee for Annual General Conference 2016
- Member, Court Monitoring Committee 2014 – 2016

STRENGTHS

Leadership

- In the legal field, being a leader is not just a quality; it is essential to success. As a skilled lawyer, I exemplify leadership by instilling trust, managing groups efficiently, and navigating complex situations with clarity. My ability to think strategically and encourage teamwork improves not just my practice but the legal community as a whole. In the legal field, effective leadership requires not only imposing one's will but also having a compassionate grasp of the needs of both clients and colleagues. Leadership is the lighthouse that guides me through legal difficulties while establishing a benchmark for quality and honesty.

Ethics and Professionalism

- Presenting clients' cases in front of judges by withholding the highest ethics and standards in respect to written laws, human rights, and the judicial system.

Defense Strategy

- Ability to look at the big picture of things when presenting evidence, with a focus on always defending my clients' interest. Outside the box thinking to research and analyze, determines the best strategy to counter claims.

Lawyer/Client Relationship

- Helping clients to always understand the law, their legal obligations, and possible outcomes within a trial. This has helped me build closer rapport and establish trust-based relationships.

ACHIEVEMENTS, AWARDS, AND CERTIFICATES

- Started and completed the building of a lounge at the branch secretariat during my administration as the Chairman of NBA Ikeja branch. 2020 – 2022
- Bought a brand-new Toyota Hiace bus for the branch during my tenure as the Chairman NBA Ikeja branch.

- Took active steps as Chairman, NBA Ikeja that dissipated the fractional fracas in the branch and brought about the peace that the branch has enjoyed ever since my administration.
- Organized the first world class conference at the NBA Ikeja branch level 2021
- Best Oil and Gas student, Faculty of Law, UNILAG 1998
- Best Administrative and Constitutional law student, UNILAG 1995
- Offered Pro bono legal services to certain indigent citizens from start to finish.

SKILLS

- Leadership
- Strategic planning
- Critical thinking and problem solving
- Communication skill
- Effective time management
- Coordination and creativity
- Adaptability
- Conflict resolution
- Negotiation
- Training and mentoring
- Meticulous eye for details
- Ability to work in a team

CONFERENCES

- | | |
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| ▪ Annual General Conference, Nigerian Bar Association | 2009 till date |
| ▪ Section on Business Law | 2021 - 2023 |
| ▪ Section on Legal Practice Conference | 2019 - 2023 |
| ▪ Section on Spidel Conference | 2021 - 2022 |

HOBBIES

- Reading
- Travelling
- Writing
- Football

LANGUAGES

- English
- Igbo
- Yoruba

REFEREES

Available on request.

IMPROVED GLOBAL PERCEPTION MANIFESTO

BY

AJIBOYE CHARLES OLAWALE



**CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF PUBLICITY SECRETARY
NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION**

The duties of the Publicity Secretary as provided in the NBA Constitution are to ensure adequate publicity of NBA activities, present a good and progressive image of the NBA and issue releases and statements on matters of general interest to the NBA and the public. The Publicity Secretary certainly has obligations to both the bar and the public hence the theme of my manifesto.

The world has become a global village and the world's economy has become flat. Nigeria and the Nigerian bar cannot work in isolation hence our global perception needs to be superb for the good of lawyers and the public. As Publicity Secretary i will:



1. Enhance transparency in all NBA communications and activities to build trust and credibility on a global scale.



2. Amplify the voices of Nigerian legal practitioners on the global stage, ensuring their perspectives are heard and valued in international legal forums and discussions.



3. Develop a comprehensive communication strategy to promote the achievements and initiatives of the NBA to an international audience.



4. Utilize digital platforms and international media channels to disseminate accurate and compelling information about the Nigerian legal system and the role of the NBA in promoting justice and human rights.



5. Promote solidarity and collaboration among members through dissemination of useful information to present a united front in international legal affairs and advocacy efforts.



6. Ensure the representation and inclusion of all segments of the Nigerian legal profession in international legal networks and platforms.



7. To lead by example in upholding the highest ethical standards and integrity in all international engagements and activities.

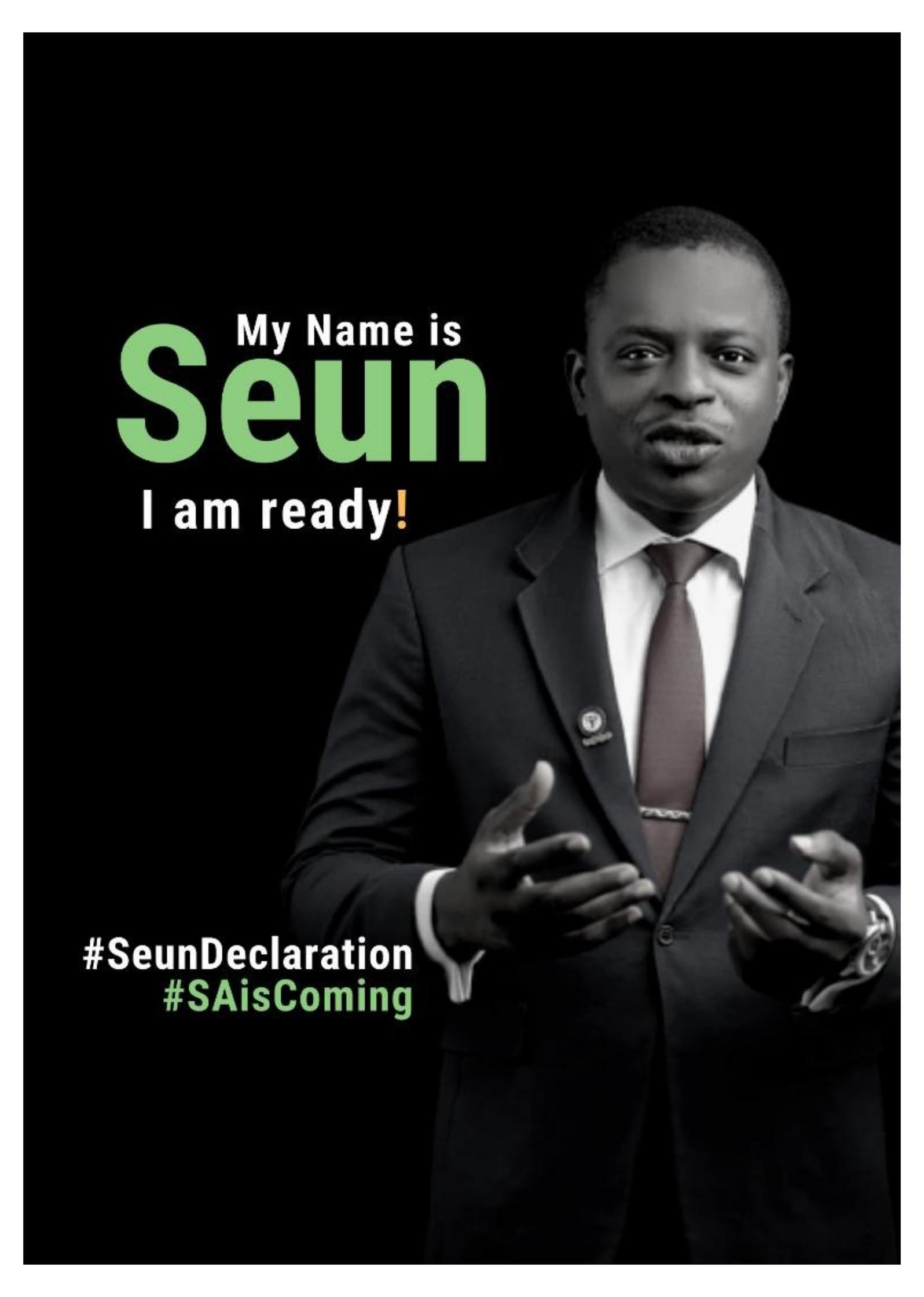


8. Actively take steps to position the NBA as a champion of justice and fairness on the international stage.

As National Publicity Secretary, I pledge to work tirelessly to enhance the global perception of the Nigerian Bar Association and the Nigerian legal profession as a whole. Together, let us showcase the excellence, integrity, and commitment of Nigerian lawyers to the world. This manifesto is crafted to align with the provisions of the NBA constitution while focusing specifically on the theme of improving the global perception of the association and the Nigerian legal practitioners.



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CHARLES
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My Name is
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I am ready!

#SeunDeclaration
#SAisComing

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| • Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus | 2012 | B.L |
| • Lagos State University | 2011 | LL.B |
| • Lagos State Polytechnic | 2008 | HND, Banking and Finance |
| • Oke Afa Comprehensive College, Isolo, Lagos | 2001 | SSCE, NECO |
| • Low Cost Primary School, Isolo | 1996 | School leaving certificate. |

WORK EXPERIENCE

- Omotubora & Omotubora Legal Practitioners, Ikorodu, Lagos 2012-2014 Associate
- Onyx Capital & Investment Limited, Victoria Island, Lagos 2014-2020 Company Secretary
- Corehub Nigeria Limited, Oniru Victoria Island, Lagos 2015 till date Company Secretary
- Sommerset Buzzards Limited, Oniru Victoria Island, Lagos 2016 till date Company Secretary
- Adesola Bells & Co, Ikorodu, Lagos State, 2016 till date Managing Partner.

- I am a lawyer with strong bias for litigation, since my call to the Nigerian Bar in 2012; I have handled several contested cases up to the appellate court. The community in which I am based strongly reflects on my practice as I handle more of land matters which are by their very nature always contested. Corporate practice, probate and property law are other areas of interest for me.

I was part of the legal team led by Chief Niyi Akintola SAN in the 2015 election petition tribunal in Owerri Imo state that delivered victory for the then governor of Imo state Mr. Owelle Rochas Okorochoa.

- I have also handled several probono cases for indigent members of the society through the probono committee of my branch as well as those referred to our office. One of such numerous cases is the filing of a petition before the Lagos State Judicial Panel of Enquiry on endsars and police brutality in respect of the gruesome killing of a school girl in Ikorodu by the police. The file has now been remitted to the Lagos state ministry of Justice as a result of the abrupt end of the panel before the matter could be heard by the panel.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION

- Nigerian Bar Association, Ikorodu Branch 2012 till date

Service to the Bar

Member Award Committee NBA Ikorodu	2017
Assistant Secretary NBA Ikorodu	2018-2020
YLF Liaison Officer NBA Ikorodu	2018-2020
Member Law week Subcommittee NBA Ikorodu	2019
Branch Secretary NBA Ikorodu	2020-2022
Member Law week Sub-committee NBA Ikorodu	2021
Member Law Week Committee NBA Ikorodu	2022
Member Publicity Team NBA Ikorodu	2020-2022
Member NBA National Executive Council	2020-2022

- **CONFERENCES**

Since my call to the bar, I have attended several NBA conferences, seminars, webinars, Town hall meetings organized by branches, sections and forums etc. I attended the NBA conference in Abuja 2015 as well as the conferences of 2017 in Lagos, 2018 in Abuja (I led my branch delegation from Lagos State to this conference as the then Assistant Secretary of the secretary of the branch when the then chairman and Secretary left earlier for the conference to attend the pre AGC NEC, 2019 Lagos, virtual conference in 2020.

In 2021, I was very vociferous about the NBA constitutional amendment as it relates to the removal of branch secretaries from membership of the National Executive Council, the second powerful organ of the Association. I felt strongly that this is not in the best interest of the branches given the very important position occupied by Secretaries of the then 125 branches of our Association. I was able to mobilize secretaries of the then 125 branches, consulted with stakeholders including the then president of Nigerian Bar Association Mr. Olumide Akpata, members of the Constitution review committee and thereafter with the support of concerned secretaries, we (secretaries of branches of NBA) indeed strategized on how to get secretaries of branches back as NEC members and this we achieved at the Annual General Meeting at Port Harcourt in 2021.

- National Executive Council

As a member of NEC by virtue of my position as the secretary of my branch (statutory member), I have attended, fully participated and contributed to the robust discussions and deliberations at NEC meetings held at Abuja, Uyo, Abeokuta as well as virtual NEC meetings between 2020 and 2022.

- **HOBBIES**

Reading, meeting new people and listening to music.

- Core values

Honesty, dedication and selflessness.



Oluwaseun Aka Esq.
20.05.2024

MANIFESTO

A BETTER AND IMPROVED SECRETARIAT IS ASSURED

Dear learned Silks, Seniors, Colleagues and friends.

My name is **OLUWASEUN AKA ESQ.** I was called to the Bar in 2012. I once served as the Assistant Secretary NBA Ikorodu branch 2018-2020 and I am the immediate past Branch Secretary NBA Ikorodu 2020-2022. I hereby present myself to serve you all in the capacity of **ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY** of our great association the NBA, the largest Bar in Africa.



The Secretariat of any organization is synonymous with what engineers and biologist will call “engine room” and “mitochondria” respectively. There is no gain saying that a reputable and pace setting organization like the NBA needs the best qualified, trusted, guaranteed hands and most especially an experienced officer to occupy such a very sensitive office. Indeed the position of the General Secretary is the substantive office of the secretariat, such General Secretary must however be constitutionally **assisted** by a well experienced personality. My being the **ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY** of our great Association will galvanize the workings and the smooth operations of the secretariat.

In the past 12 years, I have been groomed, trained, shaped and positioned to take up these tasks both intrinsically and extrinsically. Being the **ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY** of this great Association is not a time to learn on the job, it is a time to bring to bear the cutting edge skills I have acquired in the course of being the Assistant Secretary and Branch secretary of NBA Ikorodu between 2018 and 2022. Specifically, I have strong organizational skills and attention to details, excellent communication and interpersonal skills, ability to work effectively in a team and support the general secretary and other executive members , Strict confidentiality and professionalism in handling sensitive information, strong work ethics and dedication to the goals of the association. All these qualities I have exhibited at the branch level as assistant secretary and branch secretary of NBA Ikorodu, I can do more at the national level.

Section 9(5)(f) of the NBA Constitution 2015 as amended in 2021 clearly spelt out the duties for the AGS which are;

1. Shall assist the General Secretary in the performance of his/her duties and shall in the absence of the General Secretary act in his/her place.
2. Shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President, the General Secretary, the National Executive Council, the National Executive Committee, or the Annual General Meeting.

However, a smart and experienced **ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY** of NBA should know that the provisions of section 9(5)(e) of NBA Constitution as amended relating to the office of the **GENERAL SECRETARY** indirectly applies to him or her as duty may call on the officer to perform such duties.

It is based on the above premise; I promise you that I shall;

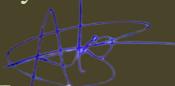
- a. Dutifully, diligently and maturely perform all the duties imposed on me in the most professional manner expected of a well experienced officer of the NBA. I shall assist the

general secretary in organizing and coordinating the activities of the association, assist in the planning and execution of meetings, events and projects. Additionally, I shall give enormous support to the general secretary in implementing decisions and policies approved by the executive committee, NEC and AGM.

- b. Aside from performing the above, I shall as an executive officer of the NBA robustly contribute to decision making of the National Executive Committee that will bring about the greatest benefit to all our members.
- c. Timeously bring to the attention of the General Secretary issues affecting members that may be brought to my attention.
- d. As a technological driven lawyer, I shall with the support of the General Secretary ensure that we continue to improve on the use of technology in handling our affairs as lawyers. The present administration has taken a giant stride; I shall ensure that we do more because it is my fervent believe that it can always get better. To this end, I shall work with the GS to ensure that all branches that have functional websites are linked to the National website. A click on the national website will take a member to Lagos, Ikeja, Abuja, Port Harcourt, Kaduna, Kano, Aba, Isiokpo, Ilorin, Ikorodu branches of NBA e.t.c I shall also work to ensure that we have a strong database for all resolutions of NBA i.e NEC and AGM. A compendium of all NBA resolution is achievable.
- e. As a one-time Branch Secretary and NEC member, I know as a matter of fact that most decisions affecting members are usually taken by the National Executives and such decisions are later presented to NEC for approval and in some cases for ratification where such decisions have been carried out. I shall be strongly pushing, advocating and canvassing for an increase in the share of Bar Practicing Fee given to branches. The current 10% should be increased to 20-30% for our 128 branches. A simple resolution of National Executive Council suffices where constitutional amendment seems tedious. The additional 20% could be termed a stabilization fund or any other nomenclature can be ascribed to it. Where there is a will, there will always be a way. The branches need the money to effectively carry out their activities. The branches are where the lawyers are. For clarity, I shall **ONLY** be pushing for this increment, if I get the buy-in of other executive officers and stakeholders, the better for the Bar.
- f. I shall also be pushing for resolutions that will aid and positively impact on the practice and livelihood of members and most especially young lawyers who are mostly at the receiving end of the problems associated with our profession such as poor remuneration and snail pace justice delivery. NEC is the ideal platform to tackle issues like this.

These are part of my promises to you; I believe that we can improve on the stamp and seals for members in terms of prompt delivery. No doubt we are set for a seamless secretariat. Ultimately, it is my desire to ensure that the General Secretary succeed at all cost. The interest of the members of this great association shall be paramount to me at all times. This is my pact with you; you can hold me accountable for what I promised. Let's walk this path together and you will be glad you did.

My name is SEUN and I am ready.



Together we can!

20.05.2024.

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ABDULWASIU ALFA, Esq.
As **General Secretary**

NBA NATIONAL

2024 - 2026



Manifesto

of
Abdulwasiu Alfa, Esq.
As
General Secretary
Nigerian Bar Association



Dear Learned Silks, Esteemed Seniors and Cherished Colleagues,

Introduction:

As the office of the General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association remains pivotal to the functioning of the Association, and serves as an image-making device of the Association, reckoning it as the largest Bar in Africa, I **boldly** undertake to, not only maintain the positive status quo, but to buttress this noble course on the strength of this manifesto.

Manifesto:

I, **Abdulwasiu Alfa, Esq.**, contesting for the office of the General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association in the forthcoming elections of the Association, do hereby propose the followings, which I intend to work towards and achieve, if elected General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association:

1. Transparency and Accountability:

Operate the office on the foundations of unquestionable character and accountability as the basic framework for my credibility. Thus, I will uphold the highest standards of transparency and efficiency in all the Secretariat operational processes.

2. Prioritization of Members' Interests:

Prioritizing the interest of the general members of the Nigerian Bar Association in consideration of any proposed policy and regulation relative to the Association, as far as they come within the scope of my official duties or sphere of influence, shall be one of my foremost policies.

3. Inclusivity and Diversity:

I shall be committed to promoting inclusivity and diversity within the Secretariat, ensuring that all members are given a voice and hearing ears. I will champion initiatives that will promote equality, fairness, and diversity within the legal profession and the wider community. I will set up a functional system of periodic collation and review of suggestions from members of the Nigerian Bar Association on the possible areas of improvement within the Secretariat and the Nigerian Bar Association generally, with the view to enhance, as far as practicable, a well inclusive system of leadership at the Secretariat level; thus ensuring that, at all times, the members of the Nigerian Bar Association maintain absolute confidence in the leadership of the Association and, in particular, the Secretariat.

4. Innovation and Adaptability:

I will foster a culture of innovation and adaptability within the Secretariat, encouraging creative thinking, and continuous improvement, thereby ensuring that the standard of legal practice in Nigeria does not fall short of the best globally obtainable standards.

5. Enhanced Communication and Accessibility:

I will establish robust communication channels, including, but not limited to, reactivation of now dormant **toll-free lines**, to facilitate smooth communication between members and the NBA Secretariat. I shall facilitate, at any point as shall become expedient, swift responses to matters affecting the rights of members of the Nigerian Bar Association, including the release of necessary information, circulars and communiques, etc.

6. Digital Transformation:

I believe in the power of technology to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the Secretariat. Accordingly, I would give utmost attention towards the enhancement of digital systems for record-keeping, and utilization of some of the most recent technologies towards improving efficiency in areas such as members' applications and other services to be provided by the Secretariat.

7. Speedy procession of NBA Stamp and Seal:

I vow to safeguard, to the optimal level possible, an expeditious and timely issuance of the NBA stamps and seals to Legal Practitioners who have duly applied for same, hence tackling the situations of delayed issuance of the NBA stamps and seals, which seems to be one recurring challenge hitherto faced by the Secretariat.

8. Collaboration, Strategic Partnerships and Sustainability:

While I recognize the importance of collaboration and partnerships in achieving the goals of an Association, I will utilize my wealth of experience and strength of vast human connections to work closely with other worldwide legal bodies, government agencies, and stakeholders with the view to leverage resources, adopting and implementing international best practices at the NBA

Secretariat level, and promoting a system of knowledge exchange in a manner which would ultimately be considerably beneficial to members of the Nigerian Bar Association. I will further strive for a sustainable synergy between all leadership arms of the Nigerian Bar Association, in recognition of the role of unity and coherence in the progressive development of the Nigerian Bar Association.

9. Consolidation of NBA Secretariat

To consolidate on the efforts of the current and previous administrations of the Nigerian Bar Association, particularly those which, for their positive impacts and ingenuity, have received the endorsement and approval of the generality of the members of our dear Association.

10. Training and Capacity Building:

I shall remain committed to investing in the training and capacity building of the Secretariat staff, to equip them with the necessary skills and knowledge to effectively utilize digital tools and systems to enhance productivity, promote innovation, and facilitate collaboration within the Secretariat.

Conclusion:

As I am dedicated to building a robust Secretariat, I am confident that, with your support, we can work together to shape a brighter future for the Nigerian Bar Association.

I am most grateful!!!

Dated this 1st day of April, 2024

AbdulwasIU Alfa, Esq.

ABDULWASIU ALFA



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1.0 PROFESSIONAL SUMMARY

AbdulwasIU Alfa, principal partner and founder of A. A. Alfa and Co., embodies the virtues of integrity, resilience and diligence. With his commitment to excellence in over 2 decades in the profession, he pioneers the affairs of one of the top rated firms in north-east Nigeria, is well remarkable for his unique style of legal practice, shows keen interest in the career advancement of young lawyers, and has made significant contributions to the development of the law within Borno State and beyond.

2.0 PERSONAL DETAILS

➤ Date of Birth	-	-	-	-	6 th August, 1974
➤ Place of Birth	-	-	-	-	Maiduguri, Borno State
➤ LGA of Origin	-	-	-	-	Maiduguri Metropolitan Council
➤ Marital Status	-	-	-	-	Married
➤ Gender	-	-	-	-	Male
➤ Religion	-	-	-	-	Islam

3.0 EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/PROFESSIONAL CERTIFICATIONS

2002-2003

- Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus.
Barrister-at-Law (BL)

1997-2000

- University of Maiduguri, Maiduguri, Borno State
Bachelor-of-Laws (LL.B)

1993-1995

- Borno State College of Legal Studies
Diploma in Sharia and Civil Law

1991-1992

- Borno College of Legal and Islamic Studies
Senior Secondary School Certificate (Private)

1989-1990

- Government Secondary School, Bama, Borno State
Senior Secondary School Certificate

1985-1988

- Government Science Secondary School, Konduga, Borno State
Junior Secondary School Certificate

1979-1984

- Gomari Primary School, Maiduguri, Borno State
First School Leaving Certificate

4.0 WORK EXPERIENCE

2006-Date	A. A. Alfa & Co. (Metro Chambers)	<i>Founder and Principal Partner</i>
2004-2006	J. T. Gunda & Co.	<i>Head of Chambers</i>
2003-2004	Zamfara State Ministry of Justice	<i>Pupil State Counsel</i>
2003	J. T. Gunda & Co.	<i>Counsel in Chambers</i>

5.0 LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH THE NBA, MAIDUGURI BRANCH

- Chairman, Committee on Bar/Government Interface - - - - **2022**
- Chairman, Branch Election Committee - - - - **2020**
- Chairman, Branch Election Committee - - - - **2018**
- Chairman, Bar Week/Award Committee - - - - **2017**
- Branch NEC Representative - - - - **2016-2018**
- Branch Chairman - - - - **2014-2016**
- Branch Secretary - - - - **2012-2014**
- Secretary, Human Rights Committee - - - - **2010-2012**
- Publicity Secretary - - - - **2008-2010**

6.0 LEADERSHIP EXPERIENCE WITH THE NBA AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

- Member, NBA Remuneration Committee- - - - **2023 - Date**
- Co-opted Member of the National Executive Committee - - - - **2023 - Date**
- NBA Representative on NERC Consumer Forum - - - - **2023 - Date**
- Member, Constitution Review Committee - - - - **2022 - Date**
- Member, Presidential Transition Committee - - - - **2022**
- Member, Task Force Committee on North East - - - - **2016-2018**
- Member, Technical Committee on Conference Planning in Abuja **2015**
- Member, NBA Legal Services Trade Mission to the Netherlands **2016**
- Member, National Executive Committee (NEC) - - - - **2016-2018**
- Member, National Executive Committee (NEC) - - - - **2014-2016**
- Member, National Executive Committee (NEC) - - - - **2012-2014**
- Member, Legal Education Committee - - - - **2010-2012**

7.0 OTHER NOTABLE APPOINTMENTS

- Member, Borno State Law Review Committee - - - - **2017 - Date**

- Member, Borno State Conflict Management Alliance - - 2017 - Date
- Notary Public - - - - - 2014 - Date

8.0 AWARDS/RECOGNITIONS

- ‘He for She Champion’ Award by FIDA, Borno State Chapter- 2023
- Award of Honour by the NBA, Maiduguri Branch - - 2020
- Award of Excellence by the NBA Young Lawyers Forum - 2016

9.0 SKILLS/HOBBIES

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Documentation and case Management ➤ Excellent Communication Skill ➤ Time and Human Resources Management Skills ➤ Legal Research ➤ Counseling, arbitration and conflict resolution | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Interpersonal and diplomatic relations skills ➤ Fluency in English, Hausa, Yoruba and Kanuri languages ➤ Problem Solving skills ➤ Football ➤ Movies |
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8.0 REFEREES

Hon. Justice Tijjani Abubakar (JSC)
Justice of the Supreme Court of Nigeria,
Supreme Court Complex,
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Hon. Justice Haruna Yusuf Mshelia
High Court Judge,
Borno, State Judiciary,
Maiduguri, Borno State.

Senator Kaka Shehu Lawan Esq. (Life Bencher)

National Assembly (Senate),
Three Arms Zone,
Abuja.

Last updated: 21st May, 2024.



MANIFESTO

Candidate : MRS BOLATUMI OLASUNBO ANIMASHAUN

Position : SECOND VICE PRESIDENT , NBA .2024-2026

Dear,
Senior Advocates of Nigeria,
Senior Colleagues,
Learned Colleagues

My name is Bolatumi Olasunbo Animashaun, I am contesting for the post of Second Vice President. I have a degree in English and Education, a Master degree in Public Administration and later a law degree ; all from the University of Lagos, Akoka. I was called to Bar in 2007. I am a former Vice Chairman of NBA Lagos Branch and still an active member of the Lagos Branch. I am currently a member of the National Welfare Committee led by Emeka Ozoani SAN.

Instead of joining the crowd on criticizing, grumbling or complaining about the way things are done, I want to contribute, I want to offer my service , make sacrifice, assist, to make things the way they should be and help our elected President fulfill his promises would that have endeared him to earn mandate to lead us. I was called to the Supreme Court of Nigeria at an age when most women would have given up on moving up the ladder.

Some people call me “Mummy’ some call me “grandma’ . may be to discourage my ambition. My ambition is to encourage people not to be by the side of the fence but to climb. There are two saying that always spur me on .One is that “Age is in the mind or Age is a mere number’ ; The second is that “ Learning never ends “.

I want to learn more about relationship, I want to seek avenues to help people take this life easy and make this world a better place to be.

I want to be seen as an embodiment of humility with my dedication to serve . It is not by age but the spirit of moving this profession forward. To let you know that you owe this Bar your talents which you need to use for the benefit of this profession and to serve humanity.

My job is simple, I will join hands with our soon to be elected President, give the President support to succeed.

A tree does not make a forest, when elected, I will work as a member of a team to serve the interest of the Bar and work with the President and members of the elected Executives in restoring the almost lost glory of the Bar.

I am bringing my experience as a CEDR Certified Mediator and Online Dispute Resolution (ODReurope) Mediator to the table as a peace lover to help the President in resolving disputes that may arise and as may be assigned to me.

I will use my training and experiences in administration and personnel management to help in managing relationship at any capacity.

I love and care for people irrespective of race my only son is happily married to a beautiful damsel from Imo State.

My being in this contest is an encouragement to the old; older people and the younger ones to utilize their leadership potentials and talents to contribute to the growth and progress of the Bar.

I have been given many responsibilities and have received some awards for my contributions and performances. Win or lose; there should be no ill feelings or bitterness in a contest. I have lost elections twice in my Branch before, but I was never discouraged. This is another opportunity for me to offer myself for service.

I will drive collaboration across the branches as may be assigned to me by the President to identify their needs and develop scalable solutions subject to the approval of the President .

My role is not in competition with the President but a pillar of support and a good liaison officer.

I have been tested and I can be trusted.

CURRICULUM VITAE

POSITION CONTESTING FOR : Second Vice President 2024-2026

Surname: ANIMASHAUN

Other names : Bolatumi Olasunbo

Date of Birth : 26th December, 1957

Nationality : Nigerian

State of Origin : OYO

Place of Birth : Ibadan

Sex : Female

Marital Status : Married

SCN : 059410

Branch : NBA LAGOS

Year of Call : 2007

SCHOOLS ATTENDED WITH DATES:

People's Girls Grammar School , Molete Ibadan 1970 – 1974

The Polytechnic , Ibadan 1974 – 1976

University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos 1976 – 1979

University of Lagos, Akoka, Lagos 1987 – 1989

University of Lagos, Akoka - 1999-2006

Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus – 2006 – 2007

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS :

West Africa School Certificate (WASC) 1974

Higher School Certificate (HSC) 1976

B.A. (English & Education) 1979

Master of Public Administration (MPA)1989

Bachelor of Law 2006

BL 2007

- CEDR (UK) Certified Mediator. 2011

- ODReurope Certified Mediator 2020

WORKING EXPERIENCES

English Lecturer, Federal College of Education (Technical) Akoka 1982-1990

Education Officer, Federal Ministry of Education ,V.I 1990 – 1993

Director, Unique Blossom School, Ikorodu, Lagos 1994 till date

Rikkey Tarfa & Co.2007 (Chamber Attachment)

Principal Partner , Bolatumi Animashaun & Co.
'BLOSSOM CHAMBER' with law offices at Suite D194 & D214 . Ikota Shopping Complex, ikota , Ajah Road, Block 61-62 Ebute Shopping Complex , near Dangote, Ebute - Ikorodu.

Practice areas - Family Law , Business / Commercial Law,

Parley Neutral, (LMDC, ADR Fast Track - Lagos and Ikeja judiciary)
Advocacy 2011 till date

PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIP :

African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA)

International Federation of Women Lawyers - FIDA , Lagos.

Section on Business Law (SBL)

Life member, Nigerian Society of International Law.

Associate Member, Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioner (BRIPAN)

COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP :

- NBA National Welfare Committee 2022 till date

- Welfare Committee NBA Lagos 2010-2012

- Law week Committee NBA Lagos 2013

- Law Week Committee NBA Lagos 2014

- Law Week Committee NBA Lagos 2017

- Dinner Committee NBA Lagos 2017

- Dinner Committee, NBA Lagos 2018

- Young Lawyers Summit Planning Committee NBA , Lagos 2018

- Building Committee NBA Lagos (Bar Centre) 2018 to 2019

- Building Committee NBA Lagos (Bar Centre) 2021-2023

POSITIONS HELD:

. Vice Chairman , NBA Lagos. 2017 -2019

- Chairman, Human Rights Committee, NBA Lagos, 2017-2019

- Secretary, Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee, NBA lagos 2015 - 2017

- Alternate Chairman, Council for Perogative of Mercy, Ministry of Justice, Lagos State. 2015 -2017

- Co-opted NEC member 2016-2018
- Chairman, FIDA Law Week Planning Committee 2019.
- Zonal Coordinator, South-West , African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA)

Matron , FIDA Ikorodu

AWARD :

“ Exceptional service to the Branch “ NBA Lagos award, 2022

MANIFESTO OF LAWRENCE OBI ANIZOBA, ESQ. FOR THE OFFICE OF THE NBA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR.

I am Lawrence Obi Anizoba, a Notary Public and the Managing Solicitor and Founder of Obi Anizoba & Co. (Odidika Chambers) with its headquarters at No. 9 Ezenwa Street, Onitsha, Anambra State. I was called to the Nigerian Bar Association in 1993 and hails from Neni in Anaocha Local Government Area of Anambra State and member/leader of the Anaocha branch of the Nigerian Bar Association.

I have been engaged into active legal practice since my call to the Bar and has gained over 30 years of experience in all aspect of legal practice particularly Litigations and corporate governance/administration and also company secretary to companies. I am a Fellow Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators, Associate Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria and a member of the International Bar Association. I have served as the Chairman Local Government Election tribunal in Anambra State and also an external solicitor to many banks. I am currently one of the Nigerian Bar Association's Representative to the General Council of the Bar.

It is the imperative for building an enduring and sustainable institution out of the Nigerian Bar Association that I present myself once more, with humility as a candidate for the position of the NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar.

It is indeed a privilege to present a non- exhaustive blueprint of my ideas and thought on some of the issues I will focus on and complete in uplifting the institution of the Nigerian Bar Association if I am elected again into the position of the NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar.

It is my position that no institution or organization can be deemed or classified as successful if it fails to adhere to corporate governance principles, the cornerstones of which are transparency and empowerment of established and well-defined processes and procedures coupled with strict adherence thereto.

The role of the Bar Council is clearly stated under Section 1(1) of the Legal Practitioners Act even though some of the functions has been transferred to the Body of benchers by virtue of Section 2 and 8 (e) of Decree 21 of 1994. However, In achieving a strong and vibrant Bar Association and achieving the goal of building an institution out of the NBA, each of the other functions of the Bar Council must be followed with strict compliance and we need to entrench these principles and thereby not only guaranty efficiency in the administration of the Association but also boost the confidence of our members and stakeholders.

By Section 1(1) of the LPA, the Bar Council was originally charged with the general management of the affairs of NBA subject to any limitations provided by the NBA

Constitution. Most importantly, however, over and above all the limitations imposed by the NBA Constitution, Most of the power of general management of NBA affairs by the Bar Council has, in fact, been totally removed and transferred to the Body of Benchers by virtue of Section 2 and 8 (e) of Decree 21 of 1994. E.g The power of the Bar Council to fix practicing fees has also been transferred to the Body of Benchers in consultation with the NBA. See Section 8(e) of Decree 21 of 1994.

The power of the Bar Council to make rules of account to be kept by legal practitioners and its power to make and revise rules of professional conduct are still intact. See Section 12(4) of the LPA as amended by Decree 21 of 1994. The current Rules of Professional Conduct were made by the Council under these provisions.

If elected as a representative of the NBA to the Bar Council, I shall upgrade and improve the operational capacity of the NBA particularly in area of making rules of account to be kept by legal practitioner and also proffer solution to restore the other functions of the Bar council which has made the Bar Council and NBA seem emasculated.

Best practice requires that some or most of the functions of the Bar council which has been taken over by the Body of benchers should be properly reviewed and harnessed in other to achieve a measurable milestone in corporate governance.

As it relates to governance and as a member of the bar council, I shall work towards;

- 1. Strengthening the individual accountability and performance of legal practitioners.**
- 2. Champion the reform of justice and accountability institutions /strategies for better service delivery by legal practitioners.**
- 3. Advocate and develop programs and projects relating to the functions of the Bar Council as stated in Section 20(1) a to d of the LPA.**
- 4. Monitor, Identify and Condemn cases of impunity as it relates to opening and keeping by legal practitioner of accounts at banks for clients and take active steps to ensure the remediation of such impunity.**

It is my belief that the NBA must have a voice in the affairs that concerns them and the society at large and I am willing to be judged by and held accountable therefor. I also commit to use my network of experience in corporate governance in achieving these goals and for the benefit of the Association and the Council at large. It is my hope that at the end of my tenor as the NBA representative to the Bar Council, the Association will be better positioned.

Lawrence Obi Anizoba Esq.

1st April, 2024.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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6. NBA BRANCH: ANAOCHA BRANCH OF NIGERIA BAR
ASSOCIATION
7. YEAR OF CALL TO BAR: 1993
8. SC NO: 21453
9. OFFICE SOUGHT FROM
NBA ELECTION 2022: NBA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL
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10. MANAGING SOLICITOR:
(1999 – TO DATE) OBI ANIZOBA & CO.
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NO. 9 EZENWA STREET, ONITSHA,
ANAMBRA STATE; obianizoba@yahoo.com.
11. AWARDS:
(A) LLB, UNIVERSITY OF NIGERIA 1992.
(B) BL – NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL LAGOS – 1993.
(C) LLM – NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY AWKA – 2009.
(D) FELLOW INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED MEDIATORS AND
CONCILIATOR – 2019
(E) ASSOCIATE MEMBER – CHARTERED INSTITUTE OF
ARBITRATORS NIGERIA 2008.
(F) NOTARY PUBLIC
(G) JUSTICE OF THE PEACE FOR ANAMBRA STATE

12. REFEREES:

1. HON. JUSTICE O. M. ANYACHEBELU
CHIEF JUDGE OF ANAMBRA STATE
JUDICIAL HEADQUARTER, ANAMBRA STATE
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2. PROF. O. D. AMUCHEAZI (SAN)
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MY MANIFESTO AS A CANDIDATE FOR FIRST VICE PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA) 2024

On behalf of my humble self and family, learned friends and distinguished colleagues, I convey warm salutations. May the grace of the Almighty Father rest upon you all.

The terrain of Bar Governance is a familiar one to me, though not because I am better than others but for my years of practice and involvement in bar politics. I come not as a neophyte but a family man with the requisite experience of humility, diligence, zeal, passion for service and resilience even in the face of daunting challenges.

I come with a passion embedded in credibility, concept, trust, accountability, innovations and transformative potentials. My confidence is not self drawn in a vacuum but as evidently attested by majority during my stint as a Chairman of Aguata Branch of NBA, between 2014-2016 and Chairman of Chairmen and Secretaries of the eight (8) branches of the Nigerian Bar Association, Anambra State.

As a candidate for the esteemed position of First Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association, I pledge a harmonious team relationship subject to my President, committed to uphold the highest standards of legal professionalism, promoting justice and championing the Human Rights and welfare of our members.

My vision for the NBA is one of progress, inclusivity and innovation. I undertake to express tireless zeal towards advancing the legal profession and ensuring that NBA remains a beacon of excellence and integrity in line with global trend. My vision is embedded in a mindset needed to navigate the complexities in a jurisprudential and legal landscape of the 21st century to seamlessly redefine and break traditional barriers.

MY KEY AGENDA

1. PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION:

I shall work harmoniously with my president and other team members to activate and implement comprehensive training

programmes and continuing legal education initiative to improve practical skills and knowledge required by members.

2. ACCESS TO JUSTICE:

- ❖ We shall evolve reforms to ensure access to justice by all class of persons irrespective of social economic status.
- ❖ We shall collaborate with stakeholders to address systematic challenges within the legal system.
- ❖ By ensuring that an end is put to prevention of lawyers by police, EFCC etc from entering their offices with their phones.
- ❖ By enhancing harmonious relationship between other law enforcement agents and the lawyers.

3. ETHICAL STANDARDS AND INTEGRITY:

- ❖ We shall strengthen disciplinary mechanism to enforce ethical standards and uphold the integrity of the profession.
- ❖ We shall ensure the promotion of transparency and accountability to engender trust within the NBA and confidence among members and the public in general.
- ❖ We shall endeavor to explore reasonable avenues to improve the dignity of the legal profession as it has always been known.

4. INNOVATIONS IN THE WELFARE OF MEMBERS:

- ❖ Medical social welfare shall be our priority. Medical experts shall be invited through application to NBA National, to Branches during their Law week to carry out routine medical checks and free medication on lawyers.
- ❖ It shall be our priority that new wigs are remunerated reasonably adequate and in line with economic realities.

5. DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION:

- ❖ We shall advance initiatives to promote diversity and inclusion by focusing on gender equality and representation of marginalized groups.
- ❖ We shall create platforms for underrepresented voices to be heard and empowered within NBA.

6. LEGAL REFORM:

As the world is gradually tittering some innovations into obsolete or extinction, it calls for NBA to liaise with electronic houses like Law Pavilion to register and equip itself with lawyer's data base Nationwide for the purpose of online supply of law reports at considerable and affordable rate. Young lawyers may be registered for free.

I make the above pledge in anticipation of your kind support. I cannot achieve this on my own powers.

There is no gain saying you are indispensable and I do not take this for granted.

May God help us.

Sabastine U. Anyia LLM
Candidate
NBA 1st Vice President, 2024.

RE: SABASTINE U. ANYIA

LETTER OF GOOD STANDING

I wish to confirm, that the above named Sabastine U. Anyia is a member of our Bar Branch (the Frontline Bar) an active member that...

He was the Secretary of our Bar Branch from 2010 - 2012 and became the Chairman of the Bar Branch between 2012 and 2016.

S. U. Anyia fondly called "Foot Soldier of the Frontline Bar" is such a member of our Bar Branch that he was our NBA Member from 2010...

in paying his Bar Dues as and when due -- before the 30th day of every year. He is neither in default nor indebted to our Bar Branch and has been very supportive of projects of the Bar Branch.

I do hereby commend him as a fit and proper person to be recommended to you for the position of NBA 1st Vice President for 2024.

The above request from your office is hereby approved and I do hereby recommend him to you for the position of NBA 1st Vice President for 2024.

Very truly yours,
[Signature]

CURRICULUM VITAE

PERSONAL DATA:

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DATE OF BIRTH: 10TH MAY, 1976
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SCHOOLS ATTENDED WITH DATES:

1. NNAMDI AZIKIWE UNIVERSITY 2007-2011
2. NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, ABUJA 2002-2003
3. UNIVERSITY OF MAIDUGURI 1996-2001
4. BUENTSEBE SECONDARY SCHOOL, WULA 1986-1992
5. ST. JOHN'S RCM PRIMARY SCHOOL, WULA 1981-1986

QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED:

1. MASTERS OF LAWS (LL.M) 2011
2. NATIONL YOUTH SERVICE CORP CERTIFICATE 2004
3. BL – QUALIFYING CERTIFICATE 2003
4. BACHELORS OF LAW (LL.B) 2001
5. SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATES (SSCE) 1997
6. FIRST SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE (FSLC) 1986

DATE OF CALL TO BAR:

1ST JULY, 2003.

LAW PRACTICE EXPERIENCE:

H. A. EJIM & CO 2003-2007
S. U. ANYIA & COMPANY (PRIVATE LEGAL PRACTICE) 2007-TILL DATE

LOYALTY TO NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION:

- 1. FINANCIAL SECRETARY – NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AGUATA BRANCH 2006-2008**
- 2. CHAIRMAN – YOUNG LAWYERS FORUM, NBA
AGUATA BRANCH 2007-2010**
- 3. PUBLIC RELATION OFFICER – NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION AGUATA BRANCH 2008-2010**
- 4. SECRETARY – NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AGUATA BRANCH 2010-2012**
- 5. CHAIRMAN – NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AGUATA BRANCH 2014-2016**
- 6. CHAIRMAN OF CHAIRMEN NBA, ANAMBRA STATE 2015.**
- 7. VICE CHAIRMAN NLS, 2003 SET 2023 - Till date**
- 8. MEMBER NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION 2010 - 2012
& 2014 -2022**
- 9. VICE CHAIRMAN NLS 2003 SET 2023-Till date**

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION/ORGANISATION MEMBERSHIP:

MEMBER – NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, AGUATA BRANCH
MEMBER – NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, SECTION ON BUSINESS LAW

CONFERENCES ATTENDED:

- 1. NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL CONFERENCES 2003 TILL DATE**
- 2. NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ANNUAL DELEGATE
CONFERENCES 2006 TILL DATE**

AWARDS

- 1. "Foot Soldier of Aguata Bar". By NBA, Aguata Branch, 2nd day of June, 2012.**
- 2. "Award of Honour" by National Association of Cross River State Students, FEDPOL, OKO Chapter, 28th September, 2014.**
- 3. "A Friend of the Police", by the Commissioner of Police, Anambra State, CP H. H. KARMA, Psc on 7th day of May, 2015.**
- 4. "Leadership Excellence", by NBA Aguata Branch, 20th day of May, 2016.**
- 5. "Award of Honour" by National Association of Akwa Ibom State Students, FEDPOLY, OKO Chapter, 20th day of September, 2017.**
- 6. "Award of Patron" by National Association of Boki Students, world wide, 27th day of December, 2021.**
- 7. "Pillar of Wula Students", by Wula Students, world wide, 29th December 2022.**

HOBBIES:

- 1. TRAVELLING**
- 2. READING**
- 3. MAKING FRIENDS**
- 4. FOOTBALLING**

REFEREES:

- 1. HONOURABLE JUSTICE P. N. C. UMEADI, THE HON. CHIEF JUDGE OF ANAMBRA STATE (rtd).**
- 2. HONOURABLE JUSTICE PETER .C. OBIORAH JUSTICE OF COURT THE COURT OF APPEAL, ABUJA DIVISION.**
- 3. HONOURABLE JUSTICE D. C. MADUECHESI HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE AWKA.**
- 4. PATRICK I. NWANKWO IKWUETO, SAN.**
- 5. SENATOR JOHN OWAN ENOH, HON. MINISTER FOR SPORTS.**

SABASTINE UBUA ANYIA ESQ.

CURRICULUM VITAE

KINGSLEY ASAGBA, ESQ

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BIODATA

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PLACE OF BIRTH:	SAPELE
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LOCAL GOVERNMENT AREA:	SAPELE
STATE OF ORIGIN:	DELTA STATE
NATIONALITY:	NIGERIAN

SCHOOLS ATTENDED WITH DATES:

1975 – 1981:	OKOTIE – EBOH PRIMARY SCHOOL, SAPELE DELTA STATE (FIRST SCH. LEAVING CERTIFICATE)
1981- 1986:	URHIAPELE GRAMMER SCHOOL; SAPELE DELTA STATE (W.A.E.C)
1991 – 1997:	EDO STATE UNIVERSITY, EKPOMA EDO STATE BACHELOR OF LAW (LLB.) HONS (SECOND CLASS. LOWER DIVISION)
1998 – 1999:	NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL ABUJA. BARRISTER AT LAW (BL.) (SECOND CLASS, UPPER DIVISION)

WORK EXPERIENCE WITH DATES

1999- 2000 N.Y.S.C (EKWESIGO LOCAL GOVERNMENT), OZOBOL ANAMBRA STATE AND BELLANTYRNE UGEGE & CO OVIWAN –WARRI, DELTA STATE.

1999 – 2001 BALLANTYRENE UGEGE & CO.
15, UDU ROAD, OVIWAN- WARRI, DELTA STATE.

2001 – 2002 V.V ERHINYOJA & CO.
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CAREER OBJECTIVE:

TO WORK IN A CHALLENGING ENVIRONMENT WHERE SKILLS, QUALITY, SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND LEGAL RESEARCH IS A WATCH WORD.

HOBBIES:

MUSIC, FOOTBALL & LEGAL RESEARCH.

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- ❖ ABILITY TO WORK WITH LITTLE OR NO SUPERVISION.
- ❖ GOOD ORAL AND WRITTEN COMMUNICATION SKILLS.
- ❖ HIGH RETENTIVE MEMORY
- ❖ HONEST, HARDWORKING AND DEDICATED TO DUTY

BAR ACTIVITIES:

2018-2020 VICE CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, UDU

2022-2024 CHAIRMAN, NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION, UDU BRANCH.

2022-2024 CHAIRMAN, FORUM OF NBA CHAIRMEN OF DELTA STATE

REFEREES:

- 1. MR. GODWIN ASAGBA**
3RD MARINE ROAD
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- 2. PROF. AUSTINE ASAGBA**
FACULTY OF ARTS & SOCIAL SCIENCES.
UNIVERSITY OF BENIN
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EDO STATE.
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- 3. AYO ASALA, ESQ (S.A.N)**
PAST CHAIRMAN
NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
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URRUUTE

MANIFESTO OF KINGSLEY ASAGBA, ESQ VYING FOR THE OFFICE OF NBA. REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR, 2024 – 2026.

TITLE: AN ERA OF QUALITY AND EFFECTIVE REPRESENTATION OF THE BAR.

Good Day learned Silks, Bar Leaders, seniors and My Learned Colleagues . It is a great privilege for me to stand before my learned colleagues this day to present my manifesto of hope to you.

I was called to the Nigerian Bar in September, 1999 having passed my Bar Examination meritoriously with a Second Class Upper Division. I started my law practice immediately in 1999 with the law firm of Ballantyne Ugege & Co., where I also did my Youth Service after which I was retained by the law firm where I grew to the position of Head of Chambers.

In 2001, I was employed by the law firm of V.V. Erhinyoja & Co .where I also worked as Head of Chambers till 2002 when I established the law firm of Kingsley Asagba & Co. which I ran as the principal partner till date.

Learned colleagues, I call on you to vote for me as one of the Western Representatives to the General Council of the Bar.

I am sufficiently experienced to do the job. I have had leadership and representative experience inside and outside the Bar.

1. I was secretary General of law Student Association, Edo State University, Ekpoma from 1995 to 1996.
2. I was Chief Judge, Student Union Government, worked as Head Chambers with the law firm of V.V. Erhinyoja & Co. from 1996 to 1997.
3. I was President of Rotary Club, Ovwian, district 9140 between 2011-2012.

4. Member H.O.C. Rotary International conference in 2013.
5. Member Human Right Committee, N.B.A, Warri Branch from 2012-2014.
6. Member, Memorial Lecture Committee, N.B.A, Warri Branch, 2012-2014.
7. Chairman, Memorial Lecture Committee for Eguono Horace Dafioghor – 2014.
8. Chairman, Organizing committee, Cocktail, N.B.A. Udu Branch, 2015.
9. Chairman, Dinner Committee, N.B.A Udu Branch, 2016-2018.
10. Member Inaugural Committee, Udu Branch, 2014.
11. Alternate Chairman, Law Center Committee, 2018-2020.
12. Chairman, Human Right Committee, N.B.A Udu Branch, 2018-2020
13. Vice chairman, N.B.A. Udu Branch, 2018-2020.
14. Chairman, N.B.A Udu Branch from 2022-2024.
15. Chairman, Forum of N.B.A Chairman of Delta State from 2022 to 2024.
16. Member, N.B.A National Parliamentary Committee from 2023-2024.

Colleagues I have attended several N.B.A Conferences and N.E.C. meetings and

I am presently a member of N.B.A. N.E.C.

My coming into this race is to give quality representation to the Bar and to make members proud of the Bar. My dream is to make a difference in the General Council and make it enviable.

I will work together with other representatives of the Bar in the General Council to give the Bar quality representation and voice and also to do my best to make representation of the Bar in the Council worth while and I will strife to create new ideas in the General Council. I will strive further to be a voice of the Bar and to place the Bar in an enviable position before other legal and non legal bodies. Respect for the legal profession will be my watch word.

If you vote for me, I won't disappoint you as I promise to do my best and see how the job can be taken from where the present representatives stopped to an enviable stage.

Learned Colleagues, I call on you to vote for me for a new dawn in the Bar and for the progress of the Bar. Thank you .



KINGSLEY ASAGBA, ESQ.
(CANDIDATE FOR THE NBA. REPRESENTATIVE
TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR.)

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**AUTA
NYADA**

FOR

**NBA WELFARE
SECRETARY**



CURRICULUM VITAE NYADA AUTA

NYADA AUTA is a native of Ija Gbagyi in Tafa Local Government Area of Niger State. He graduated in 2008, from the Faculty of Law, at the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University with a Bachelor of Laws, (LLB) Hons. Degree.

He was the General Secretary of ABU Suleja Students Association of ABU, from the year 2007 - 2008.

He was thereafter admitted into the Nigerian Law School, Ken Nnamani Campus in Enugu, in October, 2008 and qualified in 2009 with a Barrister at Law, BL.

He was called to the Nigerian Bar on the 4th day of November, 2009 as Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, and during his time at the Law School he enrolled and participated in the Professional Foundation Course on Dispute Resolution and Pre-trial Conference Training.

He is a highly focused, confident and dedicated Legal Practitioner with a strong sense of value, passion for the truth and the quest for justice. He has enjoyed a high level of success, recognition, autonomy and responsibility, working closely with experienced teams of Legal Practitioners to deliver professional legal services to a multitude of individuals, diverse Companies and Government Agencies alike.

Mr. NYADA AUTA has since his qualification as a legal practitioner been in legal practice. He served at the National Judicial Council Abuja, during his National Youth Service where he had his first encounter with the revered Justices of the Supreme Court. It was this encounter that birthed in him the appetite and zeal "to become". He did his compulsory chamber attachment in the reputable law firm of Chief Chris Uche SAN. After his service year and on his path to success and "becoming" (more), he began his pupillage in private legal practice in the esteemed and renowned firm of Sani L. Kalaks & Co., from 2008 until date. Mr. Auta has however had the privilege and good fortune of basking and soaring in other terrains. He worked with Huawei from 2013 – 2014.

AUTA NYADA'S MANIFESTO FOR THE POSITION OF NATIONAL WELFARE SECRETARY OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION ©2024

INTRODUCTION

The Legal profession in Nigeria has faced the significant challenge of improving the welfare and job opportunities for lawyers. It is crucial to evaluate the strategies employed in expanding legal practice, addressing the successes, challenges, and failures to bring about a much-needed reinforcement of lawyer welfare in Nigeria. My experiences as the Publicity Secretary of my Branch, the General Secretary of the NBA Young Lawyers Forum National, a two time Member of the NBA National Welfare Committee, the Chairman of Continuing Legal Education in my Branch, and a two time NEC representative, have provided me with hands-on insight into the challenges faced by lawyers in Nigeria. These experiences have energized my passion to serve the Bar.

As a member of the Secretary of the NBA Legal Education Committee, and a two time member of the National Welfare Committee, I have interacted with colleagues from all NBA branches, gaining valuable knowledge about the challenges lawyers encounter. I aspire to contribute to the establishment of an NBA that sets the pace for professional associations globally. My name is Auta Nyada, and I was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2009. I meet the eligibility requirements under the NBA Constitution and aim to build on the innovative initiatives introduced by the current administration led by Y.C. Maikyau OON, SAN. Alongside these initiatives, I aim to make improvements in the following areas:

1. PROMOTE & FOSTER HEALTHY WORKING RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN LAWYERS & LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENTS: I will establish toll-free lines, chat rooms, and liaison desks/officers in all NBA branches to report human rights abuses against lawyers by law enforcement agencies. Additionally, I will work with the President, the leadership of SARC and SPIDEL, to initiate periodic meetings with heads of law enforcement agencies to ensure harmonious coexistence and monitor domestic violence issues.

2. STRENGTHENING AND IMPROVING THE HEALTH INSURANCE SCHEME: I will work with the President and all relevant stake holders, to sustain the existing National Welfare Committee's partnership with the National Health Insurance Agency (NHIA) that provides affordable healthcare services. Furthermore, I will establish a platform for access

to second opinions from qualified medical practitioners worldwide and enable virtual medical consultations followed by doorstep delivery of medications.

3. EXPANDING TRANS-BOUNDARY OPPORTUNITIES FOR LAWYERS: I will collaborate with the President and the Chairman of the Institute for Continuing Legal Education, to secure free capacity-building trainings for NBA members on emerging areas of law through partnerships with international bar associations so as to rightly position colleagues for opportunities that abound in this regard.

4. COMBATING WORKPLACE ABUSE AND DOMESTIC VIOLENCE: I will advocate for the creation and enforcement of an NBA workplace sexual abuse policy in law firms and legal practitioners' offices, expanding the National Welfare Committee's scope to investigate complaints and referring them to the police for prosecution and monitoring.

5. PROVIDING CONCESSIONS FOR LAWYERS LIVING WITH DISABILITIES AND YOUNG LAWYERS: I will propose a policy statement to subsidize conference fees and capacity-building events organized by the NBA for lawyers living with disabilities and young lawyers, fostering an all-inclusive Bar.

6. FACILITATING SOFT LOANS: In improving the existing loan policy for lawyers, I will continue efforts to establish a trust fund where lawyers, particularly young lawyers, can apply for soft loans. Additionally, I will explore the possibility of setting up an NBA Micro-Finance Bank to provide low or zero-interest-rate loans to members.

7. IMPROVING THE NEC MEETING EXPERIENCE: I will digitize NEC accommodations to streamline access, providing digitally automated identification for NEC members at least one week before NEC meetings.

8. ESTABLISHING HOUSING SCHEMES FOR LAWYERS: I will collaborate with the NBA President and NEC, to create cooperatives, partnering with lending institutions to construct NBA Estates in various branches at discounted rates.

CONCLUSION

Through the mercies and grace of God, the above manifesto outlines my intentions, if voted as the National Welfare Secretary of the NBA. I aim to fulfill these responsibilities in addition to the duties outlined in the NBA Constitution. God bless you for taking out time to read.

Nyada Auta,
#YourWelfareFirst
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CURRICULUM VITAE

LAWRENCE I. AYEWA

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Tony Compound behind
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Personal Details

DOB: 27-12-1984

Marital Status: Married

Nationality: Nigerian

Languages Known

- English
- Hausa
- Yoruba

Personal Strengths

- Self Confidence
- Quick Learner
- Good Team Player
- Great Persuasive Skill
- Resilience and Persistence
- High Degree of Self-Motivation

OBJECTIVE

To carry out the challenging operation of the whole working of law and help clients not just for the sake of money. I have gained experience in management also and am well equipped as a legal practitioner to succeed even in the most tasking environment.

CAREER SUMMARY

- **PUPILAGE AT DR Y.O ESOMBI & CO IN SEDCO, ENERHEN IN UVWIE LGA, DELTA STATE.**
- **HEAD OF CHAMBERS AT OPUTU & OPUTU IN UDU, WARRI DELTA STATE.**
- **PRINCIPAL PARTNER AT AYEWA & MODEBE, UDU, WARRI, DELTA STATE.**

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- ✓ Ministry of Justice, Sokoto State – NYSC - 2011 - 2012
- ✓ Barrister at Law (BL) Nigerian Law School, Bwari, Abuja campus 2010-2011
- ✓ Bachelor Of Laws (LLB) – Delta State University Abraka – 2003 -2010
- ✓ West African School Certificate –United Faith Tabernacle Collage, Jos East - 1997-2003
- ✓ First School Leaving Certificate – Junuco Private School Jos- 1991 -1997

PERSONAL ATTRIBUTES

- ✓ Team Player with Accurate Planning and Time Management Skills.
- ✓ Analytical, Innovative and Effective Communication Skills.
- ✓ Ability to see challenges as opportunities.
- ✓ Good Computing Skills with Excellent Knowledge of Microsoft Office.
- ✓ Excellent Report and Procedure Writing Skills.

COMPANY NAME: **DR Y.O ESOMBI & CO**

Location: Sedco, Effurun, Uvwie LGA, Delta State

Designation: Pupilage and partner in chambers

Duration: October, 2013- April, 2017

Responsibilities:

- ❖ Appearing for clients in court for cases
- ❖ Drafting legal documents
- ❖ Legal research for cases already and court and identifying legal problems for cases the office just got brief of.

COMPANY NAME: **OPUTU & OPUTU & CO**

Location: Police Post, Mofor axis, Udu LGA, Delta State

Designation: Managing Partner and Head of chambers

Duration: May, 2017- October, 2018

Responsibilities:

- ❖ Managing the affairs of the office and day to day running of the firm
- ❖ Heading meetings in absence of the Principal Partner
- ❖ Appearing for clients in court for cases
- ❖ Drafting legal documents
- ❖ Legal research for cases already and court and identifying legal problems for cases the office just got brief of.
- ❖ Approving and or disbursing funds as prescribed by the principal partner.

COMPANY NAME: AYEWA & MODEBE, PARTNERS

Location: DSC/NPA Expressway, Udu LGA, Delta State

Designation: Principal Partner

Duration: October, 2018- Till date

Responsibilities:

- ❖ Managing the affairs of the office and day to day running of the firm
- ❖ Heading meetings in company of other Partners
- ❖ Appearing for clients in court for cases
- ❖ Drafting legal documents

- ❖ Legal research for cases already and court and identifying legal problems for cases the office just got brief of.
- ❖ Approving and or disbursing funds as prescribed by the principal partner.

PROFESSIONAL BODY AND POSITIONS HELD:

- ❖ Member, Nigerian Bar Association February, 2012 - till Date
- ❖ Member, Nigerian Bar Association Udu 2014- Till Date
- ❖ Secretary, Young Lawyers Forum NBA, Udu 2016- 2018
- ❖ Chairman, Young Lawyers Forum NBA, Udu 2018- 2020
- ❖ Social Secretary, NBA, Udu 2020 – 2022
- ❖ Hon. Secretary, NBA Udu 2022- Till Present

REFEREE :

ENGR. DR CHUKWU EMEKE

PLATFORM PETROLEUM

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Declaration:

I hereby declare that, Particulars furnished above are true to the best of my knowledge and belief. If given an opportunity, I shall discharge my duties to the entire satisfaction of my superiors and shall present my original certificate as when need arises.

LAWRENCE IKPEHAI AYEWA

MANIFESTO FOR LAWRENCE IKPEHAI AYEWA

“Ready to work and make the Bar better”

We are at a threshold of a new chapter in the Nigerian Bar Association.

When and if elected as Assistant Publicity Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association 2024-2026, I pledge to work tirelessly to address the challenges we face and harness the opportunities that lie ahead through radical publicity.

What are some of the challenges faced?

1. COMPLAIN FROM ALMOST ALL BRANCHES AS TO THE SLOWNESS FACED IN PRINTING OF STAMP AND SEAL:

As an immediate past secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association, Udu Branch, I have in the last two years been directly involved in sending applications for stamp and seal to the National Secretariat for printing and the delay always faced by members cannot be overemphasised. Hence when elected the Assistant Publicity Secretary of our great Association I shall advise the executive of the need to have a toll free direct complaint number or a whatsapp number where members can complain directly and be heard instead of having to rely on their Branch Secretaries to give them information.

2. E DAIRY FOR ACTIVITIES HAPPENING IN THE NATIONAL AND BRANCHES:

An E Dairy is very essential so that activities of Branches do not clash with that of National. As an immediate past Secretary of NBA Udu, our branch had to miss out on National Executive Meeting held in Abuja in December, 2022 as it clashed with our Branch dinner.

3. THE NEW BAR IMAGE:

I must commend the Leadership of the Nigerian Bar Association both past and present for giving us a viable association till date. The Publicity department is one of the most tedious if not even the most tasking after the office of the President in the NBA.

It is the duty of the publicity Department to help better the image of the Bar by constantly telling members and the general public what the leadership of the Bar is doing at all times and achieves. I have noticed that much is achieved but a little is publicised except for the Habeeb Lawal Led Publicity team that had the able Charles Ajiboye as an assistant. I shall continue and build on this legacy left by them both.

I shall do my best to adhere to all the constitutional duties the NBA constitution has outlined.

WHAT WILL I DO AS THE ASSISTANT PUBLICITY SECRETARY?

1. I will work with the President who is ultimately responsible for the administration of the NBA.
2. I will also work closely with the Publicity Secretary who is my direct boss and dutifully do all jobs assigned to me.

3. In the absence of the Publicity Secretary I shall act effectively in his or her place.
4. I shall perform all duties as may be assigned to me by the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.
5. The publicity department of the NBA has been so vibrant over the years and I am coming in to only make it better.
6. I will work with the Publicity Secretary to keep members properly informed using recent trends and technology in the AI age.
7. A proper programme of all event hosted by the NBA whether by its Foras, Sections will be made available to members through an App which we will with the permission of the President create.

This above stated activities and many others not here mentioned will be achieved if am giving the opportunity to serve as Assistant Publicity Secretary.

LAWRENCE IKPEHAI AYEWA is my name. I was called to Bar on 14th February, 2012 and I am ready to serve.

Thanks you dear beloved members of our great Association. Long live the Nigerian Bar Association.

LAWRENCE I. AYEWA



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**VOTE
LAWRENCE I.
AYEWA**

- ✓ Proactive
- ✓ Prompt
- ✓ Information Driven
- ✓ Supportive Assistant

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**NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION**

VOTE ✓
LAWRENCE I.
AYEWA

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**NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION**

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CAMPAIGN MANIFESTO OF D. A. SULAYMAN ESQ, AS THE NBA REPRESENTATIVE AT THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR

The General Council of the Bar (also referred to as “The Bar Council”) established under the “Legal Practitioners Act” consists of the Attorney General of the Federation, which shall be the President of the Council, the Attorneys General of the State; and twenty (20) members of the Nigerian Bar Association, who shall be elected to serve on the Bar Council via election to be conducted by the Nigerian Bar Association amongst her members, who are entitled to vote across the board.

I am therefore holding myself out to vying for the position of the Representative of the Nigerian Bar Association at the General Council of the Bar at the upcoming 2024 NBA General Election. I was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1999 and I have been previously elected as the Secretary and Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association, Gwagwalada Branch and I have equally served as the NEC Representative of the NBA, Gwagwalada Branch.

If therefore elected as the Representative of the Nigerian Bar Association at the General Council of the Bar, I will be a good Ambassador of the Nigerian Bar Association with a quality representative.

- ✓ I will actively participate in the decision making in the general management of the affairs of the Nigerian Bar Association in accordance with the constitution of the NBA.
- ✓ I will diligently perform and discharge any functions that might be assigned to me by the President of the Bar Council and other functions that might be conferred on the Council by the Act or the NBA Constitution.
- ✓ I will also participate fully in the implementation of the general policy about all matters affecting the Bar.
- ✓ I will ensure that the NBA’s voice is heard, efficiently and effectively in the interest of the Bar.
- ✓ I will give feedback to the Nigerian Bar Association on any issues that might affect the interest of our members.

D. A. Sulayman Esq

CURRICULUM VITAE

BARR. DAWUD A. SULAYMAN

A. PERSONAL DATA

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B. ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED WITH DATES

a. INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED	DATES
1. Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria	in view
2. University of Ilorin, Ilorin	2012 -2014
3. Nigeria Law School, Bwari, Abuja	1998-1999
4. Bayero University, Kano	1992-1997
5. Zungeru College of Advanced Studies	1989

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| 6. College of Arts & Legal Studies, Minna | 1988-1991 |
| 7. Nurudeen Grammar School, Ogbomoso. | 1980-1985 |
| 8. Nurudeen Primary School, Ogbomoso. | 1974-1980 |

b. EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED DATES

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| 1. PhD (Public Law) | in view |
| 2. LLM (Common Law) | 2014 |
| 3. BL (Hons) | 1999 |
| 4. LLB (Hons) (combined) Sharia & Common Law | 1997 |
| 5. Diploma in Sharia & Common Law | 1991 |
| 6. General Certificate of Education (GCE) | 1991 |
| 7. Secondary School Leaving Certificate | 1989 |
| 8. Secondary School Certificate | 1985 |
| 9. Primary School Leaving Certificate | 1979 |

c. MERIT AWARDS/ POST HELD DATES

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| 1. Oyo State Justice of the Peace | 2017 |
| 2. Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Gwagwalada Branch | 2016 – 2017 |
| 3. Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Gwagwalada Branch | 2012 – 2014 |
| 4. Member, National Executive Committee, NBA | 2012 – 2014 |
| 5. NBA Representative, Industry Consumer Advisory Forum of Nigerian
Communication Commission | 2012 – 2015 |
| 6. Legal Adviser, Imam Malik Academy, Gwagwalada, Abuja | 2003 – 2010 |
| 7. Secretary, Gwagwalada Lawyers' Forum | 2003 – 2008 |
| 8. Member, Law Report Publication Committee, Nigerian Bar Association,
Abuja Branch | 2007 – 2009 |
| 9. Certificate of Merit Award, The Muslim Ummah of the Nigerian Law School,
Bwari, Abuja | 1998 – 1999 |
| 10. Financial Secretary, Nigeria Law School Muslim Ummah | 1998 – 1999 |
| 11. Executive Director, Liberty Chambers, Faculty of Law,
Bayero University, Kano | 1997 |
| 12. Merit Award Certificate, Al Maslaha Chambers, Faculty of Law,
Bayero University, Kano | 1997 |
| 13. Certificate of Honor, Law Student's Society, Bayero University, Kano | 1996 |

14. Chairman, Electoral Committee of Federation of Oyo State Students' Union,
Bayero University, Kano 1996
15. Deputy Director of Protocol, Liberty Chambers, Faculty of Law,
Bayero University, Kano 1995 – 1996
16. Public Relation Officer, Federation of Oyo State Students' Union,
Bayero University, Kano 1992 – 1993
17. Members, Chambers Creation Committee, Law Students' Society,
Bayero University, Kano 1992 – 1993

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1. Associate, Solid Foundation Chambers, Nageri House,
First floor, Adjacent Sabo Baptist Church, Ogbomoso 2005 till date
2. Head of Chambers, J.O. Olukunle & Co, Solid Foundation- Chambers,
Suite 27F, S/Dale Complex, Jabi, Abuja 2000 – 2005
3. Legal Consultant, Moses Akinsola & Co., SW 134, K/Gwari rd,
Minna, Niger State 1999 – 2000
4. Legal Attachment, Adio Akinboyede & co, Lawyers' Chambers,
No 18, Iganmode road, Otta, Ogun State 1997 - 1998
5. Teaching, Atiqa N/P Sch. Gaa Masifa, Ogbomoso 1986-1988

d. CONFERENCES AND SEMINARS ATTENDED TILL DATE

1. NBA, Annual General Conference 2000 - 20023
2. NBA, Mandatory Continuing Legal Education (MCLE) Program - 2015.
3. Pan African Lawyers Union Annual Conference, Abuja - 2015
4. NBA Workshop on Anti- Corruption, Ethics of the Legal Profession and Justice Sector,
Abuja. - July, 2016.
5. Commonwealth Leadership Summit, Abuja. - July, 2016
6. NDIC External Solicitors on the Challenges to Deposit Insurance Law and Practice in
Nigeria, Abuja. November, 2016.
7. Nigeria Delegate to Japan for Paralympic - September, 2021.
8. International Anti- Corruption Conference, USA. - December, 2022.

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**POSITIVE AND DECENT PUBLICITY: THE MANIFESTO OF BRIDGET
IJEOMA EDOKWE ESO, ASPIRANT FOR THE OFFICE OF THE
NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY OF THE NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION (NBA) 2024**

1.0 INTRODUCTION

My Name is Bridget Ijeoma Edokwe, I am a Legal Practitioner, a Notary Public and A Senior Partner at Abuja Based Law firm, **Flawless Legal Practitioners - FLP**. I am also the publisher of Nigerian Premium Law and Politics News Blog, www.barristerng.com.

I was born on 16th April 1984 at Nnewichi in Nnewi Anambra. I attended Odida Primary School Nnewichi, Maria Regina High School, Nnewi and Government Girls Secondary School Harbour Road Port Harcourt Rivers State, where I obtained my First School Leaving Certificate, Junior Secondary School Certificate Examination and Senior Secondary School Certificate Examination respectively.

I thereafter proceeded to Anambra State University Uli and graduated with Second Class (upper) Law degree in 2010. I was admitted as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of the Federal Republic of Nigeria in January 2012.

I worked with the Law Firm of Marine Partners (Now Kevin Martin Ogwemoh Legal) in Lagos State from 2012 to 2013 as an Associate. I joined the Law Firm of Ifeanyi Okoh and Co from 2013 to 2014 as a Senior Associate.

I worked with the Law Firm of FBA Nabena and Co Abuja as a Senior Associate and Director of Litigation from 2014 to 2017.

I opened my Law Firm, Flawless Legal Practitioners-FLP, a legal solution center in Abuja in 2017 and has remained a Senior Partner at the Firm till date.

I also have great passion for news and information dissemination and pursuant to that, I established the premium Law and politics News Blog, **www.barristerng.com**, with the aim of providing lawyers with access to authentic and reliable news about law and politics. I established Barristerng.com as a valuable resource center for legal professionals and law students. The blog has become a go-to source for lawyers seeking reliable information, insightful analysis, and thought-provoking articles on legal topics that impact their practice.

2.0 MEMBERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

I joined the Lagos Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association when I was called to Bar in January 17th 2012 and remained a dedicated member until my relocation to Abuja in 2014. I have remained a dedicated member of NBA Abuja Branch till date.

I have served the NBA in various capacities. I was a member of the NBA Abuja Branch Dinner committee in 2016. I served as Editorial Committee member of NBA Abuja Branch from 2020 to 2022. I am currently a member of the Publicity and Media Committee of the NBA Abuja Branch, a position I was appointed to in 2022. I have been a Publicity Consultant for NBA Abuja Branch from 2020 till date.

I have served the Nigerian Bar Association as a member of the National Executive Council (NEC) of the Association from 2020 to 2022. I also served as a member of the Annual General Conference planning Committee in 2023. I have been a Media and Publicity Consultant to the Nigeria Bar Association from 2020 till date.

I am a proud member of The International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA) Abuja Branch, NBA Women Forum, Nigerian Bar Association Section On Public Interest and Development Law (SPIDEL), Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria, CLASFON Abuja Chapter, Eastern Bar Forum(EBF) and Otu-Oka Iwu Abuja.

I have been a Media and Publicity consultant to NBA SPIDEL, NBA Section on Legal Practice(NBA-SLP) and NBA Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL) from 2017 till date.

I have also been a media and publicity consultant to NBA Presidents, NBA General Secretaries and National Leaders from 2018 till date. I have also served as the Secretary of the Welfare Committee of Otu-Oka Iwu Abuja.

I became a Notary Public in 2021.

3.0 MY MISSION TO SERVE AS NBA NATIONAL PUBLICITY SECRETARY

The duties of the Publicity Secretary as provided in the NBA Constitution are to ensure positive publicity of NBA activities, present a good, decent, positive and progressive image of the NBA, Create Easy Access to relevant Information to Members, issues releases and statements on matters of general interest to the NBA and the public, and assist the NBA President who is the official Spokesperson of the Association in ways the President or National Executive Council may direct.

As a candidate for the position of National Publicity Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), I am committed to improving the communication channels between the legal profession and the courts. My mission focuses on bringing relevant court information to lawyers in Nigeria, through the use of new and innovative technology, as well as reinvigorating existing communication channels, providing real-time question and answer support, ensuring enhanced accessibility to information about NBA activities, and improving the image of NBA through positive and decent publicity.

3.1. Creation of a Centralized Digital Channels for easy Access to Court Information

As National Publicity Secretary, I will create centralized digital Channels where Nigerian lawyers can access real-time court information, news, and analysis. This platform will be accessible to all lawyers, providing an up-to-date and reliable source of information on court proceedings, judgments, and other legal issues. If these Channels are already created, I will ensure that it is functional and active.

Through this digital Channels, Nigerian lawyers will be equipped with the most current legal information available, enabling them to provide informed legal counsel to their clients. This platform will provide a channel for communication, allowing legal professionals to remain updated on court proceedings and legal developments across the country.

3.2. Leveraging Social Media for Information Dissemination

I am committed to leveraging social media for information dissemination, as it has become a powerful tool for communication in today's digital age. I will establish a

team dedicated to the dissemination of relevant court information through social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, LinkedIn, and Instagram.

Lawyers will be able to stay updated on court proceedings, Legislative developments, and various legal issues in a more dynamic and interactive manner.

3.3. Real-Time Question and Answer Support

Lawyers often have questions on action and position of NBA on issues of National importance. As National Publicity Secretary, I will establish a dedicated platform where lawyers can submit their queries and receive real-time responses. This platform will be staffed by knowledgeable staff who can provide timely and accurate information to address and resolve lawyers' concerns.

3.4. Enhanced Information Accessibility

Transparency and accessibility are crucial for building a strong, united legal profession. Through innovative technology and effective communication, I will ensure that information about NBA activities, events, and initiatives is readily accessible to all lawyers. This will be achieved through the creation of a centralized digital platform, regular newsletters, and increased engagement on social media platforms.

By making relevant information easily accessible, we will enable lawyers to stay informed about NBA's efforts, programs, and developments. This approach will further strengthen the bond between NBA and its members, promoting a sense of inclusivity and fostering active participation in the association's activities.

3.5. Liaising with NBA Branches with on Information Dissemination

As National Publicity Secretary, I will work closely with Publicity Secretaries of NBA Branches across Nigeria to provide real-time court information to Lawyers. This approach will ensure that lawyers across Nigeria have access to relevant court information, regardless of their location.

3.6. Positive and Decent Publicity

The image and reputation of the NBA are of utmost importance. As National Publicity Secretary, I aim to improve the image of the NBA through positive and decent publicity. I will work diligently to engage with media outlets to ensure accurate reporting on legal issues and NBA initiatives, actively countering negative narratives and misinformation about the profession.

Through strategic partnerships and collaboration with media organizations, we will actively promote the positive contributions of NBA to society. By highlighting the professionalism, expertise, and dedication of lawyers, we will underscore the crucial role they play in upholding justice and serving the public interest.

4.0 CONCLUSION

In Summary, my mission as NBA National Publicity Secretary seeks to make relevant court information accessible to lawyers across Nigeria, through the use of new and innovative technology, Creating/reinvigorating existing communication channels on providing real-time question and answer support, enhancing information accessibility, and improving the image of NBA through positive and decent publicity. By embracing innovative technology, fostering transparency, and engaging with the media, we will create a stronger, more united Nigerian Bar Association that is respected and admired both within and outside the the Country. Together, we will promote excellence, integrity, and justice, elevating the role of Lawyers and the Nigerian Bar Association.

Dated this 2nd of April 2024

Signed

Bridget Ijeoma Edokwe Esq

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1:0 PERSONAL DETAIL

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States of Origin: Anambra State (Birth), Imo State(Marriage)

Sex: Female.

2.0: ACADEMIC QUALIFICATIONS

- ★ **LLM**
In view: University of Abuja, Nigeria
- ★ **B.L**
From: Nigerian Law School Lagos Campus (2011)
- ★ **LL.B**
From: Anambra State University Uli, Nigeria (2010)
- ★ **SENIOR SCHOOL CERTIFICATE EXAMINATION**
From: Government Secondary School Port Harcourt (2002)

3.0: PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

3.1: FLAWLESS LEGAL PRACTITIONERS ABUJA

Principal Counsel, 2017 – Present

Responsibilities

- ★ Day to day management of the law practice.
- ★ Advise clients on diverse areas of law.
- ★ Prepare court processes in defence of and for the enforcement of claims.
- ★ Appear in high courts and appellate courts.

3.2: LAW FIRM OF FRANK NABENA AND CO (ABUJA OFFICE)

Senior Associate and Director of Litigation, 2014 – 2017

Responsibilities

- ★ Advise clients on diverse areas of law.
- ★ Prepare court processes in defence of and for the enforcement of claims.
- ★ Appear in Magistrate Courts, High courts and appellate courts.
- ★ Conducted legal research, prepared legal documents, and provided legal advice to clients.
- ★ Negotiated settlements and represented clients in court proceedings.
- ★ Mentored junior lawyers and provided guidance on complex legal matters.

3.3: LAW FIRM OF IFEANYI OKOH AND CO LAGOS

Associate Counsel, 2013 – 2014

Responsibilities

- ★ Advise clients on diverse areas of law.
- ★ Prepare court processes in defence of and for the enforcement of claims.
- ★ Appear in Magistrate Courts, High courts and appellate courts.
- ★ Conducted legal research, prepared legal documents, and provided legal advice to clients.
- ★ Negotiated settlements and represented clients in court proceedings.

3.4: LAW FIRM OF MARINE PARTNERS (NOW KEVIN MARTIN OGWEMOH LEGAL) LAGOS

Associate Counsel, 2012 – 2013

Responsibilities

- ★ Advise clients on diverse areas of law.
- ★ Prepare court processes in defence of and for the enforcement of claims.
- ★ Appear in Magistrate Courts, High courts and appellate courts.
- ★ Conducted legal research, prepared legal documents, and provided legal advice to clients.
- ★ Negotiated settlements and represented clients in court proceedings.

3.5: BARRISTERNG MEDIA SERVICES LIMITED **Director- (2017 – Present)**

Responsibilities

- ★ Publisher and Editor-in-Chief of BarristerNG Law and Politics News Blog, a Nigerian Premium Law and Politics news blog with a monthly readership of over 500,000 professionals drawn across the globe.
- ★ Oversee content creation, editorial strategy, and publication schedule.
- ★ Collaborate with legal experts, journalists, and contributors to produce high-quality articles on legal trends, case analyses, and legislative updates.
- ★ Drive engagement through social media channels and email newsletters.
- ★ Publicity Consultant to numerous professional bodies Including Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), The International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Eastern Bar Forum (EBF), Otu Oka-Iwu Abuja, National Industrial Court, NBA Section on Business Law, (NBA-SBL), NBA Section of Legal Practice, (NBA-SLP), NBA Section on Public Interest and Development Law, (NBA-SPIDEL), The Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC), African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA), NBA Women Forum(NBAWF) etc.

4:0 PROFESSIONAL BODIES MEMBERSHIP

- ★ Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- ★ The International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
- ★ Eastern Bar Forum (EBF)
- ★ Otu Oka-Iwu Abuja
- ★ NBA Section on Public Interest and Development Law, (NBA-SPIDEL)
- ★ NBA Women Forum(NBAWF)
- ★ Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON)
- ★ African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA)

5:0 PERSONAL SKILLS

- ★ Excellent advocacy skill.
- ★ Excellent writing skill.
- ★ Excellent communication skill.
- ★ Excellent social relationship skill.
- ★ Excellent leadership skill.
- ★ Excellent research skill.
- ★ Excellent management skill.
- ★ Excellent arbitration and negotiation skill.

6:0 EXTRAL CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

- ★ Reading good books, articles and Watching Movies



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MANIFESTO

Who I Am

- A graduate from Ebonyi State University, LL.B with Honours, 2010.
- Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus, BL., called to Bar, 14th February, 2012
- Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies, 2019
- River State University, Port Harcourt, LL.M in view
- Member, NBA Sagbama Branch
- Member, NBA Section on Legal Practice
- Member, NBA Section on Public Interest and Development law
- Facilitator, NBA Women's Forum, Sagbama Branch
- Facilitator, NBA Continuous Legal Education Mentorship program

I have served the Bar in various capacities, to wit:

- Member, Yenagoa Law Week planning committee 2014
- Welfare Secretary, NBA Sagbama Branch 2015– 2017
- Chairman, NBA Sagbama Welfare Committee 2017
- Member, NBA Sagbama Branch Conference Planning/Bayelsa Night Committee, 2017
- Member, Eastern Bar Forum 2018
- Member, NBA Sagbama Branch Conference Planning Committee 2019
- Member, NBA Sagbama Branch Law Week Planning Committee 2019
- Chairman, NBA Sagbama Branch Welfare Committee 2019 – 2020
- Chairman, NBA Sagbama Branch Covid-19 Palliative Committee 2019
- Secretary, NBA Sagbama Branch, 2020 – 2022
- Member/Coordinator, NBA Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP), 2021
- Secretary, Local organizing Committee, Eastern Bar Forum Quarterly Meeting, April 2021
- Secretary, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF) Welfare Committee, 2022 – 2023
- Secretary, NBA Election Committee to Bori Branch, 2022
- Member, NBA Section on Legal Practice 2022
- Member, NBA Section on Public Interest and Development Law 2023 to date
- Domestic Observer, NBA Sagbama 2015 INEC General Election
- Facilitator, NBA Women's Forum, 2022 to date
- Facilitator, NBA Continuous Legal Education Mentorship program, 2023 to date
- Alternate Chairman, NBA Sagbama End of Year Party, 2023
- Secretary, NBA Sagbama Law Week Planning Committee, 2024

What I want to Achieve

The Assistant National Publicity secretary of the NBA is essentially an 'enabler', of the work program of the elected President, with respect to maintaining the vibrancy of the NBA Brand. Section 9(5) (j)(i)(ii) of the 2021 NBA Constitution (As Amended) reserves the following duties for the Assistant National Publicity Secretary:

- He/She shall assist the Publicity Secretary in the performance of his/her duties, and in the absence of the Publicity Secretary, act in his/her place.
- He/She shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.

The substantive position of the Publicity Secretary, under Section 9(5) (i)(i)-(iv) of the constitution is charged with ensuring adequate and prompt publicity of the association, presenting a good/progressive image of the association to the public; issuing releases and statements to the public on matters of general interest to the association, in consultation with the President of the Association or NEC; and other duties that may be assigned by the President or NEC.

The Strategic Reform Objective of my candidacy therefore is subsumed in two levels of engagement, to wit: REBRANDING and COMMUNICATION.

REBRANDING

The rebranding strategies shall focus on retooling the brand persona of the NBA, across her online presence, marketing and membership (customer) services.

Working closely with the Publicity Secretary, President of the NBA, Secretariat and other stakeholders, implement the following actions;

- Continuing the user experience reforms now being implemented across all online channels of the Association; viz.:-
- Improving member engagements in the NBA website, ensuring ease of access to information and feedback for members.
- Expanding the utility of the Lawyers Portal under the NBA website. Deploy lawyers' feedback chatbox feature under the Portal.
- Improve engagements of the Association with the public, on alternative Social Media Channels; Twitter and Instagram.
- Maintaining existing direct engagement platforms of the NBA Publicity Team. E.g. The Bar Center Social Media Groups.
- Periodic Media Engagement Events with the Press. Deploy virtual conferencing tools with Members.

COMMUNICATION

The bedrock of the role of the publicity secretariat, is keeping members informed of the activities and events of the association. This will keep the association more in touch with the members. The association can do better with effective communications that are timely, responsive and helpful.

Working closely with the Publicity Secretary, President of the NBA, Secretariat and other stakeholders, implement the following actions;

- Internal Communications

- Build, maintain and continue, new and existing e-mail lists for instant delivery of information for the benefit of the members of the association.
- Deploy new and existing help lines for direct communication with secretariat staff. Procure a Dedicated Toll Free Helpline for the use of the members through the year (Not just during election and conference periods)
- Keep members informed of all the opportunities available to them, from professional capacity development workshops, to necessary administrative support channels.
- Maintain prompt and effective communication with members about activities of the Association, her sections and fora.
- Maintain prompt and effective communication with members about activities of the Branches of the Association.

- External Communications

- Liaise and increase relations with other professional associations for the sake of improving relationships.
- In consultation with the office of the President of the NBA and Secretariat, continually issue timely press

releases on topics of general interest to the NBA.

Increase Integration of Communications within NBA

NBA today has evolved to the leading professional association in Nigeria. With many sections, fora, and specialized practice groups, her potentials as an influencer of are limitless. These different groups within NBA present at different times, events that maintain the potential to be great successes if given more support. Increasing communication and support between different groups will ensure greater participation and ultimately benefit members of the Association.

Why Vote for Me?

My aspiration for office is propelled by a firm conviction that we all bear the responsibility of building the NBA into an enviable association. My motto is to Serve, service to humanity at large whilst passionately serving the NBA. This I believe can be achieved when we stand on the shoulders of elders and foundations laid by past administrations. I believe that after service in office, the NBA would have become better by her processes of internal and external communication, and standards of public perception. We will do this by consistently demonstrating professionalism, speed and courtesy in the discharge of these duties in office. We will remain sensitive and alert to diverse national issues on which the Society expects lawyers to lead the charge in addressing same. All this can be achieved speedily and efficiently with the use of technology; embracing our present day reality.

I have had experiences in both law practice and relationships with lawyers across the country. Having served at different capacity, I come fully equipped with personal organizational experience, exposure to operations within the NBA, and an understanding of public relations in a professional context. I have led teams and have I served with effective team players, and have as well accomplished innovative milestones and assignments.

Ebiere Emmanuella Ekpese,
Sagbama Branch.
April 2, 2024

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Nationality:	Nigerian
Profession/Occupation:	Legal Practitioner
Date of Birth:	31 st March, 1980
Sex:	Female
Marital Status:	Single

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- Nigerian Institute of Advance Legal Studies, Abuja. - 2019
Certificate on Leadership, Negotiation and Management Skills.
- River State University, Port Harcourt - 2017 LL.M (In view)
- Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus - 2011, BL
- Ebonyi State University, Abakaliki - 2010, LL.B
- Creative Demonstrative College, Warri - Delta State - 2003, NECO
- Ekere Secondary School, Amabulou, Bayelsa State - 2002, WAEC
- Torufa Primary School, Warri, Delta State - 1989, FPSLC

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2011

Legal Practitioner

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Yenagoa- Bayelsa State.

2012 – 2013

Legal Assistant/Prosecutor:

Office of the Special Prosecutor on Violent

Crimes & other Related Offences, Bayelsa State.

2013 - 2019

Special Adviser on General Duties and Administration
to the Honourable Attorney General & Commissioner
for Justice, Bayelsa State.

2019 – 2020

Senior State Counsel:

Department of Civil Litigation

Ministry of Justice, Bayelsa State.

2019 to date

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA)

- Member, Law Week Committee, Yenagoa Branch 2014
- Welfare Secretary, NBA Sagbama Branch 2015 - 2017
- Chairman, NBA Sagbama Welfare Committee 2017
- Member, NBA Sagbama Annual General Conference Committee 2017
- Member, NBA Sagbama Bayelsa Night Committee. 2017
- Member, Eastern Bar Forum. 2018 to date
- Welfare Secretary, NBA Sagbama Branch 2019 - 2020
- Member, NBA Sagbama Annual General Conference Committee. 2019
- Member, NBA Sagbama Law Week Committee. 2019
- Chairman, NBA Sagbama Welfare Committee. 2019 - 2020
- Chairman, NBA Sagbama COVID-19 Palliative Committee. 2020
- Secretary, NBA Sagbama Branch 2020 to 2022
- Chairman, Thanksgiving Committee 2020
- Member, NBA National Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP) 2021
- Secretary, Local Organising Committee, Eastern Bar Forum. April 2021
- Secretary, Welfare Committee, Eastern Bar Forum. 2022 to 2023
- Member, NBA Section on Legal Practice 2022 to date
- Member, NBA Section of Public Interest & Development Law 2023 to date
- Facilitator, NBA Women's Forum, Sagbama Branch 2022 to date
- Facilitator, NBA CLE Mentorship program 2023 to date
- Alternate Chairman, NBA Sagbama End of Year Party 2023
- Secretary, NBA Sagbama Law Week Committee 2024

INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF FEMALE LAWYERS (FIDA)

- Chairman, International Women's Day, FIDA, Bayelsa State. 2017
- Assistant Secretary, FIDA - Bayelsa State 2018 to 2021
- Member, Welfare Committee. 2018 to 2021
- Member, Litigation/Alternative Dispute Resolution Committee. 2019 to 2021

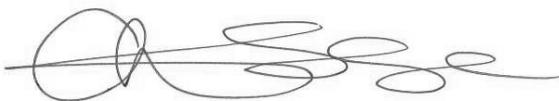
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***TO BUILD A COURAGEOUS AND RESILIENT BAR WHERE
NO LAWYER IS LEFT BEHIND***

My Leadership Programme of Action for the Nigerian Bar Association

‘Each generation must out of relative obscurity, discover its mission, fulfil it or betray it’ – Frantz Fanon.

Introduction

Distinguished Learned Colleagues,

My name is ***Tobenna Erojikwe***. I was called to the Nigerian Bar in October 2000. I practised law in Nigeria before travelling to England where I practised as a Solicitor of the Superior Courts of England and Wales for a period of 10 years before my return to Nigeria to continue my practice here.

My experiences practising in two jurisdictions and the exposure that I have had in the many roles that I have played in the legal profession; particularly at the Branch and National levels of the Nigerian Bar Association have led me to the conclusion that the legal profession in Nigeria is nowhere near where it should be in terms of structure, standards, reputation, influence, and member-career satisfaction.

With the above factors considered, I am of the firm view that the Nigerian Bar Association at this time requires decisive leadership in order to move the profession in a direction of travel that makes it fit for purpose in an increasingly competitive and globalised world.

With the above in mind and after serious consideration of all the issues I, ***Tobenna Erojikwe***, hereby present myself as a candidate for the office of President of the Nigerian Bar Association (“NBA” or “Association”). It is my very firm view that the only institution in Nigeria with the wherewithal to ensure that there is the level of equality, equity and fairness required to make meaningful progress as a country and to catapult Nigeria from an underdeveloped/developing to a developed country is the NBA.

I am fully convinced that if we get the NBA to perform as optimally as we can, then, we have a real chance of resolving many of the contradictions that our country has become. A disciplined and principled NBA would inevitably lead to a functional and respected Judiciary as that arm of Government is exclusively run by members of the legal profession. This is reinforced by the fact that never before in our country’s history has the Judiciary and indeed the entire legal profession come under the level of attack to its credibility as it has come in recent times.

On a very important note, my involvement in the NBA has shown me that the issue with the NBA is not about the lack of knowledge of the problems or the inability to identify the solutions but rather, the lack of will to decisively implement the provisions of various statutory instruments that regulate this profession as well as the seeming inability or reluctance to implement its own decisions.

My administration of the NBA will primarily seek to implement previous resolutions that have been passed on various issues in the NBA including resolutions on Access to Finance, Legal Practitioners' Remuneration, Justice Sector reforms, Legal Education reforms, the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners ("RPC") 2023, amongst others.

In accordance with the eligibility requirements of the NBA Constitution 2015 (as amended) ("NBA Constitution"), I am a full member of the NBA; I am in private legal practice; I fulfil the post enrolment requirement, having been a member of the Bar since October 2000; I have been a member of the National Executive Council of the NBA since May 2019; I have been privileged to serve as the Chairman of the Governing Board of the NBA Institute of Continuing Legal Education ("NBA-ICLE") for the past three (3) years; and I hail from Anambra State, in the eastern geographical zone to which the NBA Constitution has zoned the office of the President from August 2024 to August 2026. I am therefore eligible to contest and serve the NBA in this capacity.

My life and career as a lawyer have been focused on contributing to capacity building and what I call the “democratisation of knowledge”; to the defence of human rights; the promotion of the rule of law and the creation of a profession where standards count and where principles matter.

Vision

My vision for the NBA is **“To Build a Courageous and Resilient Bar where No Lawyer is Left Behind.”**

My Direction of Travel for the NBA

The mission of my leadership of the Nigerian Bar is to transform the NBA into a modern association that employs international best practices to achieve its objectives with a view to making its members competitive in an increasingly globalised world. To achieve this, my administration of the NBA will be based on three fundamental pillars namely:

1. Restoring the dignity of the Nigerian Bar by promoting the rule of law at all times regardless of whose ox is gored;
2. Advancing Structural Reforms, Administration and Governance and tech initiatives towards a Digital NBA; and
3. Promoting Empowerment, Inclusion and Equity.

The above heads broadly cover all that I aim to do in the course of the 2 years of my administration. I intend to aggressively pursue the implementation of the ideas, principles, standards, and structures under the above headings in fulfilment of the aims and objective of the Association as stipulated in Section 3 of the NBA Constitution

It is my strong conviction that a quick and full operationalisation of all the organs of the NBA including sections, fora, institutes and committees manned by the right personnel for the implementation of past and new resolutions as well as the propagation and promotion of new ideas will completely transform the NBA very easily within a period of 9 months. This manifesto contains the promises I believe are most crucial for my administration to focus on, in transforming the profession into the noblest and most effective group of professionals in the country, impacting all members and ultimately impacting the Nigerian society.

Restoring the dignity of the Nigerian Bar by promoting the rule of law at all times regardless of whose ox is gored

In our quest to restore the dignity of the Bar, it is imperative that the leader of the Bar in a society such as ours must lead from the front. It is my assurance to every lawyer in Nigeria and indeed every Nigerian citizen that the Bar will act in accordance with the basic tenets of its existence, and nobody will ever be in doubt about the position of the Bar in all matters concerning the rule of law. I also pledge that the

positions taken in my administration would be based on the truth and on the noble principles that have guided, or at least ought to have guided, the Bar all these years. This is consistent with my firm belief that leaders of the Bar at this time ought to have a strong voice and a voice for the truth.

It is within this context that I hold the view that, largely speaking, our activities no longer reflect the basic tenets of our Association as provided in our constitution. We must, I think, therefore take a step back and reflect on whether or not we are still cognisant of our motto and whether we are working in the spirit and light of the objects of our Constitution. Are we still the watchdog that we ought to be? Do we still fight against impunity wherever we find it? Are we still the promoters of the Rule of Law? Have we, by our actions and/or inactions not contributed to the erosion of the Rule of Law and the infringement of the rights of the downtrodden? These and more are questions that go to the root of our existence as an Association.

Whether we answer in the affirmative or otherwise, the way that we are perceived by society and clients is reflective of the value placed on us. Getting our true consciousness back will undoubtedly affect our prestige, our self-worth and our self-esteem. It therefore follows that the restoration of our dignity will enhance the respect that we command, and the regard placed on us by our clients. Ultimately, these factors justify and contribute to our entitlement to respectable fees. It is

therefore an existential issue, and in our enlightened self-interest to restore the dignity of the legal profession in Nigeria.

Rule of Law, Administration of Justice, and Independence of the Judiciary

The rule of law is the bedrock upon which our democratic society is built, and as lawyers, it is our solemn duty to uphold, strengthen, and defend it at all times, without fear or favour. You can rest assured that I will be an unwavering advocate for comprehensive judicial reforms that enhance the efficiency, transparency, and accountability of our judicial system, restoring public confidence in the administration of justice.

This will involve aggressive advocacy in addressing long-standing issues such as case backlogs, corruption, and undue delays, which have eroded the public's trust in our legal institutions. We will work tirelessly to streamline processes, leverage technology, and implement best practices to ensure that justice is dispensed in a timely, fair, and impartial manner, without undue impediments or obstructions.

Access to justice and legal aid must be recognized as a fundamental right for all citizens, regardless of their socioeconomic status, ethnicity, religion, or personal circumstances. To this end, we will work in concert with relevant organisations, authorities, and stakeholders to expand and strengthen legal aid services and *pro bono* initiatives across the nation. This will involve leveraging technology, streamlining processes, and fostering strategic partnerships to ensure that no individual is denied

access to justice due to financial constraints, a lack of resources, or any other barrier.

I also pledge, to the greatest extent possible, to fiercely protect and preserve the independence of the judiciary, shielding it from undue interference, influence, or intimidation from any quarter; be it political, corporate, or otherwise. The separation of powers and respect for the judiciary are essential pillars of our democratic system, and we will be uncompromising in our defence of these principles. This will involve promoting awareness and education on the crucial role of an independent judiciary in upholding the rule of law, protecting individual rights, and ensuring a fair and impartial administration of justice, free from external pressures or biases.

In our pursuit of judicial reforms and enhancing the administration of justice, we will actively engage with stakeholders across the legal spectrum, including judges, prosecutors, defence attorneys, and legal scholars, to identify areas for improvement and collaboratively develop actionable strategies. This inclusive approach will ensure that our reform efforts are guided by diverse perspectives and address the unique challenges faced by different sectors of the legal community.

Moreover, we will advocate for increased investment in judicial infrastructure, technology, and resources to support the efficient and effective delivery of justice. This may include upgrading courtroom facilities, implementing electronic case management systems, and

providing ongoing training and professional development opportunities for judges, court staff, and legal practitioners.

To further bolster public trust and confidence in our legal system, we will establish robust mechanisms for transparency and accountability, fostering an environment of openness and public scrutiny. This would involve publishing regular performance reports, facilitating public forums for feedback and dialogue, and implementing whistleblower protections to encourage the reporting of misconduct or unethical practices within the legal profession and judicial system.

Justice Sector Reform

Building upon the valuable insights and recommendations from the Justice Sector Summit organized by the NBA and the Justice Research Institute (JRI) in collaboration with National Judicial Council (NJC), the United Nations Office on Drug and Crime (UNODC) and the Justice Reform Project (JRP) which held on the 25th January 2022 (the “Summit”), I pledge to champion the implementation of the comprehensive reforms to enhance the performance, accountability, and independence of our nation's justice sector.

Judicial Appointments and Selection

One of the most unfortunate developments in recent times in Nigeria is the level of criticism that has been heaped on the judiciary even from

within, which clearly shows that the judiciary management must be a huge source of worry for every Nigerian citizen. So, ensuring the integrity and competence of our judicial officers is paramount to upholding the rule of law and promoting public confidence in our legal system. The lack of transparency and the unfortunate allegations of nepotism that have trailed judicial appointments in recent years are not characteristics that should be associated with the judicial sector in Nigeria. To this end, I will advocate for the implementation of the Summit's recommendations on judicial appointments and selection, as outlined in the draft Working Paper commissioned by the (UNODC) and KAS, as well as the proposals put forth by the NBA and Access to Justice.

Specifically, we will work towards establishing a transparent, merit-based process for the appointment of judges, free from political interference or undue influence. This will involve reviewing and revising the guidelines and criteria used by the NJC, ensuring that they prioritise integrity, character, legal expertise, and a demonstrated commitment to upholding the principles of justice and fairness.

Furthermore, we will advocate for the adoption of the NBA's proposed amendments to the judicature provisions in the 1999 Constitution, which aim to strengthen the independence and accountability of the judicial appointment process.

Judicial Administration, Budgeting, and Funding

Efficient and effective judicial administration is crucial for the timely delivery of justice and the proper functioning of our legal system. To address the challenges in this area, we will support the implementation of reforms that promote transparency, accountability, and adequate funding for our judicial institutions.

Recent news reports indicating a review of judicial officers' salaries is a positive step towards attracting and retaining top legal talent in the judiciary. We will closely monitor this development and advocate for competitive remuneration packages that not only reflect the crucial role played by our judges and magistrates but also insulate them from financial pressures that could compromise their independence and impartiality.

I will work closely with relevant stakeholders to develop and implement robust budgeting and resource allocation mechanisms that prioritise the needs of the judiciary, ensuring that our courts and legal institutions have access to the necessary infrastructure, technology, and human resources to carry out their duties effectively.

Additionally, we will advocate for the establishment of strong accountability measures and independent oversight mechanisms to ensure that judicial funds are properly managed and utilized for their intended purposes, free from corruption or misappropriation.

Overall, I advocate in collaboration with other stakeholders the recommendation of the Summit on budgeting, Funding and accountability in the judiciary.

Accelerating the Speed of Justice Delivery

Delays in the justice delivery process not only undermine public trust but also have far-reaching consequences for individuals, businesses, and the overall economic and social fabric of our nation. To address this critical issue, we will draw upon the recommendations of the Summit and the JRI 2020 Webinar Rapporteur Report to devise practical solutions.

This will involve implementing measures to streamline court procedures, leveraging technology to enhance efficiency, and exploring alternative dispute-resolution mechanisms to alleviate the burden on our courts. We will also advocate for increased resources and capacity-building initiatives to support our judicial officers and court staff, enabling them to manage caseloads more effectively and deliver timely judgements.

Court Monitoring Scheme

The NBA had invested a substantial amount of money in developing a court monitoring scheme for the performance monitoring and evaluation systems to track and measure the speed and quality of justice

delivery, holding all stakeholders accountable for their respective roles and responsibilities. My administration will invest heavily in this scheme with a view to having empirical data on the solution.

Collaboration and Stakeholder Engagement

Achieving lasting and meaningful reforms in the justice sector requires a collaborative and inclusive approach involving all relevant stakeholders. As such, I pledge to foster open dialogue and active engagement with representatives from the judiciary, legal profession, civil society organisations, and the general public.

We will establish platforms for regular consultations, feedback sessions, and public forums, ensuring that the voices and perspectives of all stakeholders are heard and considered in the reform process. This inclusive approach will not only promote transparency and accountability but also enhance the legitimacy and public acceptance of the reforms we implement.

Advancing Structural Reforms, Administration and Governance and Tech-initiatives towards a Digital NBA.

Reform of the NBA Administrative Structure – Secretariat Reform

It is crucial to mention that many past administrators have spent a considerable amount of time and resources reviewing the NBA's

administrative structure. Interestingly, the conclusion has been the same – the manner the NBA secretariat is currently structured is not fit for purpose and should be restructured to ensure continuity of programmes, implementation of policies and effective service delivery to the members of the association and the public.

As presently structured, there is too much concentration of powers on the leadership of various arms of the NBA including the office of the president which is the position that I seek to occupy. This is why I am interested in a new governance framework for the Association and a supporter of the harmonised version of the draft Legal Practitioners Bill. In order to be as competitive as we should be, we must separate our representative functions from our regulatory functions. We must invest in processes that regulate our existence and pay attention to the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Act and Rules of Professional Conduct and adhere to them.

To this end, I will immediately harmonise the various reports that have dealt with the issues of the secretariat including the *Prof. Chidi Odinkalu Committee Report of 2013*, *Legal Profession Regulation Review Committee Report of 2017*, *Dr Joe Abah Committee Report*, *PWC Report* and the *KPMG Diagnostic Report*.

Due to the fundamental nature of the proposed changes, a lot of will and courage is required to achieve these objectives. It is my guarantee that I will immediately begin the implementation of the reforms

proposed in order to make our secretariat fit for purpose and able to attract the level of collaboration that similar associations across the globe are able to attract. My administration will invest in the training and retraining of secretariat staff so that they would be properly equipped to drive the agenda of the NBA in seeking to create a secretariat that would help the Association and its members actualise the set objectives.

My administration will insist that integrity and accountability standards for officers of the Bar are kept and served. My administration intends to leverage transparency and accountability in its implementation of the solutions and reports already identified and proffered to solve the Association's challenges, such that subsequent administrations can access all decision materials and the rationale for same, in order for them to clearly see the path we have created and where we were headed.

Institutional and Regulatory Reforms

As mentioned, we will treat as a priority the passing of a harmonised version of the draft LPA by aggressively engaging with the National Assembly to make sure the Bill is passed as law. I consider it unfortunate that the process of amending or completely replacing the LPA, 1975 has been going on since 2016 or even before. I therefore commit to ensuring that all stakeholders work together towards achieving this goal.

In my view, there is no way we can achieve an association that truly caters for its members and provides the requisite safeguards without a

legislative framework that clearly deals with the training of would-be lawyers and the re-training of those within the profession. As professionals, members of the Association must provide guarantees as to their integrity and independence such that prospective clients and clients that seek our services are confident of the value of the services provided and adequate recompense in the case of professional negligence or any similar ethical malpractices.

My administration will deal with the proposed bill with the urgency that it demands and will immediately start putting in place structures and awareness campaigns that ensures the adherence of members of the Association.

Additionally, whilst it's the case that the RPC still requires some amendments, our priority will be to fully implement the provisions of the RPC as written. It is unfortunate that the NBA itself has made no plans to implement these aspects of the RPC that are written in its purview to execute including the issue of practice licences which ought to be a prerequisite to practice. This is a fundamental precept of our own rules and the NBA itself must take rules proposed by it and indeed rules that have statutory flavour more seriously than any other organisation.

Also, the rules that require the NBA Branches to keep a record of all the law firms in each branch would have to be immediately institutionalised to aid regulation and monitoring.

NBA Finances

In my time in the NBA, one of the things that I find most worrisome is the way and manner in which all arms of the NBA embark on funding drives from governments and agencies that it should, by its Constitution, hold accountable. I have, to my greatest embarrassment heard many government officials complain about the NBA being a “beggar organisation”.

The way and manner in which we embark on fundraising in the Association is unsustainable and greatly acts to erode the reputation and integrity of the profession as well as diminishing its integrity. The Association must learn to cut its coat according to its cloth. We will be focused and realistic with regard to the management of funds of the Association and will only spend on things that add value to the career of members. There is evidence that the Association can have considerable net positive balances, and this is what we must strive to do in order to maintain our dignity as an Association.

My administration will also review the assets of the association and seek to sweat them in the most efficient manner that optimises revenue generation and gives value to individual members of the Association.

We will restructure our Sections, Fora and Institutes such that they are able to access donor funding from credible international multilateral agencies for the execution of mutually beneficial projects. We will also

properly structure the NBA-ICLE to enable it to raise funds by providing services to third parties for a fee. We have already tried this model and we are confident in its potential for success.

NBA Branches

My experience working in England, especially as a solicitor in the public sector, imbued me with the ideology that development is most sustainable and effective when it is local.

My administration of the NBA will focus on further empowering the 128 branches of the NBA to achieve their full prospects without having always to look to the national level or other third parties for support. The reformed NBA secretariat under my leadership will have, as one of its core functions, to build organic growth through support, training and development, knowledge transfer and inter-association technology sharing where applicable, hosting of National events at the various states without bias, ensuring balance representations from branches on key matters affecting the Association and operating an open-door policy with all members through their branches amongst others. My administration will explore innovative ways to boost the synergy between the national secretariat and the leadership and membership of the respective branches.

Tech Initiatives Towards a Digital NBA

A core mandate of my administration would be to focus on transforming the NBA into a digital-first organization that leverages technology to empower its members, streamline operations, and champion the digital transformation of the Nigerian legal system. More specifically, my administration shall leverage on the following:

- 1. Digital Identity & Database Management:** Augment the NBA Member Database and Identity Management System: Building on the initial steps taken, we will complete the implementation of a robust identity infrastructure. This initiative will include digital ID cards for all members, promoting a more environmentally friendly and efficient alternative to physical IDs. This system will facilitate seamless authentication of members across digital platforms, ensuring secure and efficient access to NBA services.
- 2. Digital Infrastructure:** For digital infrastructure, my administration aims to improve the NBA App by improving same to provide members with easy access to NBA resources, case management tools, and a platform for networking and mentorship. The platform will in addition be configured to host the NBA Virtual Conference with capabilities for near in-person experiences. This would include an integrated payment system

that allows members to pay dues as well as obtain electronically generated stamps and seals.

3. Digital Platforms & Services: The creation of an E-Learning and Continuing Legal Education platform will afford members of the Association exclusive access to invaluable learning materials and resources at the tip of their fingers. The E-learning platforms would include developing (and or integrating any existing platforms) and curating a range of online courses and resources in partnership with leading legal education providers. This platform will also offer members the opportunity to enhance their skills and knowledge in various legal and business domains, with a focus on emerging practice areas such as Fintech, Cybersecurity, and Data Governance. The creation of a Virtual Legal Assistance Platform to provide virtual services to lawyers is also key. The Virtual Legal Assistance platform would serve to connect members of the profession with potential clients and offer legal advisory services online. This initiative aims to expand the reach of legal services to underserved communities, promoting access to justice.

4. Digital Ecosystems: In the long run of my administration, we think it relevant to establish an NBA tech hub to encourage and support legal tech startups, offering resources, mentorship, and networking opportunities with investors. This hub will serve as

a breeding ground for innovative legal solutions, positioning the NBA as a leader in legal tech innovation in Africa.

5. **Advocacy for Digital-Friendly Legal Policies:** Lead advocacy efforts to reform legal frameworks, making them more conducive to digital innovation. This includes pushing for laws that facilitate e-governance, digital courts, and the recognition of digital assets in legal proceedings.
6. **Strategic Partnerships:** Collaboration and partnership with Tech Firms and Academic Institutions to access cutting-edge technology and research. These collaborations will support our digital infrastructure projects and provide members with access to the latest legal tech developments.

Promoting Empowerment, Welfare, Indusion and Equity

Recent NBA Administrations correctly focused on enhancing the welfare of members of the Association. It is now time, in my view, to take it to the next phase by creating platforms of upliftment, investing in members and increasing social mobility. These are fundamental ideological principles that should be in place in order to catalyse growth and make the best of the God-given talents of every member of the Bar.

My administration will ensure that beyond the customary welfare talks, members of the Association are truly empowered to make a good living

off the profession and to compete favourably with their colleagues around the world.

It is also important to note that the security and safety of members of our Association must be at the core of any successful administration. This is because our collective prosperity can only be achieved when our weakest links are strongly supported and given the assistance, they need to solve their problems. It is with this mindset that I commit to ensuring adequate remuneration, access to funding, health care and better working and living conditions for members of the NBA.

Lawyers' Earning Capacity & Remuneration

Commendably, the NBA moved from a point where the remuneration of members was not a topic of discussion at any formal gathering to a point where a comprehensive remuneration report was produced indicating the anomalies in the earning capacity of lawyers.

We are presently at a point where we have the new Remuneration Order 2023 (the “Remuneration Order”) and a White Paper on the Minimum Wage (the “White Paper”). I am delighted to have been involved in the conversation and indeed instrumental, alongside the Policy Development and Project Implementation team which I chaired during the Olumide Akpata administration of the NBA, to the Terms of Reference that led to the Remuneration Order and the White Paper.

As far as the Remuneration Order goes, my view is that it is an embarrassment that despite being afforded the privilege of the protection of our fees via a statutory instrument, we are still having discussions about the enforcement of the Remuneration Order.

I will provide the leadership required to make the issues of lawyers' fees a thing of the past. My administration will implement the provisions of the Order to the letter to the extent that any lawyer found culpable of infringing the Remuneration Order will face the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee ("LPDC") in accordance with the provisions of the Remuneration Order. It is my strong conviction that if people do not abide by the Remuneration Order voluntarily, they must be made to do so compulsorily.

Remuneration of Lawyers in Employment

On 9th June 2022, the National Executive Council ("NEC") of the NBA approved a white paper regarding the remuneration of young lawyers. The white paper recommended that the minimum wage scale should be made a part of the RPC.

The NBA Remuneration White Paper Committee Report had previously determined as a conclusive finding that most young lawyers and lawyers in employment with law firms do not earn a living or fair wage, and many law firms do not pay a living or fair wage based on current economic realities. The Committee also found that many law

firms do not comply with employer benefit regulations like Pay-As-You-Earn (“PAYE”), Pensions, Health Insurance, Group Life Insurance, and Housing contributions for employees as statutorily provided.

Sadly, the recommendations of the committee which included making it compulsory for law firms and employers to comply with the minimum remuneration scales for their employees and other employment benefit regulations have not yet made it to the regulation phase.

As the adopted recommendations outlined in the White Paper have become binding resolutions of the NBA National Executive Committee (NBA-NEC), I am firmly committed to taking all necessary measures to rigorously enforce the implementation of the minimum remuneration scale across the legal profession. My administration at the NBA will see to it that the remuneration scale for lawyers is adopted and imbued with the force of law for the protection of every member of the profession.

We will also seek a review of the amounts recommended in the White Paper such that the figures proposed are in conformity with the economic realities of the day. My administration will invest in the training of lawyers on business development and management so that these law firms can grow their businesses in a more sustainable way.

Protection of Lawyers’ Businesses

On 13th February 2024, Nigerian lawyers woke up to the news that foreign, United Kingdom (“UK”) qualified lawyers would be permitted to practice law in Nigeria. Fortunately, this was confirmed not to be the true position. However, it had been the product of the outcome of a conversation between the legal profession in Nigeria and their counterparts in the UK.

It is important that, as professionals, we understand the significance of the continuing interests of the UK and other foreign-based firms in Nigeria. One must make the point that a huge chunk of legal spending by the Nigerian government and certain business interests is already paid to English lawyers and accounts for a significant proportion of the UK Gross Domestic Profit (“GDP”).

Interestingly, most of the work carried out by English law firms in Nigeria is transaction-related for which the Nigerian government claims that Nigerian lawyers lack expertise. It is also interesting that out of 240,000 legal practitioners in England, 210,000 are transaction lawyers based in every area of transactional practice.

This is an area that the NBA and indeed the legal community must pay serious attention to. We must press for a full implementation of the Local Content Act as far as oil and gas matters are concerned and also ensure that there is legislation which gives power to Nigerian lawyers to warehouse every Nigerian government transaction and be the ones to instruct foreign counsel where necessary. This will ensure that

income is retained in Nigeria and that Nigerian lawyers acquire relevant skills to deal solely with such transactions in future.

My administration will take a clear, decisive and unequivocal position on the issue of encroachment in our industry by foreign law firms. We will engage with the Federal Government and seek the enactment of legislation that ensures that all government transactions are first briefed to Nigerian lawyers. On a related note, my administration will aggressively tackle encroachment into our legal practice by non-lawyers such as accountants, Estate agents etc.

We will aggressively seek the implementation of statutes to protect our space and push for other legislation to protect our income where necessary. See below a few examples:

- a. Local content adherence in the oil and gas as well as other projects as mandated in applicable laws and regulations e.g. the NCDA (popularly known as the Local Content Law) requires oil and gas companies to ensure that their total spend on foreign firms is also paid to Nigerian firms on an equal basis.
- b. Capital Markets: It is preposterous that current Security Exchange Commission (“SEC”) Rules provide for ridiculously low fees for lawyers in equity, fixed income, and M&A activities, compared to other capital market operators such as issuing houses. In more developed jurisdictions, the lawyers drive these activities. Indeed,

it is unlawful for an issuing house to prepare a prospectus or Information Memorandum because it is clearly a legal document [an offer document]. In the United States (“US”), the lawyers prepare these documents and just have issuing houses and banks include financials.

Finally, on this note, we should be extremely vigilant about guarding against incursion into legal work by non-lawyers including banks, accountants and others.

Young Lawyers

One of the shocking discoveries I made upon my return to Nigeria, after ten years of practice in the UK, was seeing that young lawyers were worse off than when I left. The conditions of employment of many lawyers in employment and especially the young ones, were poor and in many cases, young lawyers were not treated with dignity. From that moment, I became committed to seeing the improvement of a lot of younger colleagues and to investing my time and resources in career development activity within the Bar.

Since my return to Nigeria, I have organised, in my private capacity, organised fully funded training for young lawyers at no cost whatsoever to them. As Chairman of the Continuing Legal Education (“CLE”) Committee of the Lagos Branch, I drew up a blueprint of programmes that provided mentorship and training opportunities to young lawyers

for free. Under the various schemes, we provided over 100 free training sessions paired over 200 young lawyers with mentors from across the globe and also funded the acquisition of international certifications.

Now, as Chairman of the Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE), I have continued to lead in the facilitation of free training programmes and the ICLE has now admitted over 700 members under its mentorship scheme.

As President of the NBA, I will work hard to ensure that the NBA puts in place policies that aid career progress and development. I will begin the conversation by setting up a clear post-education qualification framework that enhances training and development. We will further develop a sustainable mentorship framework that will help enhance the career growth of our younger colleagues. The draft Legal Practitioners Bill makes provisions for pupillages, continuing legal education and development and adequate recommendations for lawyers in employment. I am a firm believer in the role of professional bodies in shaping the careers of their members and this can be done by creating the right policies and institutional framework.

As mentioned elsewhere in this manifesto, my administration will invest heavily in career development initiatives for the benefit of young lawyers. The NBA-ICLE will organise at least 7 CPD hours of training for young lawyers, for free, every month. My administration will enhance the scope of the current NBA-ICLE mentorship initiative and

will seek to further institutionalise it. We will better equip the Career Development Centre to help source employment opportunities for our lawyers by insisting on the implementation of various laws in Nigeria where the services of lawyers have been made a legislative requirement.

It is my belief that any individual who provides a service must receive adequate recompense for the service delivered. The notion that “nobody can pay a lawyer” is an aphorism that illustrates that you can never sufficiently pay a lawyer for their services and is not an excuse to not adequately pay a lawyer.

Further, not paying appropriate salaries to younger colleagues would have no effect other than to reduce their self-esteem and completely erode their dignity and this cannot be in any way positive for the profession or its development.

As President and leader of the NBA, I will address the peculiar issues that affect young lawyers, who account for about 60 per cent of our profession. I shall lead from the front in all matters affecting young lawyers and shall as a matter of priority do the following:

- a. Immediately start the implementation of the White Paper, especially the elements dealing with the minimum wage scale and its inclusion within the RPC;

- b. Set aside 5 percent of the income of the NBA for investments in relevant career developments, scholarships and sponsorships for young lawyers;
- c. Provide adequate funding for the mentorship programme of the NBA-ICLE; and
- d. Seek to have the harmonised version of the LPA bill enacted as it contains far-reaching provisions that deal with career development, pupillage, and remuneration.

Lawyers with Disabilities

The NBA's Lawyers with Disabilities Forum has taken commendable strides in addressing the unique needs and challenges faced by lawyers with disabilities, and we must build upon this foundation to create a truly inclusive and barrier-free legal profession. As President, I pledge to be a vocal and unwavering advocate for the implementation of accessible facilities and reasonable accommodations in courtrooms, law firms, and legal institutions across the nation.

We will collaborate closely with relevant authorities, disability rights organizations, and stakeholders to ensure strict compliance with accessibility standards and regulations, ensuring that no lawyer is hindered from fully participating in their professional duties due to physical, sensory, or cognitive limitations.

Furthermore, we will develop and rigorously implement comprehensive inclusive policies and practices within the legal profession, actively encouraging and incentivizing law firms and legal institutions to adopt inclusive hiring and retention practices. This will involve robust training and awareness programmes to educate employers, colleagues, and the broader legal community on disability etiquette, creating an inclusive work environment, and fostering a culture of understanding, empathy, and support for our colleagues with disabilities. All NBA programmes will have dedicated slots for lawyers with disabilities to feature in.

In recognition of the vital role that technology plays in empowering lawyers with disabilities, we will proactively facilitate the provision of cutting-edge assistive technology and resources to support their professional endeavours. This will involve collaborating with leading technology providers, experts, and disability rights advocates to identify, procure, and implement suitable assistive solutions, ensuring that every lawyer has access to the tools, software, and hardware they need to thrive in their careers, overcome barriers, and reach their full potential. Professional development and networking opportunities tailored to the unique needs, aspirations, and experiences of lawyers with disabilities will be a top priority. We will foster an environment of inclusivity, empowerment, and mutual support by organising specialised workshops, conferences, and mentorship programmes that cater to the specific challenges and ambitions of this esteemed community. Furthermore, we will advocate for the inclusion of disability rights and

accessibility education in law school curricula, fostering a culture of awareness and understanding from the very beginning of a lawyer's professional journey.

Aged and Aging Lawyers

Our aged and ageing lawyers are the pillars upon which our noble profession stands, and it is our sacred duty to ensure their financial security, continued engagement, and overall well-being in their twilight years. To this end, I propose the establishment of a robust, sustainable, and equitable retirement and pension scheme, born out of close collaboration with relevant authorities, stakeholders, and subject matter experts. This scheme will be meticulously designed to provide a reliable financial safety net for our senior lawyers, allowing them to retire with dignity, peace of mind, and the assurance that their years of dedicated service have been duly recognized and rewarded.

Furthermore, we will develop a comprehensive suite of specialised continuing legal education (CLE) programmes tailored to the unique needs, interests, and aspirations of our aged and ageing practitioners. These programmes will not only facilitate the continuous professional development of our seasoned legal minds but will also serve as a platform for them to impart their invaluable knowledge, wisdom, and experience to the next generation of lawyers through structured mentorship initiatives. By fostering this intergenerational exchange, we will ensure

that the rich tapestry of our legal heritage is preserved and enriched for generations to come.

Recognising the unique health challenges that often accompany the later stages of life, we will work hand in hand with reputable healthcare providers and leverage the existing NBA-NHIA health insurance scheme to offer accessible, affordable, and comprehensive healthcare services designed specifically for the needs of our aged and ageing lawyers.

In addition to the initiatives outlined earlier, we will establish a dedicated support network for our aged and ageing lawyers, providing them with a platform to voice their concerns, share their experiences, and actively contribute to shaping the policies and programmes that affect their lives.

Medical/Health Insurance

In the last four years, the NBA has been implementing the National Health Insurance Scheme (“NHIS”) with a high level of efficiency. It provides for primary, secondary, and tertiary care for members. It has invested in paying for 3000 members’ health insurance for free and has also been procured for the sum of N50,000, which is considerably reasonable.

In addition to the policies that are already in place, my administration shall seek to grow the health insurance fund and shall invest a minimum of N20 million in the healthcare fund.

NBA Life Assurance Policy

It is very commendable that the NBA was able to negotiate a N2 million payment to families of deceased colleagues and has indeed continued to make these payments in respect of lawyers who paid their practising fees in the year of their demise.

In light of the economic downturn and the devaluation of the naira, my administration shall seek an upward review of payouts to the sum of N3 million. I will also seek an increase in the amount paid to members who are terminally sick or victims of accidents resulting in partial incapacitation. **Stamp and Seal**

For a number of years, we presumed we had gotten it right with the stamp and seal issue and that it had become seamless and members could get their seals without hassle.

From my investigation and knowledge, the amount spent on stamp and seal does not justify the purpose for which it was originally made. Whilst some will say it has served its purpose, I think it is time to move to a digital imprint stamp that would be available to members for free.

Access to Finance

On 9th June 2022, NBA-NEC passed a resolution to invest the sum of N1.5 billion in two banks to wit: N1 billion to Access Bank and N500

million to First Bank. This was done for the benefit of members who could borrow up to N2 million at a 9% interest rate.

To the extent that the funds are still available, from the first day, I will commence the implementation of this resolution as well as seek the approval of the NEC to convert these funds to a more stable currency.

Continuing Professional Development

The importance of developing a legal professional cannot be overstated. This is the core of my work in the NBA for the past seven years and my administration will ensure that members of the bar continue to undergo capacity development to enable them to compete with their contemporaries in other jurisdictions.

It is an accepted theory of the evolution of successful professional associations that the most important function of such associations is to ensure that would-be members of the association receive the competence training required for a successful career in the profession and that they continue to be properly trained and groomed in knowledge and skills as they advance in their respective careers.

I saw and experienced firsthand the value of Continuing Professional Development (“CPD”) in my time practising in England where, as is the case in most countries, there is a structured continuing professional

development regime which regulates training and professional development and makes the same a prerequisite to practice.

Whilst we are aware of the ongoing debate regarding whether there is a conflict between the LPA and RPC regarding the provisions of the RPC on CPD, we shall immediately commence the implementation of the CPD provisions in the RPC. To ensure that the implementation of the provisions does not occasion further hardship on members, we will ensure that, through the NBA-ICLE and other collaborations, we have enough free training programs in all relevant areas of law.

We will also award CPD points to mentors and mentees in the NBA mentorship program. We will pursue the agenda for continuing professional development relentlessly in order to maintain the integrity of the profession and to equip and position our members for the very challenging future that they must confront with the growing influence of globalisation, the African Continental Free Trade Agreement (AfCFTA) and the disruptive effect of technology.

We will focus on free practical training and actual shadowing events and will work with already identified critical partners to achieve this objective. We will invest heavily in the Institute of Continuing Legal Education and ensure that it's well-resourced to provide the services that our association and members so badly deserve.

My administration will collaborate with all the Branches to ensure that training needs are met at little or no cost to the members. We will invest in the Career Development Centre at the NBA-ICLE with a view to ensuring that the NBA leads the way in getting members prepared and ready for employment and also helps in pairing prospective employees with prospective employers.

The Law Firm Mentorship Initiative: Fostering Excellence and Sustainable Growth

At the heart of our profession lies a rich tapestry of knowledge and experience, woven by generations of legal professionals who have dedicated their lives to the pursuit of justice. It is our responsibility to ensure that this invaluable wisdom is not lost but rather passed down to the next generation, ensuring the continued growth and sustainability of our legal community.

To this end, we propose the establishment of the "Law Firm Mentorship Initiative," a comprehensive program designed to provide institutional guidance and support to start-up law firms, enabling them to learn from the expertise and best practices of our most established and respected legal practices.

Through this initiative, we will facilitate partnerships between experienced and successful law firms and their newly formed counterparts, fostering a collaborative environment where knowledge

can be shared, challenges can be addressed, and collective growth can be achieved.

Over the course of a one-year mentorship period, seasoned professionals from established firms will guide and advise their mentee firms on a wide range of topics critical to the effective and efficient management of a thriving legal practice. This will include, but is not limited to:

1. **Business Strategy and Planning:** Guidance on developing a comprehensive business plan, identifying growth opportunities, and navigating the legal marketplace with a strategic mindset.
2. **Practice Management:** Insights into optimising workflows, leveraging technology, and implementing best practices for case management, client relations, and overall operational efficiency.
3. **Financial Management:** Mentorship on financial planning, budgeting, billing practices, and sustainable revenue models to ensure the long-term financial health of the firm.
4. **Ethical and Professional Conduct:** Reinforcing the importance of adhering to the highest ethical standards, maintaining professional integrity, and upholding the values that define our noble profession.
5. **Work-Life Balance:** Guidance on achieving a healthy balance between professional responsibilities and personal well-being, promoting sustainable practices, and preventing burnout.

This mentorship initiative will not only benefit the participating start-up firms but will also contribute to the overall growth and development of our legal community. By fostering an environment of collaboration

and knowledge-sharing, we can collectively raise the bar for professional excellence, ensuring that our members are equipped with the tools and insights necessary to navigate the ever-evolving legal landscape.

Furthermore, this initiative will promote intergenerational collaboration, bridging the gap between experienced professionals and the next generation of legal practitioners, ensuring that the wisdom and best practices of our most seasoned members are passed down and preserved for generations to come.

Through the Law Firm Mentorship Initiative, we aim to cultivate a culture of continuous learning, innovation, and sustainable growth within our legal community. By empowering our members with the knowledge and support they need to thrive, we can collectively elevate the standards of our profession and solidify our position as a leading force for justice and the rule of law in our great nation.

Harassment and Abuse of Lawyers

The safety, dignity, and well-being of our legal professionals are sacrosanct, and we must take a firm, uncompromising, and zero-tolerance stance against any form of abuse or harassment within our ranks. To this end, I propose the development and implementation of a comprehensive set of robust policies and reporting mechanisms to address these issues, backed by effective enforcement and accountability measures that leave no room for ambiguity or leniency.

These policies will clearly define and delineate what constitutes abuse and harassment, whether physical, verbal, emotional, or sexual in nature. They will outline strict consequences for perpetrators, including potential disbarment or criminal prosecution in severe cases, and provide a safe, confidential, and trauma-informed reporting process for victims to come forward without fear of retaliation or stigma.

Furthermore, we will collaborate closely with law enforcement agencies, security experts, and relevant authorities to ensure the creation and maintenance of safe and secure work environments for lawyers, including courtrooms, law firms, and other legal settings. This will involve implementing rigorous security protocols, conducting regular risk assessments, providing self-defence training, and equipping our members with the knowledge and tools necessary to mitigate potential threats and respond effectively in emergencies.

Additionally, we will initiate far-reaching, multi-pronged advocacy and awareness campaigns to raise public consciousness about the unacceptable nature of abuse and harassment against legal professionals by security agencies or other persons. These campaigns will involve strategic partnerships with media outlets, civil society organisations, educational institutions, security agencies and other stakeholders to amplify our message and foster a culture of respect, professionalism, and zero-tolerance for such reprehensible acts within our ranks and throughout society at large.

To ensure the effective implementation and enforcement of our robust policies against abuse and harassment, we will establish a dedicated task force comprised of legal experts, law enforcement officials, mental health professionals, and representatives from relevant stakeholder groups. This task force will be responsible for conducting regular audits, monitoring compliance, and recommending necessary updates or revisions to our policies and procedures based on emerging trends, best practices, and feedback from affected individuals. Further, the clearly outlined protocols will be taught to lawyers on how to respond to abuse or attempted abuse by security agencies, especially in the course of carrying out their duties and such recommended responses will be used to set the law in motion against the perpetrators of the abuse.

Conclusion

In ending, I restate my earlier observation that the issue with the NBA is not about the lack of knowledge of the problems or the inability to identify the solutions but rather, the lack of will to decisively implement these solutions. I have also stated above that what the Bar requires at this time is the decisive leadership required to implement these policies and programmes and move the profession in a direction of travel that makes it fit for purpose in an increasingly competitive and globalised world. I am firm in my belief that I can and, with your support and cooperation, will provide that decisive leadership.

What I bring to the table is my unique mix of cognate experience, significant exposure and cross-border practice which holds great potential for the Nigerian Bar. I also pride myself in having the will to dislodge and disrupt where necessary.

The potentials that the NBA holds are so palpable and all it takes to unlock them is decisive leadership. This is what the administration promises. I, therefore, pledge to transform the NBA into a modern association that employs international best practices to achieve its objectives with a view to making its members competitive in an increasingly globalised world. This, my administration will actualise through sustained efforts to restore the dignity of the legal profession in Nigeria; advancing necessary reforms towards the entrenchment of a Digital Bar; and above all, promoting empowerment, inclusion and equity.

We can, and we will make the Bar Resilient and Courageous in a manner that ensures No Lawyer is Left Behind. This is our mission. It is now to fulfil it.

Tobenna Erojikwe

April 2024

TOBENNA EROJIKWE

Education and Qualifications

2008	University of Westminster London, LLM Corporate Finance Law
2004-2005	College of Law, Store Street Qualified Lawyers Transfer Test (QLTT): Conveyancing & Probate (A), Civil Litigation (A), Professional Conduct & Account (A)
1999-2000	Nigerian Law School Bar Vocational Course (BVC)
1993-1998	University of Nigeria Bachelor of Laws (LLB) Hons
1987-1992	University of Nigeria Secondary School, Nsukka, Nigeria O Level's and A Levels

Professional qualifications

Admitted on the Roll of Solicitors of England and Wales; 17th January 2005

Called to The Nigerian Bar as Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria;
13th October 2000

Employment History

December 2013- Present

Partner, The Law Crest LLP

Tobenna heads the firm's Finance, Energy & Major Projects Practice Team. Tobenna led the team that advised the acquirer in a \$600 million debt restructuring and acquisition for a major oil and gas company in Nigeria. Tobenna recently led the team that acted as Nigerian counsel to an Africa-focused oil and gas exploration development, production and exploration company incorporated in the United Kingdom and its subsidiary incorporated under the laws of Dubai International Financial Centre on the provision of up to \$600 million for the exploration, development, production and sale of crude oil from OML 65 owned by the Nigerian Exploration and Production Limited (Formerly Nigerian Petroleum Development Company Limited).

Tobenna led the team that acted as sole Nigerian counsel to Savannah Petroleum PLC (now Savannah Energy PLC) ("Savannah"), a UK company listed on London Stock Exchange on all aspects of the financial restructuring of

Seven Exploration and Production Limited and its subsidiaries including options and assets buyout worth \$600,000,000.00 (Six Hundred Million Dollars).

Tobenna led the team that advised Ekovolt Telco Limited, an Internet Service Provider (“ISP”), and the United States Trade and Development Agency (“USTDA”) on the provision of fixed wireless broadband internet services to some underserved communities in the Niger Delta. The project explored a hybrid model involving the deployment of both fibre optic and fixed wireless access. The deployment was carried out by the ISP while the project was funded by the USTDA to aid export promotion for US companies, as the project was designed to use only US radio equipment.

July 2007 – November 2013

Legal Adviser and Senior Solicitor – Regeneration; LONDON BOROUGH OF BARNET

EXPERIENCE:

REGENERATION:

Legal Adviser to the London Borough of Barnet on all its multi-million pound Regeneration projects including the 7,500 unit Brent cross & Cricklewood Retail, Town Centre and Housing Regeneration Scheme, the 3,000 unit West Hendon mixed use Regeneration Scheme, the 4,500 unit Graham Park Mixed Use Regeneration scheme, the 1,000 unit Stonegrove and Spur Road Housing Regeneration Scheme, 1,500 unit Dollis Valley Estate Housing Regeneration Scheme, the Granville Road 300 unit Housing Regeneration scheme, as well as the 2,000 unit Mill Hill East LLP Regeneration scheme.

Property Regeneration:

Prepared and negotiated Public Private Partnership type Principal Development Agreements, Regeneration Agreements and Deeds of variation to same between the council and its private sector developer partners.

Compulsory Purchase Order and Land Assembly:

Advised and led on the making of CPO’s for complex Regeneration sites as well as advising on other means of extinguishment of rights and repossession of properties including appropriation of land to planning purposes of the Council, the use of Ground 10a of the Housing Act 1985 to obtain possession of properties from secure tenants and the service of demolition notices.

Advisory:

Advised on various issues relating to corporate governance.

Legal Adviser to the London Borough of Barnet Pension Fund Committee.

July 2005 to July 2007

Senior Associate; ALEXUS ASSOCIATES LLP

Experience:

Residential Conveyancing

Taking instructions from clients, raising requisitions on title, preparing reports on title, conducting various searches relating to title, preparing relevant documentation leading to exchange of contracts, and generally supervising conveyancing transactions through to completion and post completion of purchases, sales, transfer of equity, remortgages etc.

Enfranchisement:

Representing Tenants in Leasehold Enfranchisement matters under the Leasehold Reform Act 1967 and the Leasehold Reform, Housing and Urban Development Act 1993 as amended and other related Legislation.

Immigration:

Taking instructions from Clients, advising and preparing documentation on various immigration applications including HSMP's, Work Permits, Student Visa applications and extension Returning Residents, Long overstay concessions, Domestic Servants, Working Holidaymaker etc

October 2000-July 2005

Senior Associate; The Law Crest

General Practice (Private client, Corporate/commercial property)

Experience:

- Company/Commercial (including formation of companies and LLPs, sale and purchases of businesses, franchising and general business contracts)
- Commercial Property (drafting and negotiating commercial leases)
- Wills & Trusts (taking instructions, drafting, attending to execution formalities and advising on associated matters, such as estate planning and contentious aspects including drafting proceedings, briefing counsel, attending hearings)
- Probate (including preparing a number of new accounts and applying for and obtaining grants of representation)

- Powers of Attorney (including advising on, drafting and registering EPAs)
- Tax (drawing on specialist knowledge of taxation, advising clients on private law tax matters in relation to Income Tax, Capital Gains Tax, Inheritance Tax and Stamp Duty Land Tax)
- Residential\Conveyancing (including seeing several transactions through to completion and post-completion)
- Rendering immigration services including compliance assistance on all immigration requirements ranging from expatriate quota, temporary work permits, re-entry visas, alien registration etc.
- General Secretarial Duties, including organising meetings, filing of annual returns, registration of resolution and other such matters at the Corporate Affairs Commission
- Writing Legal Opinions and advice
- Participating in all areas of the firms commercial, corporate and financial practice including the litigation of a tax appellate case involving a multinational oil company; due diligence and subsequent privatisation of some state-owned companies, the initial public offering of an indigenous oil exploration and production company, the public offering of a merchant bank, drafting and advising on shareholders agreements and share sales agreements

Skills

Proficient Use of Various Case Management Systems. Proficiency with the use of Lawtel, Westlaw, Lexis Nexis, Localaw, PLC and other legal search engines. Use of Land Registry Direct.

Achievements

Represented the University of Nigeria in the Nigerian Universities inter Universities debate in 1995 and won the most outstanding debater prize for the year.

Senior Prefect and Class Valedictorian, University of Nigeria Secondary School Nsukka: Successfully negotiating endowments from old students association and from the PTA.

Interests

Reading, Travelling and Current affairs

GRADUATE RESEARCH:

International Control of Trans-boundary Movement of Hazardous Waste.

POST GRADUATE RESEARCH:

An analysis of the Legal and Financial mechanisms used by Local Authorities in the UK to achieve the delivery of Regeneration in their area.

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

Member Law Society of England and Wales
Member Nigerian Bar Association



Nigerian Bar Association
National Elections, 2024

I AM POISED
to serve the Bar



VOTE
ZAINAB
AMINU
GARBA

As

THIRD VICE
PRESIDENT

NBA



MANIFESTO OF **AMINU GARBA ZAINAB**

(VICE CHAIRMAN,
NBA, KADUNA BRANCH)

**CANDIDATE FOR THE
OFFICE OF THIRD VICE
PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION**





Esteemed Members of the Nigerian Bar Association,
It is with great humility and dedication that I stand before you as a candidate for the esteemed position of Third Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association. My name is Zainab Aminu Garba, Esq., and I am committed to advancing the interests of our Association while upholding the principles of integrity, inclusivity, and excellence. If entrusted with the responsibility of Third Vice President, I am committed to fulfilling the duties outlined in the Constitution with utmost diligence and dedication. I understand the importance of this role in ensuring the effective functioning of our Association and in representing the diverse needs and concerns of our members.

Presiding at Meetings:

As Third Vice President, I recognize the significance of presiding over meetings in the absence of the President, 1st Vice President, and 2nd Vice President. I am committed to fostering an environment of open dialogue, mutual respect, and collaboration during these sessions. I will ensure that all members have the opportunity to voice their opinions and contribute to meaningful discussions, thereby promoting transparency and inclusivity within our Association.

Coordination of Branch Activities:

I understand the importance of coordinating the activities of the branches within my assigned jurisdiction. I will work closely with branch leaders to understand their needs and concerns and provide support and guidance as necessary. Through regular communication and engagement, I aim to foster strong relationships with branches across the country and promote collaboration and unity within our Association.



Encouragement of New Branch Formation:

I am committed to encouraging and supporting the formation of new branches within my zonal supervisory jurisdiction. I recognize the importance of expanding our Association's reach and ensuring that all regions have adequate representation and support. I will work tirelessly to provide guidance and assistance to aspiring branch leaders, helping them navigate the formation process and adhere to the guidelines set out in our Constitution.

Adherence to Directives:

In addition to the specific duties outlined in the Constitution, I pledge to perform all other duties as directed by the President, National Executive Committee, or Annual General Meeting. I will approach these responsibilities with professionalism and dedication, always keeping the best interests of our Association and its members at the forefront of my actions.

Preservation of Institutional Integrity:

Finally, I am committed to upholding the integrity and reputation of our Association. I will work tirelessly to promote a culture of excellence, transparency, and accountability within our Association. Together, let us strive to uphold the values of justice, fairness, and equality that define our noble profession.

In conclusion, I humbly ask for your support and trust as I seek to serve as your Third Vice President. Together, let us work towards a stronger, more united Bar that truly represents the interests and aspirations of all its members.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

Zainab Aminu Garba, Esq.



PROFILE OF
**AMINU GARBA
ZAINAB**

**VICE CHAIRMAN,
NBA, KADUNA BRANCH**

EARLY LIFE, EDUCATION AND FAMILY

Aminu Garba Zainab ("Zainab") was born in Makera, Kaduna South Local Government of Kaduna State. She attended Babadodo Primary School Makera Kaduna 1980, Women Teachers College (WTC), Kaduna where she obtained TCII Certificate in 1985. From there, Zainab proceeded to Ahmadu Bello University Zaria where she studied and obtained Diploma and Higher a Diploma in Local Government Administration respectively in 1991. Zainab went ahead to study Law in the same University. After obtaining a Law Degree (LL.B) in year 2000, she proceeded to Nigeria Law School Lagos in 2001, after which she was duly called to the Nigeria Bar in the year 2002. Zainab immediately started full legal practice till date. She also holds a Master of Laws (LL.M) from the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria (2015). Zainab is a PhD student in Public International Law, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. She is happily married with children.

LEGAL CAREER

Zainab has meritoriously served in the following establishments:

Legal Counsel Yunus Ustaz Usman (SAN) & Co. (NANA CHAMBERS)
Kaduna, Kaduna State — 2002- till date

Company Secretary/Legal Adviser

Abarma Oil & Gas Ltd.

Company Secretary/Legal Adviser

Abarma Worldwide Services Ltd.

Company Secretary/Legal Adviser

BT Oil & Gas Nig. Ltd.

Secretary, Advisory Board

Dialogue Girls College, Kaduna.

Company Secretary/Legal Adviser

Dark Soil Miners Nig. Ltd.

Legal Adviser

J. Z. Investment Strategy Ltd.

SERVICE TO NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION AND SUNDRY LEGAL BODIES

Vice Chairman,

Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch 2023 – 2025

Member,
NBA-AGCPC
2024

Chairman,

Dinner Committee,
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch 2023 – 2025

Chairman,

Human Rights Committee
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch 2023 – 2025

Member,

Law Week Committee
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch 2023 – 2025



Member,

Public Interest Committee
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch 2023 – 2025

Member,

NBA Working Group
On African Continental Free Trade Area.
2023- till date

Member,

NBAWF Conference Planning Committee 2024

Kaduna State Coordinator,

United Nations Polac Foundation
2023 – till Date

Member,

International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
Committee 60th Anniversary 2023 – till Date

Secretary,

Justices for Children Coordination Committee
Kaduna State. 2021 – till Date

Chairperson,

International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA)
Kaduna Branch 2019-2021

Member,

Kaduna State Taskforce on Human Trafficking
2021-till date

Member,

Child Welfare and Protection Implementation Committee
2020-till date

Alt. Chairman,

Nigerian Bar Association Women Forum (NBAWF)
Kaduna Branch 2019-2021

Coordinator,

African Women Lawyers Association (AWLA)
Kaduna Branch

Alternate Chairman,

Finance Committee,
Nigerian Bar Association,
Kaduna Branch

Member,

Disciplinary Committee,
Nigerian Bar Association,
Kaduna Branch

Vice Chairperson

FIDA Kaduna Branch
2010 to 2013

Member,

Committee for Plea Bargain
Kaduna State Ministry of Justice



Member,

Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch.

Co-Opted National NEC Member,

Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)

Member,

Committee for Fake Lawyers and Touting
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch

Member,

Building Group Committee
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch

Member,

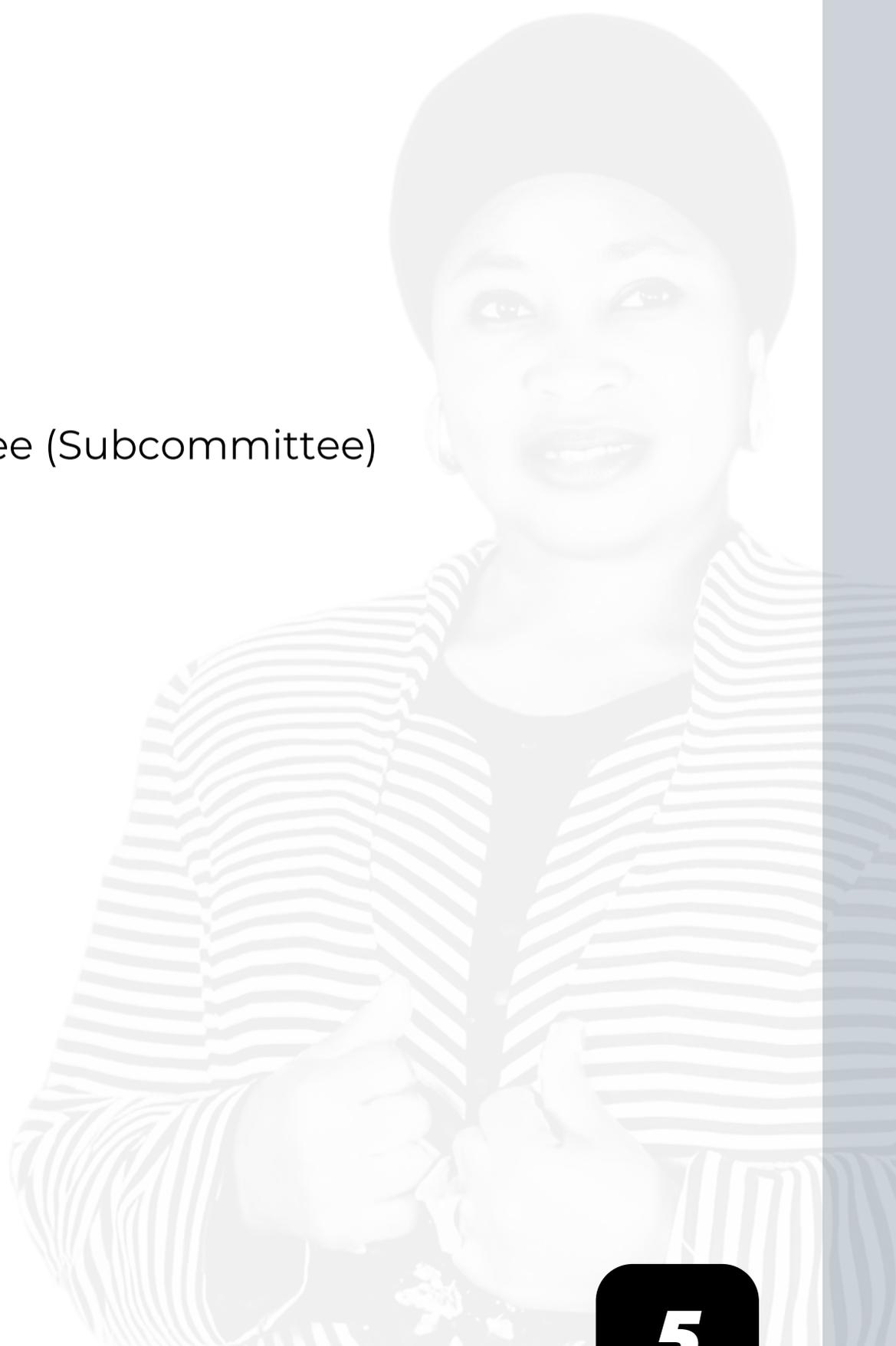
Conference Planning Committee (Subcommittee)
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch

Member,

Law Week Committee
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Barnawa Branch

Member,

Law Reform Committee,
Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Kaduna Branch



Member,

Nigeria Bar Association,
Conference Planning Committee
Barnawa Branch

Interim Secretary,

African Women Lawyers' Association, Kaduna

Vice Chairman

MULAN, Kaduna
2008 to 2012

INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES ATTENDED

FIDA International Convention, Milan, Italy - 2008

Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)
United Nations, New York, USA - 2010

UN Women Peace Operation Training Institute - 2019

AFRICAN AND LOCAL CONFERENCES

- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2004 (Abuja)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2006 (Abuja)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2008 (Abuja)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2009 (Lagos)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2010 (Kaduna)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2012 (Abuja)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2013 (Calabar)
- NBA Annual General Conference** - 2014 (Abuja)

- NBA Annual General Conference -** 2016 (Port Harcourt)
- NBA Annual General Conference -** 2017 (Lagos)
- NBA Annual General Conference -** 2018 (Abuja)
- NBA Annual General Conference -** 2021 (Rivers)
- NBA Annual General Conference -** 2022 (Lagos)
- NBA Annual General Conference -** 2023 (Abuja)
- National Association of Women Judges Conference -** 2022 (Abuja)
- National Association of Women Judges North West Regional Workshop -** 2023
- FIDA African Regional Conference -** 2019 (Abuja)
- FIDA African Regional Conference -** 2003 (Abuja)
- FIDA African Regional Conference -** 2005 (Abuja)
- FIDA African Regional Conference -** 2010 (Abuja)
- FIDA Continuing Legal Education/Capacity Building Training (North Central) -** 2017 (Abuja)
- FIDA Continuing Legal Education/Capacity Building Training (North Central) -** 2018 (Kaduna)
- FIDA African Regional Conference -** 2021 (Abuja)
- FIDA African Regional Conference -** 2023 (Abuja)

- MULAN Annual General Conference -** Gusau 2006
- MULAN Annual General Conference -** Minna 2008
- MULAN Annual General Conference -** Kaduna 2011
- MULAN Annual General Conference -** Abuja 2014

SEMINARS, WORKSHOPS AND CONTINUING LEGAL EDUCATION

Mac Arthur Foundation Workshop

Creative Lawyering Conference on Women Mortality - 2017

FIDA Africa Regional Congress Workshop

The Growth of Women and Children in Africa Beyond Rhetoric - 2019

Mac Arthur Foundation Workshop

Creative Lawyering Conference on Women Mortality - 2017

FIDA Africa Regional Congress Workshop

The Growth of Women and Children in Africa Beyond Rhetoric
- 2019

Regional Training of Trainers (TOT)

Training on Mental Health and Psychosocial Supports (MHPSS) for
Gender Based Violence (GBV) Survivors
-2021

Marbebs Consulting Limited Workshop

Management Principles in the Legal Profession
2022

Rotary District 9125

Zone 3 Vibrant Club Seminar - 2022

Associate Member on Mediation

Chartered Institute of Mediators and Conciliators
Abuja- 2017

AWARDS

- **Supportive Bar Man Award of Excellence, NBA Kaduna – 2021**
- **Bar Hero, NBA Kaduna – 2021**
- **Best Performance Merit Award by Advocate for Violence Free Society and Peaceful Co-existence Initiative Nigeria – 2022.**
- **UN Polac Foundation Award as International Peace Advocate – 2020.**
- **MULAN Award of Excellence – 2012.**
- **Komai da Ruwanki Award of Excellency – 2020.**

NGO/VOLUNTARY SERVICE

Member,
MULAN, Kaduna

Active Member and Ex-Officio,
International Federation of Women Lawyers (FIDA), Nigeria

Member,
African Women Lawyers' Association (AWLA), Nigeria

Coordinator,
Advopour of the Nigerian Child
Kaduna.

Patron,
Arewa Women of Substance
Kaduna Chapter





UTILIZING **TECHNOLOGY** FOR EFFICIENCY

I am committed to collaborating with the General Secretary to champion digital and innovative solutions that will enhance the effectiveness of the NBA secretariat. Leveraging technology will enable the secretariat work smarter and more efficiently, ensuring seamless communication, and operations.



SUPPORT

HENRY
BARNABAS EHI,
MICA

For the Office of

**ASSISTANT
GENERAL
SECRETARY
OF THE NBA**

#Not2Young2Run #AdigitalSecretariatIsPossible



MANIFESTO

A Digital Secretariat is Possible



HENRY BARNABAS EHI, MICA

**CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF ASSISTANT GENERAL
SECRETARY OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA)**



Introduction

As a candidate for the office of Assistant General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), I present my manifesto with a firm commitment to serving the Bar by allowing and supporting innovations that will enhance the efficiency of the NBA secretariat and benefit lawyers across the nation.

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Henry Barnabas Ehi

A Journey Unveiled

Born in the ancient city of Zaria, in Kaduna State and with my ancestral roots in Edo State, I bring a rich blend of cultural heritage and legal expertise into my political aspiration. With a Bachelor's Degree in Law from the University of Benin and upon my subsequent call to the Nigerian Bar, I have excelled in various legal domains, particularly in Commercial Litigation, Family Law, Property Law, Debt Recovery, and Criminal Litigation. Politically speaking and service-wise, my tenure as the former Publicity Secretary of the NBA Bwari Branch and other roles that I have been privileged to undertake within the NBA underscores my dedication to the development of the legal profession. Beyond the shores of Nigeria and in my pursuit of international relevance, I am a member of internationally esteemed organizations such as the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK). This reflects my commitment to professional growth and excellence.



My Journey in the Legal Profession

Since my call to the Nigerian Bar in 2014, I have actively practiced law, with appearances before inferior and superior courts of record. My broad areas of practice., interests and expertise ranges from Family Law, to Property Law, Corporate and

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Commercial Law, Legal Advisory, Criminal Law, and Banking Law. Continuous professional development through attendance and participation in workshops, symposiums, conferences, and training has further sharpened my legal acumen

Since joining the NBA Bwari Branch in 2015, I have been privileged to serve my immediate constituency in various capacities, such as;

1. Chairman, Young Lawyers Forum Continuing Legal Education Committee, NBA Bwari Branch - 2021.
2. Member, NBA National Welfare Committee - 2020 -2022.
3. Publicity Secretary, NBA Bwari Branch - 2021-2023.
4. Liaison Officer, NBA-NHIS - 2022-2024.
5. Member, NBA National Welfare Committee - 2022 -2024
6. Head of Media, Local Organizing Committee (LOC) NBA-Section on Business Law - 2022
7. Member, Conference planning Committee (CPC) NBA-Section on Business Law - 2023
8. Head, Media/Publicity CPC NBA-Section on Business Law Northern Zone Conference - 2023
9. Head, Entertainment Sub-Committee CPC NBA-Section on Business Law Eastern Zone Conference - 2024

My Mandate

In line with the constitutional duties outlined in Section 9 (5) (f) of the NBA Constitution, my mandate as the Assistant General Secretary lies in assisting the General Secretary in the effective dispensation of its duties and to undertake responsibilities as the General Secretary may from time to time delegate. In achieving this, I am wholly committed to leveraging my experience, proven track record, and capabilities to fulfill any duties assigned by the President, General Secretary, National Executive Council, National Executive Committee, or Annual General Meeting.



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Manifesto Highlights



1. Utilizing Technology for Efficiency:

I am committed to collaborating with the General Secretary to champion digital and innovative solutions that will enhance the effectiveness of the NBA secretariat. Leveraging technology will enable the secretariat work smarter and more efficiently, ensuring seamless communication, and operations.

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2. NBA Stamp/Seal Innovation:

Building upon the success of past initiatives and taking lessons from past shortcomings, I will deploy my skills and exposure to support the introduction and deployment of better, improved and more stress-free process for the receipt and processing of applications for the NBA Stamp/Seal, thereby enhancing its functionality and protecting the integrity of the Lawyer's seal.

3. Bringing the National Secretariat Closer:

Drawing upon my expertise in communication and information technology, I will work alongside the General Secretary to establish communication channels such as toll-free lines, WhatsApp groups, and Telegram groups to foster closer ties between the NBA Secretariat and its members.

4. Proper Data Management of Lawyers:

Through my office, I will prioritize the maintenance and protection of the data of legal practitioners entrusted to the NBA contained in the database to prevent abuse and unauthorized access and to improve the trust and confidence in the Secretariat.

In view of my proven track record as a leader, an initiator, a team player, a forward thinking practitioner and a gentleman of the Bar, I humbly seek your support in realizing the vision of a digitized NBA secretariat and a more connected legal community. Together, we can usher in a new era of innovation and efficiency within the Nigerian Bar Association.

Thank you.

Henry Barnabas Ehi, MICA



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HENRY BARNABAS EHI

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CAREER OBJECTIVE

To find a challenging position to meet my competencies, capabilities, skills, and education in order to contribute adequately and meaningfully to the growth and development of both the firm and I.

PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender: Male
Nationality: Nigeria

WORK EXPERIENCE

2020 – Present:

Partner, Head of Dispute Resolution :

MAXON & PRIME LEGAL Suite 032 Bolingo Xperia Hotel, CBD, Area 10, Abuja, Nigeria

- ❖ Part of a team that restructured a credit facility from 9 Billion to 1 Billion Naira for petrologistic.
- ❖ Part of a Recovery of over One Billion Naira for a client at the Federal High Court Abuja.
- ❖ Engaged in Commercial and Criminal Litigation at the Magistrates' Courts, High Courts, and National Industrial Court in .Abuja
- ❖ Providing company secretarial services to private and public limited liability companies including regulatory compliance and filings as well as taking minutes at Board of Directors' Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Audit Committee Meetings.
- ❖ Drafting and reviewing contracts (such as Share Purchase Agreements, Share Vending Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Venture Agreements etc.)
- ❖ Providing clients with legal advisory on diverse issues of law
- ❖ Legal research
- ❖ Pro bono services in Prisons and Police cases

2020 – 2021:

Associate Counsel, Head of Litigation:

SPRINTS & WILLS PARTNERS No. 616 Nun Street Maitama, Abuja, Nigeria

- ❖ Key Counsel against Fidelity Bank Plc stopping the wrongful sale of a property put up as Collateral.
- ❖ Engaged in Commercial and Criminal Litigation at the Magistrates' Courts, High Courts, and National Industrial Court in .Abuja
- ❖ Providing company secretarial services to private and public limited liability companies including regulatory compliance and filings as well as taking minutes at Board of Directors' Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Audit Committee Meetings.

- ❖ Drafting and reviewing contracts (such as Share Purchase Agreements, Share Vending Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Venture Agreements etc.)
- ❖ Providing clients with legal advisory on diverse issues of law
- ❖ Legal research
- ❖ Pro bono services in Prisons and Police cases

2018 – 2019

Associate Counsel, Head of Chambers:

MARCUS-OKOKO & CO, 696 Summit Place Garki 2, Abuja, Nigeria

- ❖ Key member of the team that incorporated NIRSAL Micro Finance Bank a 5 Billion Naira Share capital company.
- ❖ Pre incorporation and Post incorporation filings with the Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC), Searches, Annual return filings, etc.
- ❖ Engaged in Commercial and Criminal Litigation at the Magistrates' Courts, High Courts, Court of Appeal, Supreme Court and National Industrial Court in Abuja.
- ❖ Providing company secretarial services to private and public limited liability companies including regulatory compliance and filings as well as taking minutes at Board of Directors' Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Audit Committee Meetings.
- ❖ Drafting and reviewing contracts (such as Investment Agreement, Share Purchase Agreements, Share Vending Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Venture Agreements, Tenancy Agreement, Deed of Assignment, Power of Attorney etc.)
- ❖ Providing clients with legal advisory on diverse issues of law
- ❖ Trademark registration
- ❖ AGIS/Area council search (both window and legal search)

2014 – 2018

Associate Counsel, Head of Chambers

BENJAMIN OGBAINI ASSOCIATES, Suit D79 & 80 IDE Plaza Utako, Abuja, Nigeria

- ❖ Engaged in Civil and Criminal Litigation at the Magistrates' Courts, High Courts, and National Industrial Court in Abuja.
- ❖ Providing company secretarial services to private and public limited liability companies including regulatory compliance and filings as well as taking minutes at Board of Directors' Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Audit Committee Meetings.
- ❖ Drafting and reviewing contracts (such as Share Purchase Agreements, Share Vending Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Venture Agreements etc.)
- ❖ Providing clients with legal advisory on diverse issues of law
- ❖ Legal research
- ❖ Representing clients at the police station and the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission (EFCC).

2014 – 2015:

Intern Counsel:

BENJAMIN OGBAINI ASSOCIATES, Suit D79 & 80 IDE Plaza Utako, Abuja, Nigeria

- ❖ Engaged in Civil and Criminal Litigation at the Magistrates' Courts, High Courts, and National Industrial Court in Abuja.
- ❖ Providing company secretarial services to private and public limited liability companies including regulatory compliance and filings as well as taking minutes at Board of Directors' Meetings, Annual General Meetings, and Audit Committee Meetings.
- ❖ Drafting and reviewing contracts (such as Share Purchase Agreements, Share Vending Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding, Joint Venture Agreements etc.)
- ❖ Providing clients with legal advisory on diverse issues of law
- ❖ Legal research

Milestones:

- ❖ Visited and represented inmates awaiting trial at the Federal Prisons Kuje under the auspices of the Legal Aid Clinic Community Development Service Group of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC).

June 2014 – July 2014:

Legal Intern:

BENJAMIN OGBAINI ASSOCIATES, Suit D79 & 80 IDE Plaza Utako, Abuja, Nigeria

Duties:

- ❖ Conducted research on several areas of law
- ❖ Drafted legal documents including; Pleadings, Letters, Motions and Affidavits.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

2023 – 2024: Certificate obtained:	Postgraduate School of Credit and Financial Management, Nigeria Diploma in Credit and Financial Analysis
2021 – 2023: Certificate obtained:	University of Jos, Jos City, Nigeria Masters of Laws, (LLM) (In View)
2021 – 2022: Certificate obtained:	Redeemed Christian Bible College, Nigeria Diploma in Theology
2013 – 2014: Certificate obtained:	Nigerian Law School, Abuja, Federal Capital Territory, Nigeria Call to Bar Certificate/Qualifying Certificate
2008 – 2013: Certificate obtained:	University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria Bachelor of Laws, (LLB Hons)

TRAININGS/SEMINARS

2018:	International Bar Association Training for Young Lawyers
2018-2019:	NBA-SBL Business Law Trainings
2020:	EU/British Council RoLAC Programme
2020	Associate Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)

2022
2023

Associate Member Nigerian Institute of Public Relations
Member National Institute of Credit Administrators

SKILLS

- ❖ Proficient with computer applications such as Microsoft office tools
- ❖ Good communication and organizational skills
- ❖ Good team player
- ❖ Good interpersonal skills
- ❖ Fluent in English and Hausa languages

RESEARCH PAPER/PUBLICATIONS

- ❖ Editor-in-Chief: Child Abuse in Nigeria (yet to be publish)
- ❖ LL.B Thesis (Compulsory Essay): “Extra-Judicial Killings in Nigeria: Legal Implication” (2013) – Distinction

POSITIONS HELD/ACHIEVEMENTS/AWARDS

- ❖ Head of Chambers, Benjamin Ogbaini & Associates (2017/2018)
- ❖ Deputy Editor-in-Chief Law Student Association, University of Benin (2013)
- ❖ Welfare Secretary, Christian Law Students’ Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON) (2011/2012)
- ❖ Certificate of Appearance, *Henry Idabiagbon Moot & Mock Trial Competition*, Faculty of Law, University of Benin (2012)
- ❖ Head of Media and Rapportage NBA Young Lawyers Forum Bwari Branch (2020)
- ❖ Member, Nigeria Bar Association Human Right Committee (Bwari)
- ❖ Member, National Welfare Committee , Nigerian Bar Association
- ❖ Publicity Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association Bwari Branch (2021-2023)
- ❖ Head of Media and Publicity LOC- subcommittee 16th Business Law Conference NBA-SBL (2022)
- ❖ Head of Media and Publicity Northern Zonal Conference Kano- NBA-SBL 2023
- ❖ Head of Media and Publicity NBA-LWDF Abuja - 2023
- ❖ Chairman Protocol and Entertainment Eastern Zonal Conference Enugu-NBA-SBL 2024

VOLUNTEER WORK/ORGANISATIONS

- ❖ Amnesty International (2020)
- ❖ Coordinator The Voice For Child Right and Rescue Initiative (2017 – till date)
- ❖ Associate Member, African Child Liberation Mission (2015 -2016)
- ❖ Ad hoc Polling Officer 1, Independent National Electoral Commission (INEC), Nigeria (Volunteered for the conduct of the 2015 general elections).
- ❖ Prisons Visit Coordinator, Legal Aid Clinic Community Development Service Group of the National Youth Service Corps (NYSC), FCT-Abuja, Nigeria (2015)

AFFILIATIONS

Member, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Member, NBA- Section on Business Law

HOBBIES

Poetry, Sports and Listening to music

REFREES

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MANIFESTO OF ERIC CHIGOZIE IBE, LL.B, B.L, LL.M. Ph.D (in view) ASPIRANT FOR THE POST OF THE NBA REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR



I, **Eric Chigozie Ibe**, do hereby solicit for your support in my quest to be elected to the NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar in the forth-coming election 2024.

I obtained my LLB (Hons,) from the University of Abuja. I went to the Nigerian Law School (Bwari Campus) and was called to the Nigerian Bar in 2012.

I am prepared to serve the NBA and the General Council of the Bar to add value to quality representation.

If elected as a Representative to the General Council of the Bar, I shall with your support, make the General Council of the Bar all-inclusive and efficient with the following:-

- That I shall abide by the principle of the Rule of Law as enshrined in the NBA constitution.
- I shall hold the office of the Representative to the General Council of the Bar with dignity and sincerity of purpose.
- I shall attend all meetings and maintain my membership of the Representative to the General Council of the Bar throughout my tenure,
- I shall make myself available and attend all functions and meetings from time to time.

This is my passion and I will approach this position with never ending commitment I intend to create a standard that will easily be sustained by whoever succeeds me in office and by the grace of the Almighty God and your dauntless support, together we will take the Representation to the General Council of the Bar to an enviable height.

Finally, I'm approachable, friendly and up for a coffee and good chat with anyone! So feel free to drop me a line, thank you for your patience and hopefully give me your vote!

Eric Ibe Esq.

DATED THIS 20TH DAY OF MAY, 2024

IBE, ERIC CHIGOZIE

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Date of Birth:	16 th February, 1983
Place of Birth:	Umuozu
Local Govt. Area:	Nwangele
State of Origin:	Imo
Nationality:	Nigerian
Sex:	Male
Language Spoken:	English, Igbo and Hausa

PROFESSIONAL OBJECTIVES

Attain a high level of professionalism and ensure the satisfaction of my target clients by using the best professional practices to prompt and quality services.

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED/CERTIFICATES OBTAINED WITH DATES

2022: University of Lagos
Advanced Diploma Certificate, Strategic Human Capital Mgt. and Labour Law.

2022: University of Lagos
Advanced Diploma Certificate, Human Capital Mgt. and Labour Law.

2021: Nasarawa State University Keffi, Nigeria
Doctor of Philosophy (Ph.D) – Law (in-view)

2021: Nasarawa State University, Keffi
LL.M – International Law and Diplomacy

2018: Nasarawa State University, Keffi
PGD – Refugee & International Humanitarian Law

2012: Nigeria Law School Bwari, Abuja
B.L

2009: University of Abuja, Abuja, Nigeria
L.L.B (Hons) Law

2000: Government Secondary School. Bwari, Abuja. SSCE
(Secondary School Certificate Examination)

1994: Abayi Umuocham Primary School 1 Aba,
Abia State.
First School Leaving Certificate

- The Application of International Humanitarian Law to the Boko Haram Insurgency.
- Legal overview of the Causes and Effects of Internal Displacement in Nigeria.
- The Conundrum of Anti-Open Grazing Law in Nigeria
- Waste to Wealth, Climate Change and Human Rights Violations in the Niger Delta Region of Nigeria: Issues, Challenges and Prospects.
- Prosecution of World Superpowers at the ICC: The conflict between Russia and Ukraine.
- Rule of Law against the Rule of Force in the Russian-Ukraine crises.
- Emergence of Artificial Intelligence and its legal status in Nigeria: Prospects and Challenges
- Executive disobedience to Court Orders and Anarchy in Nigeria
- Prohibition of the Use of Force under International Law: Israel & Palestine Conflict

PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- ✓ NOTARY PUBLIC
Federal Republic of Nigeria
- ✓ Secretary,
Bar & Bench Committee, Nigerian Bar Association, Garki Branch
- ✓ Secretary,
Nigerian Bar Association, Abuja Branch (Unity Bar), 2020 – 2022
- ✓ General Secretary and Fellow
Nigeria Immigration Lawyers Association.
- ✓ Member,
Association of Professional Negotiators and Mediators of Nigeria (PNM)
- ✓ Member,
Nigerian Institute of Management NIM (Chartered)
- ✓ Associate Member,
Institute of Professional Managers and Administrators of Nigeria
- ✓ Member,
Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (ICMC)
- ✓ Member,
Association of Legislative Drafters & Advocacy Practitioners (ALDRAP)
- ✓ Member,
Medical Law Professionals Association of Nigeria (MELPAN)

HOBBIES

Reading, Meeting People, Travelling and Volunteerism

REFEREES

1. **Osita A. Aboloma (Esq.)**
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CURRICULUM VITAE AND MANIFESTO OF IKE AUGUSTINE, ESQ.



CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF REPRESENTATIVE TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR

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OBJECTIVE

To be committed to duty with precision and due diligence; with an expectation to achieving excellence for maximum productivity.

To contribute towards the development of the legal profession, to ensure service to the Bar, Nation and humanity.

PERSONAL PROFILE

- Born: 3rd March,1990
- Married
- Organized and Goal Oriented.
- Good command of English Language.
- A good team player with firm analytical mind and can also work as an individual.
- Capable of discharging duties with little or no supervision.
- Advocate of morals and discipline.
- Open to learning novel areas.
- Understands and speaks English, Igbo and Yoruba
- Hails from Ideato-South Local Government Area of Imo State.

SCHOOLS ATTENDED/CERTIFICATES OBTAINED WITH DATES

- NYSC-----**2016**
- Call To The Bar-----**October 2015**
- Nigerian Law School, B.L.-----**October 2015**
- University of Uyo, L.L.B. (Hons.) 2nd Class-----**2014**
- Tin-Can Island High School, Tolu Complex, Olodi-Apapa – WASSCE **2006**
- Reservation Primary School, Tolu Complex, Olodi-Apapa Lagos-----
First school certification -----**2000**

COMPUTER SKILL

- Microsoft Word
- Microsoft Power Point

EMPLOYMENT RECORD

- Counsel, Equity Chambers, World Bank-Umuguma Road, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria from September 2022 till Date.
- Counsel, Aguwa Law Chambers, 80 Amauzari Street, Ikenegbu Extension, Owerri, Imo State, Nigeria from March 2018 to August 2022.
- Counsel, Fatai Aremu Oso, SAN & Co. Odili Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State January 2018 to March 2018
- Temple of Justice Chambers, Avia Oil Complex New Market, Enugu ----**2018 to January 2018**
- Counsel, Summit Chambers 2 Muazu Mohammed Road Minna Niger State--**2015 to 2018**
- Extern, Kanu G. Agabi & Associates , Calabar ,Cross River State----**2014**

PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Member, Nigerian Bar Association
- Member, African Bar Association

CONFERENCES AND WORKSHOPS ATTENDED

- NBA Annual General Conferences
- African Bar Association Conference in Pretoria, South Africa
- NBA Institute of Continuing Legal Education (ICLE) Trainings
- Socio Economic Rights and Accountability Project (SERAP) Workshops
- NAPTIP & UNODC Training

POSITION HELD

- Member, NBA Owerri Branch Public Interest Litigation Committee **2022 till date**
- Member, NBA Owerri Branch Law Office Registration Committee **2022 till date**
- Member, NBA Owerri Branch Human Rights Committee **2020 to 2022**
- Co-opted Member, NBA Owerri Branch Law Week Committee **2018**
- President Corps Legal Aid Group, Niger State (NYSC)----- **2016**
- Legal Adviser , Nigerian Christian Corpers' Fellowship , Niger State---- **2016**
- Member Nigerian Bar Association, Minna Branch Election Committee---- **2016**

HOBBIES/INTEREST

- Reading,
- Sports: Basketball, football, Word puzzle, and Chess,
- Listening to music
- Travelling

RESEARCH PROJECT

- "Petroleum and Gas Resources in Nigeria: The Ownership Controversy."
February 2014
- Power Point presentation on "portfolio assessment of Court and Chambers Placement" at the Nigerian Law School, Abuja Campus **May 2015.**

REFEREES

- Louis M. Alozie, SAN
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Equity Chambers,
Imo Housing/Umuguma Road,
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- Jonathan Gunu Taidi, SAN
Century Chambers
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Past NBA General-Secretary 2018-2020
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MANIFESTO

My name is Augustine Ike.

I am a male and Nigerian citizen.

I am married to Kelechi Favour Ike (Nee Eluwa) and the marriage is blessed with a lovely daughter Chikaima Magnificent Ike.

I am a private Legal Practitioner in the Law Firm of L. M. Alozie, SAN & Co.

I am currently a member of Nigerian Bar Association, Owerri Branch and have served in various Committees in my branch. I started as a member of NBA Minna Branch and later transferred my membership from NBA Minna Branch to Owerri Branch in 2018.

I have attended several conferences, symposia and workshops both local and international.

The General Council of the Bar by virtue its establishment under the Legal Practitioners Act is charged with the general management of the affairs of the Nigerian Bar Association and with other functions conferred on the Council.

With my experience, exposure, and goodwill, I will work with other eminent members of the Council in ensuring that the functions of the Council are effectively carried out.

I will also work with other eminent members of the Council to ensure that lawyers uphold high professional ethics and standard.

May I humbly offer myself to serve as a representative to the General Council of the Bar.

Thank you.

Ike Augustine, Esq.



TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP AND A FEARLESS BAR THE MANIFESTO

A close-up portrait of Chukwuka Ikwuazom, a man with a short beard and mustache, wearing a dark pinstriped suit jacket, a white shirt, and a patterned tie. He is looking directly at the camera with a serious expression. The background is a dark, textured green.

This is **MY MANIFESTO** on which I am running for Election for the Office of President of the Nigerian Bar Association

Chukwuka Ikwuazom, SAN, FCTI

*At the core of my manifesto lie two fundamental ideologies - **TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP and A FEARLESS BAR.** I am convinced that by embracing these ideologies, we can collectively "Unleash Innovation, Cultivate Resilience, and Fearlessly Champion Justice."*



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INTRODUCTION

1. I, Chukwuka Ikwuazom, SAN, FCTI am, honoured to announce my candidacy for the esteemed position of President of the Nigerian Bar Association (the "NBA" or the "Association"). With the elections scheduled to take place on 20 July 2024, I present to you my manifesto outlining my vision, aspirations, and plans for the NBA.
2. I received my LL.B degree from the University of Nigeria in 2000 and was called to the Nigerian Bar in May 2002. This marked the commencement of a diverse legal journey encompassing both national and international landscapes. In pursuit of professional excellence and expertise, I gained admission to Columbia University, New York, where I earned an LLM in 2009. Notably, I was honoured with the Harlan Fiske Stone Prize for academic excellence and awarded the Judith R. and Michael E. Thoyer scholarship during my time at Columbia.
3. Admitted to both the Nigerian and New York State Bars, my expertise spans diverse practice areas, including taxation, energy, intellectual property, finance, and banking. I have litigated landmark cases and advised on complex commercial transactions. I am a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (FCTI) with demonstrable expertise in taxation.
4. Currently, I am a Partner in the Dispute Resolution and Tax (DRT) practice of my firm, Aluko & Oyebode, where I have the honour of leading the Taxation Practice. My professional journey is characterised by an unwavering dedication to excellence and integrity. Any plaudits are as a result.
5. In 2020, I was elevated to the coveted rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), a significant milestone that underscores my contributions to the evolution of the law. This achievement reflects my dedication to impassioned courtroom advocacy and my commitment to advancing the legal profession.
6. I have always been passionate about the advancement of the NBA and the reform of the legal profession to better serve the needs of its members and the society. In furtherance of that passion, I have actively served in diverse roles within the NBA – at the national and branch levels and have been an active member of various sections of the NBA.



7. As a member of the NBA Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL), I diligently served as Vice-Chairman of its Employment and Industrial Relations Committee for two terms. I was a member of the Technical Committee on Conference Planning for the NBA Annual General Conferences in 2019 and 2020 and the Chairman of the Local Organizing Committee for the 2019 Conference, held in Lagos, thereby contributing to the successes of these conferences.
8. In 2017, I was elected Chairman of the NBA Lagos Branch (the "Premier Bar"). As Chairman, I pioneered several transformative policies and practices that redefined leadership at the Branch. I initiated knowledge-sharing sessions at Branch meetings which provided a major incentive for Branch members to attend monthly meetings. This significantly increased meeting attendance from an average of 250 to nearly 1000. The increase prompted a move to a larger venue to accommodate the burgeoning participation of members at the monthly meetings.
9. In addition to the knowledge-sharing sessions, our administration introduced individual and group mentorship programmes under which seasoned and accomplished lawyers shared their experiences with and provided mentorship to younger members of the Branch. These mentorship programs significantly enhanced professional growth and cohesion among members.
10. As a firm believer in capacity building and continuing professional development for lawyers, I reconstituted the Continuing Legal Education (CLE) Committee of the NBA Lagos Branch and provided the necessary leadership and direction for the Committee to deliver free and regular professional training and seminars to members. It is noteworthy and heartening that this innovation has become a staple food across the NBA and its branches, nationwide.
11. My administration institutionalised financial accountability and transparency at the Lagos Branch by providing detailed, easily understandable, and scrutable monthly financial reports to Branch members. These extremely successful policies and initiatives have since become a cornerstone of ethical governance within the Branch. They were adopted by my successors and have since become part of the leadership culture of the NBA Lagos Branch and as models for other Branches.



12. As Chairman, my administration commenced the building project for the construction of a befitting Bar Centre for the NBA Lagos Branch and left a significant sum in the project account for my successors to continue with the project. Currently, I serve as the Chairman of the Building Committee of the NBA Lagos Branch, and in that role, I am working tirelessly with other members to ensure completion of the project.
13. At the national level, I served as a member of the National Executive Council of the NBA ("NEC") from 2017 to 2021 and was reappointed for a two-year term, set to end in August 2024.
14. I also currently serve as the Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association Securities Agencies Relations Committee ("NBA-SARC"). In this role, my team and I have consistently 'advocated for lawyers who have faced various forms of victimization or harassment by security agencies while representing their clients. Our efforts also focus on promoting cooperation between lawyers and security agencies in Nigeria to minimize incidences of security agents impeding the rights of lawyers to deliver legal services effectively to their clients.
15. In recognition of my notable contributions to the Bar, I was honoured with a distinguished service award by the NBA Lagos Branch during its 2023 Annual Dinner and Award Night.
16. This manifesto is not merely a proclamation of intent. It is my solemn commitment to you as a member of the NBA, a votive offering of the exacting standard to which you must hold, and by which you must judge me, should I, by God's grace and your choosing, become your President.



MY PHILOSOPHY

– UNITY & CONTINUITY

1. My vision is for transformative leadership and a fearless Bar. But this cannot be achieved without a unified front. The legal profession is marked by profound polarization, evident in the divisions between the Bar and the Bench, the Outer Bar and the Inner Bar, Young Lawyers and Senior Lawyers, Litigators/Advocates and Commercial/Transactional Lawyers, Government Lawyers and Private Practitioners, In-House Counsel and Private Practitioners, the Academic Bar and the wider NBA, as well as along ethnic or religious lines within both the Bar and the Bench.
2. On the surface, these divisions may be dismissed as inconsequential, but they are a pernicious plague on the legal profession and hamper the realization of our collective goals. A house divided against itself cannot stand. Therefore, we must forge unity within the legal profession. Recognizing and bridging these divisions is essential to revitalizing our profession and the justice sector.
3. I would love to see better continuity in the ideals and policies of our Association. As thought leaders in politics and governance, the legal profession should pioneer admirable principles like continuity, away from the norm in our larger polity. I am, therefore, committed to continuity in leadership. As a President, I will take on and advance the invaluable initiatives and policies of past NBA presidents. I hope to build upon their efforts, particularly in areas such as legal regulatory reform and the promotion of transparency and financial prudence within the NBA.
4. If elected President, I aim to instil a culture of sustained progress, ensuring that future leaders follow suit in advancing our profession's interests. Through unity, continuity, and strategic action, I will steer the NBA towards a brighter future.



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PRIORITY AIMS & OBJECTS

1. If elected President of the NBA, my core focus will center around the aims and objectives outlined in Article 3 (1), (13), (12), (3), and (6) of the NBA Constitution 2015 (as amended in 2021) (the "NBA Constitution").

In order of priority, the following are the aims and objectives I will concentrate on:

- 1.1. Maintenance and defence of the integrity and independence of the Bar and the Judiciary in Nigeria.
 - 1.2. Establishment of schemes for the promotion of the welfare, security, and economic advancement of members of the profession.
 - 1.3. Creation of schemes for the empowerment of newly qualified members and members with disabilities, and for the provision of assistance to aged or incapacitated members of the Association.
 - 1.4. Improvement of the system of administration of justice, its procedures, and the arrangement of court business and regular law reporting.
 - 1.5. Maintenance of the highest standard of professional conduct, etiquette and discipline.
2. My decision to prioritize these aims and objectives does not diminish the significance of the other objectives. Rather, it reflects my belief that focusing on specific areas is essential for achieving impactful outcomes. By prioritizing objectives directly related to the unity and welfare of our members and the integrity of the legal profession, I aim to address pressing issues and make meaningful strides towards advancing the interests of our Association and its members.
 3. It is undeniable that many of our members feel disconnected from the NBA, viewing membership as obligatory rather than voluntary. This perception must change, and I pledge to undertake this task. Acknowledging the diversity of needs and aspirations within the NBA, the NBA must actively strive to be relevant to all members. By doing so, we would not only foster unity across the divisions earlier highlighted in paragraph B (1) of this manifesto, but will position the NBA and empower its members to effectively carry out our role in society.



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WELFARE

- 1.1. The welfare of legal professionals, particularly young lawyers, is of utmost priority for me. It is my fervent belief that the welfare of legal professionals is intricately connected with their dignity and the level of respect accorded them by members of the public.
- 1.2. Hence, as President, I will spearhead a series of meticulously crafted policies aimed at elevating the welfare of legal professionals. I will establish a holistic approach to addressing the multifaceted challenges faced by new wigs and other young lawyers, private practitioners, in-house lawyers, lawyers employed in the public sector, law lecturers, and judges.
- 1.3. Below, I set out my ideas for a robust framework aimed at safeguarding the livelihood of legal professionals.

THE JUDICIARY

- 1.4. I believe that improvement of remuneration, working conditions, and post-service entitlements for judicial officers in Nigeria is indispensable to a well-functioning Judiciary which is fundamental to the stability and progress of any civilized nation. As watchdogs of society, it is imperative that the NBA leadership prioritizes this cause. This I intend to do.
- 1.5. Poor welfare of judicial officers and unconducive working conditions in the Judiciary undermine both the quality and efficiency of the justice system and erode public trust in the administration of justice. An improved remuneration and welfare scheme for the Judiciary will directly impact the quality of justice delivery and will make it more attractive to talented legal professionals. This, in turn, will ensure that the Judiciary is staffed with the best and brightest minds, capable of upholding the principles of justice with integrity and competently discharging their functions.
- 1.6. By championing the enhancement of the Judiciary's welfare and ensuring the appointment and retention of judges based on integrity, competence, and capacity, the NBA will contribute to a stronger, more resilient legal system.



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1.7. Indeed, it is in our enlightened self-interest as legal professionals to advocate for a dignified Judiciary. Should I be elected the NBA President, I will vigorously collaborate with all relevant stakeholders, including the Attorney-General of the Federation and the Attorneys-General of the States, our professional colleagues in the legislative and executive arms of government at the federal and state levels, and the Bench towards the enactment and implementation of legislative and administrative frameworks to guarantee adequate compensation of judicial officers and improvement of their working conditions.

THE BAR

1.8. My aspiration to be NBA President is driven by a deep commitment to enhance the livelihood of our members. I recognise the groundbreaking efforts of the administrations of Mr. Olumide Akpata and Mr. Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, SAN, OON which led to the enactment of the Legal Practitioners Remuneration (for Business, Legal Service, and Representation) Order, 2023 (the "Remuneration Order").

1.9. If properly implemented, the Remuneration Order will guarantee to lawyers, fair remuneration for legal services that will ultimately ensure financial security to many of our members. I will therefore rigorously pursue the implementation of the Remuneration Order in collaboration with the Branches through the Remuneration Committee. To this end, I will actively engage with all Branch Chairmen to set up Remuneration Taskforces in their Branches to monitor compliance with the Remuneration Order, as a first step. I will also initiate, through the Remuneration Committee and in collaboration with all relevant stakeholders, an implementation mechanism to encourage voluntary compliance, and to ensure that violations of the Remuneration Order are decisively addressed through the appropriate disciplinary channels in the profession.

1.10. One of the measures I will initiate to ensure compliance with the Remuneration Order is to introduce a special seal to be affixed on all land documents prepared by legal practitioners. I will actively collaborate with the Attorneys-General of the States to introduce administrative measures that will make the proposed seal on land documents compulsory, such that the affixion of the seal will be a condition for registration of all land documents prepared by legal practitioners.

1.11. The Branches will be responsible for the administration and issuance of the seal under a framework that will be developed in collaboration with the Branches. The essence of the seal will be to validate land documents prepared by legal practitioners and it will be



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Issued only upon demonstration by a legal practitioner that the professional fees for a land transaction complied with the prescribed scale of fees.

- 1.12. I will adopt a protective stance towards the business of law and safeguarding its integrity. This will entail implementing models to enforce the values entrenched in the Rules of Professional Conduct ("RPC"). I however acknowledge that some of the rules in the RPC are no longer fit for purpose and I will work towards a guided reform of the RPC that will retain its core principles and values that are necessary to safeguard the integrity of the profession while eliminating those that no longer align with the evolving landscape for legal services.
- 1.13. Provisions of the RPC such as Rule 3, which seek to safeguard the legal profession from encroachment by non-lawyers will be strictly enforced, while rules like Rule 22, which limit lawyers from visiting clients at their premises to receive legal instructions will be amended to better accommodate the changing dynamics of legal practice.
- 1.14. For the Bar, my presidency will be characterized by proactive advocacy, strategic reforms, and collaborative engagement to uphold the dignity and economic viability of legal practice in Nigeria. Together, we will create a conducive environment where every legal professional thrives and our collective aspirations for a robust legal sector are realized.

REMUNERATION

- 1.15. If elected President of the NBA, I plan to seriously address the pressing issue of remuneration of lawyers in employment. To this end, I will collaborate with all relevant stakeholders to implement the Remuneration Report which was adopted by the National Executive Council in 2022, using the data from the remuneration survey that was also commissioned by the Remuneration Committee in 2022.
- 1.16. The NBA under my leadership will collaborate with the Branches and other stakeholders to ensure that compliance with the remuneration standards prescribed by the NBA becomes a prerequisite for professional certification processes, including the issuance of letters of good standing, applications for notary public appointments, and endorsement of lawyers seeking elevation to the Bench, and the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.



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- 1.17. To encourage voluntary compliance by law firms with the prescribed remuneration standards, I will set up a mechanism under which the names of compliant law firms will be published and regularly updated on the NBA website and published at NBA events.
- 1.18. As a Partner in a firm with one of the best remuneration systems for new wigs, I have personally been part of collective efforts to ensure adequate remuneration for new wigs and will encourage the implementation of some of the models at Aluko & Oyeboode by other law firms should I emerge the NBA President.
- 1.19. By embracing transparency, accountability, and market incentives, we can usher in a new era of fairness and prosperity within the legal profession, ensuring that every legal practitioner is valued and compensated equitably.

CONDITIONS OF SERVICE

- 1.20. In addition to the remuneration of lawyers in private employment, the NBA under my leadership will also pay close attention to the remuneration of lawyers employed in the public sector. I will collaborate with relevant agencies of government, the Attorney-General of the Federation, and the Attorneys-General of the States to address the issue of salary disparity between lawyers and other professionals and other practices that adversely affect the interests of lawyers employed in the public sector.
- 1.21. The dignity of our profession cannot be isolated from the welfare of its members. Part of my plan for protecting the welfare of legal professionals is advocacy for minimum conditions of service in lawyers' employment contracts. Lawyers in employment deserve basic protections and benefits, outlined in relevant legislation such as paid annual leave, health and insurance and pension contributions, where applicable, and I will set up mechanisms for ensuring the realisation of this goal.

PAYMENT OF PRACTISING FEES

- 1.22. As I had stated earlier, while some provisions of the RPC are laudable and remain relevant in today's legal landscape, the burden of strict adherence to some of the provisions will be addressed under my administration should I emerge NBA President. For instance, Rule 9 of the RPC should be reviewed to admit an exception for lawyers admitted to the Bar shortly before the end of the year. It is unjust for newly enrolled lawyers to bear the burden of paying practising fees twice within a one-year timeframe. I will propose extending fee coverage for newly enrolled lawyers beyond the calendar year of



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their admission to the Bar to the succeeding year of their admission. This way, lawyers admitted to the Bar in November or December and who pay their practising fees shortly after their enrolment in the year of their enrolment should not be required to pay practising fees for the succeeding year.

- 1.23. Furthermore, it is imperative to highlight the importance of employers assuming the responsibility of paying practising fees and branch dues for their employees. Given that the payment of practising fees is integral to the employment of lawyers, it is only fitting for employers to shoulder the responsibility of paying these fees on behalf of the lawyers they employ. This measure aims to alleviate financial burdens on lawyers and foster a supportive environment for legal professionals within their respective workplaces.

ADDRESSING SEXUAL HARASSMENT

- 1.24. I acknowledge the persistence of complaints of sexual harassment in the legal profession, and I commit to working with relevant NBA sections and committees to address this issue. Drawing from global insights, my administration will devise strategies to combat harassment, with a focus on ensuring a safe and supportive environment for all legal professionals. Additionally, it is imperative to extend protection to law students and institutions of legal learning, ensuring they are shielded from sexual predators. This proactive approach will uphold the integrity and dignity of our profession while safeguarding the well-being of all individuals within the legal community.
- 1.25. The NBA must protect victims of sexual harassment and ensure swift and decisive action against offenders. To this end, my administration will encourage a culture of naming and shaming perpetrators.
- 1.26. I will pay particular attention to our female colleagues who without a doubt are more vulnerable to sexual harassment. By fostering an environment where unacceptable behaviour is met with unwavering condemnation and punishment by the profession, my administration will empower victims to step forward without fear of retribution. Through collaborative efforts with the NBA Women's Forum and other stakeholders, we will define clear boundaries of acceptable conduct, streamline reporting mechanisms, and provide robust support to victims, all underpinned by a commitment to uphold the integrity of our noble profession.



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1.27. Under my administration, the 2021 sexual harassment policy of the NBA will be vigorously enforced, and its provisions will be strictly applied to offenders. It is imperative that all lawyers are familiarized with the contents of the policy to ensure accountability and deterrence. Furthermore, we will implement mechanisms to protect female colleagues within the Bar who bravely come forward to report instances of harassment. Additionally, we will encourage confidential reporting channels for victims to report offenders discreetly. This proactive approach aims to create a safe and supportive environment within the legal profession, ensuring that all individuals are treated with dignity and respect.

SUSTAINABLE TRAINING AND CAREER EMPOWERMENT

1.28. The journey of a legal professional extends far beyond the halls of the University and the Nigerian Law School. Recognizing this, I will initiate and implement comprehensive post-qualification training and career development programmes under the auspices of the NBA. As new lawyers step into the profession, the NBA will take charge of their induction, offering guidance on diverse career options and fostering awareness of the rich opportunities available within the legal landscape.

1.29. Through collaborative efforts with stakeholders, including large commercial firms and multinational organizations, we will host career fairs and facilitate job placements for new wigs. For those venturing into solo practice, structured training and mentorship schemes will be instituted, providing essential support, and laying the groundwork for success.

1.30. I intend to negotiate with financial institutions and secure preferential loans for lawyers seeking to set up law firms, thereby fostering innovation and bolstering the entrepreneurial spirit within the legal community.

1.31. Continuous learning and specialisation are close to my heart. Under my watch, the NBA will facilitate access to career-enhancing post-qualification trainings and certifications for new entrants into the profession. In particular, being a specialist in taxation myself, through concerted collaboration with institutions such as the Chartered Institute of Taxation, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK, Chartered Institute of Secretaries and Administrators, I hope to see a new generation of legal practitioners, empowered to set out as experts in tax law and in other respective fields of specialisation.



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- 1.32. Furthermore, I am a firm believer in mentorship. Under my leadership as the Chairman of the NBA Lagos Branch, I set up group and individual mentoring programmes through which younger members of the Branch enjoyed the benefit of learning from experienced high-flying senior lawyers. If elected President of the NBA, I intend to, in partnership with stakeholders in the profession, advance continuous professional growth through mentorship and formal trainings.
- 1.33. Every member of the NBA, particularly young lawyers, will receive enhanced value for their membership of the NBA. Not anymore should we hear complaints that NBA membership demands obligations and extends no value. With tailored programmes and resources geared towards members' specific needs and aspirations, I aim to chart a path for more fulfilling involvement of lawyers in the NBA.
- 1.34. In addition to the comprehensive post-qualification training and career development programmes outlined above, I will propose the establishment of a pioneering Legal Wellness Programme. This initiative goes beyond traditional professional development by addressing the holistic well-being of legal professionals. The Legal Wellness Programme will offer resources and support tailored to the unique challenges faced by lawyers, including stress management workshops, mental health resources, and peer support networks. By prioritizing the mental, emotional, and physical wellness of our legal community, we can foster resilience, manage burnout, and cultivate a culture of support and camaraderie within the legal profession.
- 1.35. Through these innovative initiatives, I hope to ensure that legal professionals not only excel in their career but also thrive in all aspects of their lives.

HARNESSING TECHNOLOGY

- 1.36. **Technological Integration:** Embracing the digital age, the NBA will leverage technology to streamline operations, enhance data management, and expand access to learning opportunities.
- 1.37. **Digital Empowerment:** Initiatives such as "Opportunities for Lawyers" and online training programmes will empower legal professionals, providing avenues for networking, skill development, and career advancement.
- 1.38. **Digital Seals:** The NBA under my leadership will introduce digital seals that can be electronically affixed on processes and documents.



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1.39. **Maximizing Potential:** Building on existing initiatives, my administration will explore new avenues to harness technology's full potential, ensuring that the NBA remains at the forefront of innovation and progress.

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT

1.40. If entrusted with the Presidency of the NBA, I am committed to expanding the horizons of the business of law, through focused and deliberate business development initiatives and limiting the encroachment by non-lawyers into the legal services market.

1.41. To realize this vision, I will embark on a multifaceted approach aimed at both empowering legal professionals and enlightening the public on the myriad ways they can benefit from legal expertise. Firstly, I will champion comprehensive training and guidance programmes tailored to equip lawyers with the skills and knowledge needed to thrive in specialized areas of practice. This will involve forging strategic partnerships with industry leaders and educational institutions to offer innovative training modules and certifications.

1.42. Furthermore, through targeted outreach campaigns, educational seminars, and collaborative ventures with businesses and organizations, I will lead initiatives to raise public awareness about the diverse roles lawyers can play beyond traditional litigation and contract drafting. Not only will these concerted efforts expand the scope of legal services, but they will also foster stronger bonds between the community and legal practitioners.

A STANDING AND MORE IMPACTFUL WELFARE SCHEME

1.43. In response to unforeseen challenges like the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation and depreciation of the Naira, the NBA under my leadership will establish a robust welfare scheme, providing vital support to the most vulnerable members of the Association.

1.44. To ensure sustainability, I propose funding the welfare scheme through strategic mechanisms, such as regular deductions from bar practising fees and other viable sources of income within the Association. This approach will guarantee the scheme's longevity and effectiveness during times of need, allowing us to provide continuous support to our members.



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- 1.45. To maintain accountability, I am committed to ensuring that only active members in good standing will be eligible to benefit from the programme. This emphasizes the significance of fulfilling responsibilities to the Association and strengthens our shared dedication to reciprocal assistance and unity.
- 1.46. Such a scheme will ensure that in future our members are insulated from the extreme impact of economic shocks.



A FEARLESS BAR

- 2.1. The present situation in the country where impunity seems to have gained a subtle acceptance as the norm and the rule of law is undermined on a daily basis by government agencies and officials underscores the imperative for a FEARLESS BAR. The NBA is the last standing bulwark of the rule of law and the protection of the rights of members of the public. I therefore fully understand the need for the leadership of the NBA to decisively respond to and seek redress for breaches of the rule of law and the rights of vulnerable and defenceless members of the public.
- 2.2. If the NBA were to fail to decisively respond to abuse of power by public office holders and security agencies, public confidence would be eroded not only in the NBA but also the entire justice system. The defence of the rule of law and the rights of members of the Bar, the Bench and vulnerable members of the public against the excesses of public office holders and security agencies will be of top priority to the NBA under my leadership. In my role as Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association Security Agencies Relations Committee, I have spoken out strongly against the wrongful conduct of security agencies and if I am elected President, I pledge to continue to speak truth to power without fear or favour and to restore the NBA to its original place as a bastion of the rule of law.

JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM

- 3.1. TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP entails empowering legal practitioners to thrive in an environment conducive to justice and fairness. The NBA under my leadership will pave the way for a FEARLESS BAR. To achieve this, I will agitate for transformative reforms in our justice sector, embodying the spirit of fearless advocacy and visionary leadership.
- 3.2. A FEARLESS BAR demands bold actions in confronting the systemic inefficiencies plaguing our justice delivery system. By spearheading comprehensive reforms, I hope to see an NBA that will dismantle barriers hindering the legal profession's effectiveness and instil confidence both in practitioners and the public.
- 3.3. The inefficiencies within our judicial system have far-reaching consequences beyond the legal community. These inefficiencies create obstacles to conducting business smoothly in Nigeria and dissuade commercial entities from considering Nigeria as an investment destination. Even when Nigeria is chosen as an investment destination, the inefficiencies affect the choice of Nigerian law as the governing law for contractual agreements. This ripple effect significantly impacts all sectors of legal practice.



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- 3.4. As such, I will prioritize the enhancement of our court system. By improving the efficiency and effectiveness of our courts, we can enhance the appeal and efficacy of our legal services, both domestically and internationally. This strategic focus will not only bolster confidence in Nigeria's legal system but also attract and retain investments, fostering economic growth and development.
- 3.5. The repercussions of our current dysfunctional court system are particularly poignant in cases involving fundamental human rights and criminal matters. These cases, which are crucial as they pertain to the life and liberty of citizens, often face significant delays. Many cases take years to reach a conclusion, and the appellate process can further prolong matters, sometimes spanning decades.
- 3.6. Moreover, disputes arising in corporate practice, such as contractual disagreements, can languish in courts for up to a decade before reaching a resolution. These delays have adverse implications for businesses, especially in time-sensitive projects like construction and infrastructure ventures.
- 3.7. While many factors are responsible for the inordinate delays in justice delivery, I believe that erratic court sittings contribute significantly to the delays. To address this issue, I will set up a court monitoring system under which court sittings in every jurisdiction will be published on a weekly basis. This will help legal practitioners and litigants to identify judges who sit regularly and those who do not. I believe that the publication of court sittings which will call public attention to the frequency of sittings by each judge, will spur judges to sit more regularly.
- 3.8. Additionally, the NBA under my leadership will institutionalise a system of recognition of judges who demonstrate hard work, diligence, and character in the performance of their judicial functions to provide an incentive for good conduct on the Bench.
- 3.9. In the light of the challenges outlined, I am dedicated to prioritizing justice reform if entrusted with the role of NBA President. With a comprehensive approach, addressing these issues will be a central pillar of my administration, aimed at fostering a legal system that is more efficient, accessible, and responsive to the needs of all stakeholders. Together, we will leave no stone unturned in our pursuit of a fair and equitable justice system for every individual in our society.



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ENHANCED EFFICIENCY IN ADMINISTRATION OF COURTS

- 3.10. In leading the NBA, I am dedicated to spearheading a critical transformation in the way our courts are administered. Together with esteemed colleagues and stakeholders, we will advocate for a fundamental shift from the current practice where judicial officers are burdened with both court administration and the delivery of justice.
- 3.11. Having garnered valuable insights from years of legal practice, particularly in courtroom proceedings, I recognise the pressing need to address the administrative challenges faced by our Judiciary. Tasks such as managing court operations, overseeing judiciary staffing, implementing case-flow management systems, and maintaining court facilities demand specialized managerial expertise beyond the scope of traditional legal training. Thus, judges should not engage in these administrative tasks for several reasons. First, their primary responsibility lies in dispensing justice and interpreting the law. Engaging in administrative tasks detracts from their core functions and may compromise the quality and efficiency of judicial decision-making. Second, administrative tasks such as personnel management, budgeting, and facilities maintenance require specialised skills and expertise that are not typically part of a judge's training or experience as a legal professional.
- 3.12. Furthermore, separating judicial functions from administrative duties will help uphold the principle of judicial independence. When judges are not burdened with administrative responsibilities, they can focus impartially on adjudicating cases without undue influence or distraction. By delegating administrative tasks to qualified professionals, courts can operate more efficiently and effectively. Judges can devote their time and energy to hearing cases and ensuring the fair and timely resolution of disputes.
- 3.13. Involvement in administrative matters may also create conflicts of interest or the appearance of bias, particularly in cases where court resources or personnel are involved. Maintaining a clear separation between judicial and administrative roles will help preserve judicial integrity and impartiality.
- 3.14. Through careful planning and diligent implementation, the NBA under my leadership will work assiduously with other stakeholders to create a judiciary that is better equipped to meet the evolving needs of our society and deliver swift, fair, and accessible justice for all.

RESOURCES, MANPOWER, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 3.15. I am dedicated to ushering in a transformative era of judicial reform, tackling the systemic challenges confronting our justice system with bold leadership. Recognizing the urgent need to address infrastructural inadequacies, manpower shortages, and support staff deficiencies, I will engage with key stakeholders across government and the Judiciary to mobilise necessary resources to implement urgent reforms.
- 3.16. Under my leadership, the NBA will amplify calls for urgent action to rectify the infrastructural decay in our court system. To achieve this, I will engage with key stakeholders including the heads of all courts in the country, Federal and State Attorneys-General, members of the National and State Houses of Assembly particularly the judiciary committees. I will spearhead efforts to assess and address infrastructural deficiencies comprehensively.
- 3.17. Additionally, I will prioritize safeguarding the principles of judicial independence and autonomy while ensuring transparency and accountability in resource utilization. Through strategic initiatives and collaborative endeavours, we will bolster the Judiciary's integrity and capacity to deliver efficient, impartial, and accessible justice for all.
- 3.18. This TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP approach aims not only to resolve pressing challenges within our justice sector but also to cultivate a FEARLESS BAR dedicated to upholding the rule of law and serving the interests of society.

TECHNOLOGY IN THE JUSTICE SECTOR

- 3.19. I recognise the pivotal role of technology in revolutionizing our justice sector, and I am committed to advocating for its utilisation. It is time we did away with the strenuous and outdated court recording methods of longhand transcription which impede efficiency and judicial productivity. The NBA, under my TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP, will champion the call for the adoption of verbatim recording or transcription, liberating judicial time for more critical tasks. I will advocate for a cultural shift towards viewing technology as an enabler rather than a threat, fostering a fearless approach to embracing innovation in the legal profession.



RESOURCES, MANPOWER, AND INFRASTRUCTURE

- 3.20. We must invest in comprehensive training and support of the judicial officers and the judiciary staff on technology use tailored to the needs of the judicial sector.
- 3.21. Post-Covid 19, several jurisdictions including in Africa have adopted the use of technology for efficient justice delivery; we must not be left behind. My administration will actively engage with judicial authorities at all levels to seamlessly integrate technology into justice delivery processes. By fostering a culture of innovation and fearlessness, we will harness the full potential of technology to propel our justice sector into the future, ensuring efficient and equitable access to justice for all, at minimal cost to the litigant.

ADMINISTRATION OF CIVIL JUSTICE BILL

- 3.22. As a staunch advocate for enhancing the efficiency and speed of justice delivery in our justice sector, I am deeply committed to driving transformative change. I wholeheartedly endorse the groundbreaking Administration of Civil Justice Bill, a revolutionary initiative designed to address the bottlenecks causing delays in civil justice administration in Nigeria. I am proud to say that the Judiciary Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch chaired by Mrs. Funke Adekoya, SAN (which I set up during my time as Chairman of the Branch and whose work I was deeply involved in) played an important role in the drafting of this Bill. This visionary Bill, which I proudly support, seeks to revolutionize our legal landscape through innovative measures set up to streamline court processes and eliminate unnecessary delays.
- 3.23. The laudable initiatives of the Bill include establishing clear timelines for case management, modernizing service of processes, strengthening judicial oversight, combating dilatory tactics with sanctions, and embracing technological innovation for transparent and accurate court proceedings.
- 3.24. I note that only two states – Ekiti and Delta states – have enacted this Bill into Law. If entrusted with the leadership of the NBA, I pledge to vigorously advocate for the enactment and implementation of the Administration of Civil Justice Bill and its variants nationwide. This initiative represents a pivotal step towards addressing the systemic dysfunction and delays plaguing our court system. The NBA, under my TRANSFORMATIVE LEADERSHIP, will play a proactive role in driving meaningful reform, ensuring that justice is not only accessible but also expeditiously delivered.



REORIENTATION

- 3.25. Reforming the Nigerian justice sector requires a shift in orientation among legal professionals, fostering collaboration rather than blame between the Bar and the Bench. We must collectively prioritize just, efficient, timely, and cost-effective dispute resolution over technicalities and procedural hurdles.
- 3.26. The overarching purpose should be the resolution of substantive issues between litigants, necessitating a departure from reliance on procedural tactics.
- 3.27. If elected as NBA President, I will work towards actualising this reorientation and an alignment of the concerns of both the Bar and the Bench.

THE RANK OF SENIOR ADVOCATE OF NIGERIA

- 3.28. If elected NBA President, I will work towards ensuring that assessment of eligibility to elevation to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria is qualitative rather than quantitative. The quality of jurisprudential contribution of cases prosecuted by aspirants to the rank should determine their eligibility to be considered for elevation, not number of cases they have successfully concluded.
- 3.29. This approach will tackle the problem of frivolous lawsuits maintained in court in the hope of attaining eligibility for the rank. The effect of de-emphasizing number of cases will be a reduction of case backlog otherwise caused by the present requirement.

ENFORCING REGULATION AND UPHOLDING DISCIPLINE

- 4.1. The NBA has held out itself as a dependable guarantor for the competence and conduct of its members. While scrutiny often falls on individual practitioners, there is a lesser emphasis on examining the systemic and organizational factors that might contribute to lapses in practice.
- 4.2. My aspiration, which forms the bedrock of the FEARLESS BAR campaign, is to elevate our Association to a higher standard. This campaign is not just about rhetoric; it is about a fundamental shift in how we view and uphold integrity within our profession.



- 4.3. Self-regulation is a privilege that comes with enormous responsibilities and expectations. There is however a growing sense within the profession that our self-regulatory and disciplinary mechanisms lack transparency and efficiency. The NBA under my leadership will champion the reform and strengthening of the regulatory and disciplinary mechanisms and procedures in the profession to effectively enforce ethical professional conduct by legal practitioners in a timely and cost-effective manner.
- 4.4. Let me be clear: when I speak of reforming self-regulation and discipline, I speak to all members of our profession—both the Bar and the Bench. Our first duty, as outlined by the NBA's core mission, is to uphold the integrity and independence of our legal system in Nigeria. If elected as President of the NBA, I pledge to actively collaborate with stakeholders to rejuvenate and, where necessary, revolutionize our self-regulatory and disciplinary frameworks for all members of the profession.

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- 4.5. The current regulatory and disciplinary framework for judicial officers by the National Judicial Council (NJC) needs urgent review. The NBA's presence on the NJC should not just be symbolic as it can be pivotal to ensuring fairness and accountability. We cannot overlook concerns about the NJC's consistency and potential biases, especially regarding high-ranking judicial figures.
- 4.6. If elected President, I will engage directly with the Chief Justice of Nigeria and the Heads of Courts at Federal and State levels to address structural inadequacies and promote a more inclusive and effective disciplinary process.
- 4.7. To ensure effective representation of the interest of the NBA at the NJC, I will ensure that only the most competent, courageous, and respected members of the Bar who can speak truth to power and insist on due process are appointed into the NJC as representatives of the NBA. In addition to the appointment of our strongest and most respected voices into the NJC, one critical reform I will work tirelessly to achieve is granting the representatives of the NBA at the NJC, full participation in all proceedings, including those relating to discipline of judicial officers. It is inconceivable that those who bring forward complaints are excluded from crucial discussions.



- 4.8. The FEARLESS BAR stands for an initiative-taking approach to reform. We will work tirelessly to ensure that dissatisfied parties have a voice and that our disciplinary processes reflect the highest standards of transparency and fairness.
- 4.9. If I assume the role of NBA President, one of my key objectives will be to discourage the prevalent practice where dissatisfied parties in judicial proceedings resort to filing petitions with the NJC instead of utilizing their right to appeal. While acknowledging the need to fairly address genuine grievances against judicial officers, it is imperative to prevent the abuse of the right to file petitions against judicial officers.
- 4.10. Judicial officers already shoulder significant responsibilities and duties. Adding the weight of operating under the constant threat of frivolous petitions only exacerbates their challenges. It is crucial to strike a balance where genuine grievances are addressed while preventing the misuse of complaint mechanisms that can undermine the integrity of the judicial process.
- 4.11. If elected President of the NBA, I will on behalf of the NBA engage with the Chief Justice of Nigeria and the Heads of Courts at Federal and State levels to put measures in place to ensure that the right to issue a complaint concerning judicial conduct by way of petition to the NJC is further regulated to discourage frivolous petitions.

THE BAR

- 4.12. The state of regulation and discipline within the Bar is a matter of profound concern. The current procedures and processes governing the regulation and discipline of Bar members are unnecessarily convoluted.
- 4.13. The current disciplinary process for lawyers in Nigeria is plagued by protracted delays, inefficiencies, and a shortage of resources, and this fosters a perception that the legal profession does not accord the disciplining of its members the seriousness it deserves.
- 4.14. Indeed, recent decisions of the Supreme Court have shed light on significant structural flaws in the disciplinary processes of our profession. These flaws not only hinder the efficacy of disciplinary measures but also erode trust in the integrity of our profession.



- 4.15. If entrusted with the Presidency of the NBA, I will be committed to upholding the highest standards of professionalism and accountability and will prioritize the streamlining of disciplinary procedures within the Bar.
- 4.16. I will collaborate with all relevant stakeholders to ensure the decentralization of the disciplinary proceedings of the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee ("LPDC"). To this end, the NBA under my leadership will push for the establishment of zonal divisions of the LPDC in the six geopolitical zones with jurisdiction over petitions originating in their respective zones. Additionally, the NBA under my leadership will propose the prescription of a 12-month period for the conclusion of disciplinary proceedings before the LPDC.
- 4.17. The current structure and operational model of the LPDC are fundamentally inadequate for realizing an efficient disciplinary system within the legal profession. A significant issue lies in the composition of the LPDC. Presently, many members of the LPDC are ex-officio members burdened with their official responsibilities, leaving them unable to commit the necessary time to ensure the LPDC's effective functioning. I will work closely with all relevant stakeholders, particularly the Body of Benchers to reform the LPDC to improve its operational efficiency, by advocating for permanent members whose sole job description is sitting over petitions.
- 4.18. The foundation of a FEARLESS BAR lies in our collective commitment to transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct. We must prioritize the integrity of our profession and always uphold the highest standards of professionalism. It is imperative that all stakeholders recognize the necessity of enhancing our self-regulatory and disciplinary procedures and are willing to collaborate in pursuit of these objectives and I intend to see to it that all stakeholders key into this ideal.

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

- 5.1. Our vision for the Bar transcends sectional boundaries, ethnic affiliations, and racial divisions. Whether you practice law in Aguata or Kafanchan, whether you are a seasoned veteran or a young practitioner, our goal is to create a Bar that equally values and supports every member, leaving no one behind.
- 5.2. On this note, I am committed to fostering inclusivity and representation for all members, including special interest groups within the legal profession. Special interest groups play a



crucial role in advocating for specific needs and concerns within our diverse membership. Our key strategies to support and empower these groups for a more inclusive and dynamic NBA include acknowledging the unique contributions and challenges faced by special interest groups within the legal profession, establishing formal recognition and support mechanisms for special interest groups within the NBA structure, ensuring fair representation of special interest groups in NBA decision-making bodies and committees, amongst others.

5.3. I envision a Bar where every lawyer, regardless of background or location, enjoys equal privileges, opportunities, and representation. It is time to bridge the gaps and foster unity within our legal community

WOMEN'S FORUM

5.4. With the wave of inclusion, the NBA Women's Forum is already making notable strides. If entrusted with the presidency of the NBA, I pledge my support to further amplify its impact. While women have made significant strides in closing the gender gap, I passionately believe that achieving true gender parity requires continued efforts.

4.4 There is a pressing need for comprehensive modifications and adjustments to address the specific needs of women in the legal profession. This includes enhancing conditions of service to accommodate and empower women fully. As President, I will champion initiatives aimed at promoting gender equality to advance a supportive environment and ensuring that women's voices and contributions are valued and recognized at every level.

YOUNG LAWYERS FORUM

4.5 As part of our sustainability drive, there is a need to build the bridge for the future by committing to trans-generational initiatives. With the demographic shift occasioned by new entrants to the profession, we must begin to look toward the future by empowering and supporting young lawyers. Should I emerge NBA President, I am committed to championing the interests of young lawyers by prioritizing access to essential resources and opportunities for their growth and development.

4.6 Mentorship will play a crucial role in nurturing the next generation of legal professionals. I will work to establish robust mentoring programmes that pair young lawyers with experienced mentors who can provide guidance, support, and valuable insights into the



legal profession. Additionally, training initiatives and capacity-building programmes will be implemented to equip young lawyers with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their careers. The NBA Lagos Branch under my leadership achieved these laudable objectives. The NBA can go one better under my leadership. legal profession. Additionally, training initiatives and capacity-building programmes will be implemented to equip young lawyers with the skills and knowledge needed to excel in their careers. The NBA Lagos Branch under my leadership achieved these laudable objectives. The NBA can go one better under my leadership.

4.7 Moreover, I recognize the importance of creating ample opportunities for self-development and professional advancement among young lawyers. This includes organising networking events, educational workshops, and career fairs for young lawyers and my administration will vigorously see to this.

4.8 Additionally, working with the Young Lawyers Forum (YLF), the NBA under my leadership will collaborate with foreign law firms to provide cross border internship and secondment opportunities for young lawyers.

OTHER SPECIALISED FORA

4.9 Other Specialised Law Fora, such as the Capital Market Solicitors Association, the Law Officers Association of Nigeria (LOAN), the Association of Lawyers with Disabilities in Nigeria (ALDIN), and in-house counsel groups, among others, represent valuable segments of our legal community. If elected President, I am committed to wholeheartedly supporting these groups to achieve their respective objectives and to foster fairness by offering members of these groups the same opportunities available to members of all other segments and groups within the NBA.

4.10 Amongst others, I will ensure that requisite facilities are provided to members of ALDIN at NBA events, to make their participation at such events seamless.



UNWAVERING VOICE FOR JUSTICE AND THE RULE OF LAW

Above all, my manifesto pledges to be the unwavering voice for members of the legal profession and the Nigerian people. As a leader, I recognize the solemn duty to speak out against societal injustices and hold the government accountable for its promises. I am committed to being that voice—a voice for the people, advocating for transparency, equity, and justice in all aspects of governance. Together, we will strive to uphold the values of democracy, champion the rights of every citizen, and work tirelessly to build a better future for our nation. We will never remain silent in the face of injustice, nor will we allow evil to thrive unchallenged.

MISCELLANEOUS

- 7.1. Genuine and impactful change requires courteous and constructive engagement with all stakeholders invested in the progress of the legal profession in Nigeria and this, I am committed to do, together with every segment of the profession.
- 7.2. I firmly believe that meaningful change is best achieved through respectful dialogue, collaboration, and a shared commitment to the betterment of our profession. I am encouraged by the groundwork laid by past leaders of our great Association and if elected President, I will make a conscious effort to continue and expand upon the initiatives of these great leaders.
- 7.3. With these principles guiding our actions, I am confident that we can effect substantial progress and restore the esteemed reputation of the legal profession in Nigeria.

CONCLUSION

- 8.1. I am deeply thankful for the chance to unveil this manifesto to my esteemed colleagues. I appeal to each one of you to entrust me with the opportunity to play my part in enhancing the standing of our profession and uplifting the lives of its members. Together, let us build a Fearless Bar, guided by courage, integrity, and a steadfast commitment to excellence.

Sincerely,

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BACKGROUND

Chukwuka was admitted into the Nigerian Bar in 2002 and is currently a Partner in the Dispute Resolution and Tax (DRT) practice of Aluko & Oyebode, where he heads the Firm's Taxation Practice. In 2020, Chukwuka was elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), a testament to his contributions to the evolution of the law through impassioned courtroom advocacy. He is also a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria with demonstrable expertise in taxation.

Chukwuka specializes in commercial litigation and has conducted cases on an extensive range of issues, including cases pertaining to oil and gas, maritime, intellectual property, telecommunications, taxation, finance and banking, contracts, receiverships and insolvency across the different levels of courts in Nigeria. He has also advised an array of clients on complex commercial transactions.

Chukwuka is a seasoned arbitrator who has served as arbitrator and counsel in several high-profile disputes. He is a member of the Lagos Court of Arbitration of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC).

In 2015, Chukwuka was appointed as a member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Petroleum Industry Bill Review Committee. He has also served in various other capacities in the NBA – at the national and branch levels and have been an active member of various sections of the NBA.

In 2017, Chukwuka was elected Chairman of the NBA Lagos Branch (the "Premier Bar"). As Chairman, he pioneered several transformative policies and practices that redefined leadership at the Branch. Amongst others, Chukwuka:

- ❖ Initiated knowledge sharing sessions at Branch meetings which: (i) provided opportunities for Branch members to acquire knowledge, (ii) provided a major incentive for Branch members to attend monthly meetings and (iii) significantly drove up meeting attendance from an average of 250 to nearly 1,000.
- ❖ Introduced individual and group mentorship programmes under which seasoned and accomplished lawyers shared their experiences with and provided mentorship to younger members of the Branch.
- ❖ Reconstituted the Continuing Legal Education Committee of the NBA Lagos Branch and provided the necessary leadership and direction for the Committee to deliver free and regular professional

trainings and seminars to members.

- ❖ Institutionalised financial accountability, transparency, and probity at the Branch by providing detailed, easily understandable, and scrutable monthly financial reports to Branch members.

Chukwuka holds an LLM from Columbia University, New York and is also a member of the New York State Bar.

EDUCATION

Columbia University Columbia University Law School, New York <i>LLM</i>	2009
Nigerian Law School BL	2002
University of Nigeria Enugu State, Nigeria <i>LLB (Hons.)</i>	2000

WORK EXPERIENCE

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<i>Partner</i>	2011 - present
<i>Senior Associate</i>	2006 - 2010
<i>Associate</i>	2002 - 2006

Some Notable Matters and Transactions

Advised a leading private equity firm – First Reserve Corporation – in connection with the Nigerian taxation aspects of a US\$128.5 Million global acquisition by its affiliate, Power Well Service Holding LLC, of a portion of Halliburton Inc’s surface well testing business.

Representing a non-resident company in a US\$642,536,470.40 tax claim by the FIRS against the company.

Representing a major telecommunications company in a US\$135,697,755 tax dispute.

Provided comprehensive tax advisory services to a number of oil producing and oil service companies, including: Brass Exploration Nigeria Limited, Korean National Oil Corporation, Schlumberger Overseas S.A., Schlumberger Oilfield Services Nigeria Limited, Petroleo Brasileiro Nigeria Limited, PWSH Nigeria Limited (a subsidiary of First Reserve Corporation).

Part of the transaction teams that advised on the taxation aspects of: (i) the US\$1.275 Billion financing of the Exxon Mobil Natural Gas Liquid II Project; (ii) the US\$1.06 Billion financing of trains four and five of the Nigerian Liquefied Natural Gas Plant Expansion Project; and (iii) the structuring and financing of a US\$395 Million-dollar denominated facility to a major telecommunications company in Nigeria for the expansion of its GSM network in Nigeria.

Advised on the Nigerian taxation aspects of the Candover led US\$925 Million buyout of ABB's oil, gas and petrochemicals upstream business by a private equity syndicate.

Advised a Nigerian subsidiary of the Seaboard Corporation, USA (a Fortune 1000 Company, publicly traded on the American Stock Exchange) on tax compliance and corporate income tax obligations in respect of a strategic acquisition deal.

Represented Citibank Nigeria Limited in a dispute with the FIRS on tax exemption under the Companies Income Tax Act of profits derived from the disposal of long term instruments before their maturity dates.

Acted for Frontier Oil Limited in the ICC arbitral proceedings brought by it against a contractor in respect of a dispute arising out of a contract for the construction of facilities for exporting crude oil to Mobil's Qua Iboe Terminal. Also successfully challenged the application by the respondent seeking to set aside damages award in the arbitration.

Co-counsel with Freshfields, Bruckhaus, Derringer LLP in ad-hoc arbitration under UNCITRAL Rules of Arbitration (Deep Offshore Production Sharing Contract dispute).

Co-counsel with Hogan Lovells International LLP in an ad-hoc arbitration under the UNCITRAL Rules of Arbitration (Venue: Abuja, Nigeria) (Deep Offshore Production Sharing Contract dispute).

Successfully defended an IOC in charges brought against it by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission in respect of alleged criminal infringements in connection with the award of an oil license.

LEADERSHIP POSITIONS AND ROLES

Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association Securities Agencies Relations Committee ("NBA-SARC") from 2022 to date.

Chairman, NBA Lagos Branch from 2017 to 2019.

Alternate Chairman, NBA Lagos Branch Building Committee from 2021 to 2023.

Chairman, NBA Lagos Branch Building Committee from 2023 to date.

Member, National Executive Council of the NBA (“NEC”) from July 2017 to July 2021 and from December 2022 to date.

A two-term Vice-Chairman, Employment and Industrial Relations Committee of the NBA Section on Business Law from.

Member, Technical Committee on Conference Planning for the NBA Annual General Conferences in 2019 and 2020.

Chairman, Local Organizing Committee for the 2019 Annual General Conference which held in Lagos.

Member, NBA Petroleum Industry Bill Review Committee, 2015.

Member, Taxes Committee of the International Bar Association.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATIONS

Member, Nigerian Bar Association.

Member, New York State Bar.

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

Member, Court of Arbitration of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre (LACIAC).

Member, International Bar Association.

AWARDS

Distinguished service award by the NBA Lagos Branch at the 2023 Annual Dinner and Award Night.

Recipient of the Harlan Fiske Stone Prize (for academic excellence).

Recipient of Judith R. and Michael E. Thoyer scholarship.

MANIFESTO



- Promote the welfare and interests of Nigerian lawyers

- Foster unity and inclusivity within the legal profession

- Support the NBA President and Executive Council



- Advocate for judicial reform and efficient justice delivery

- Encourage continuing legal education and professional development



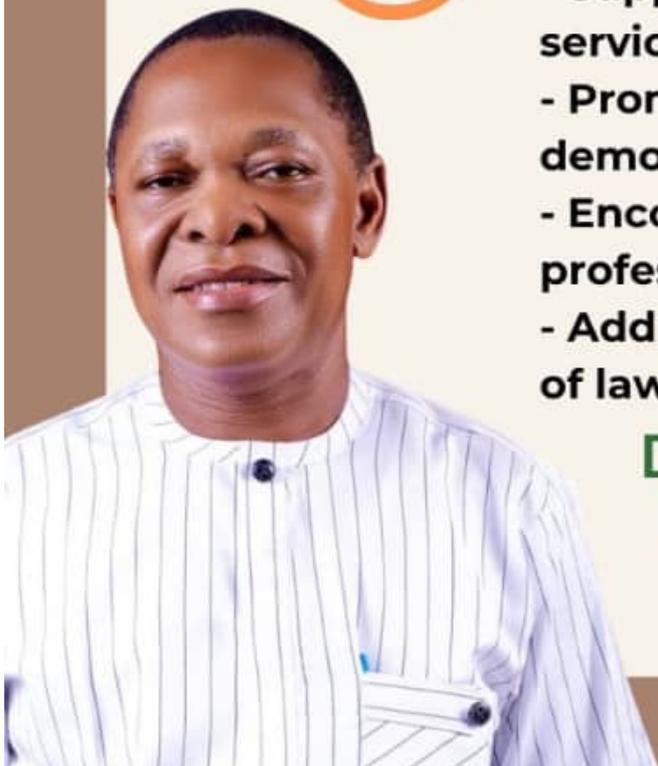
- To supervise the regional Bar assigned to me

- Support legal aid and pro bono services

- Promote the rule of law and democratic governance

- Encourage ethical conduct and professionalism

- Address the welfare and well-being of lawyers



DR. PROMISE IWEZOR
FORMER CHAIRMAN
NBA ISIOKPO
BRANCH

MANIFESTO



According to the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Constitution, the functions of the First Vice President are:

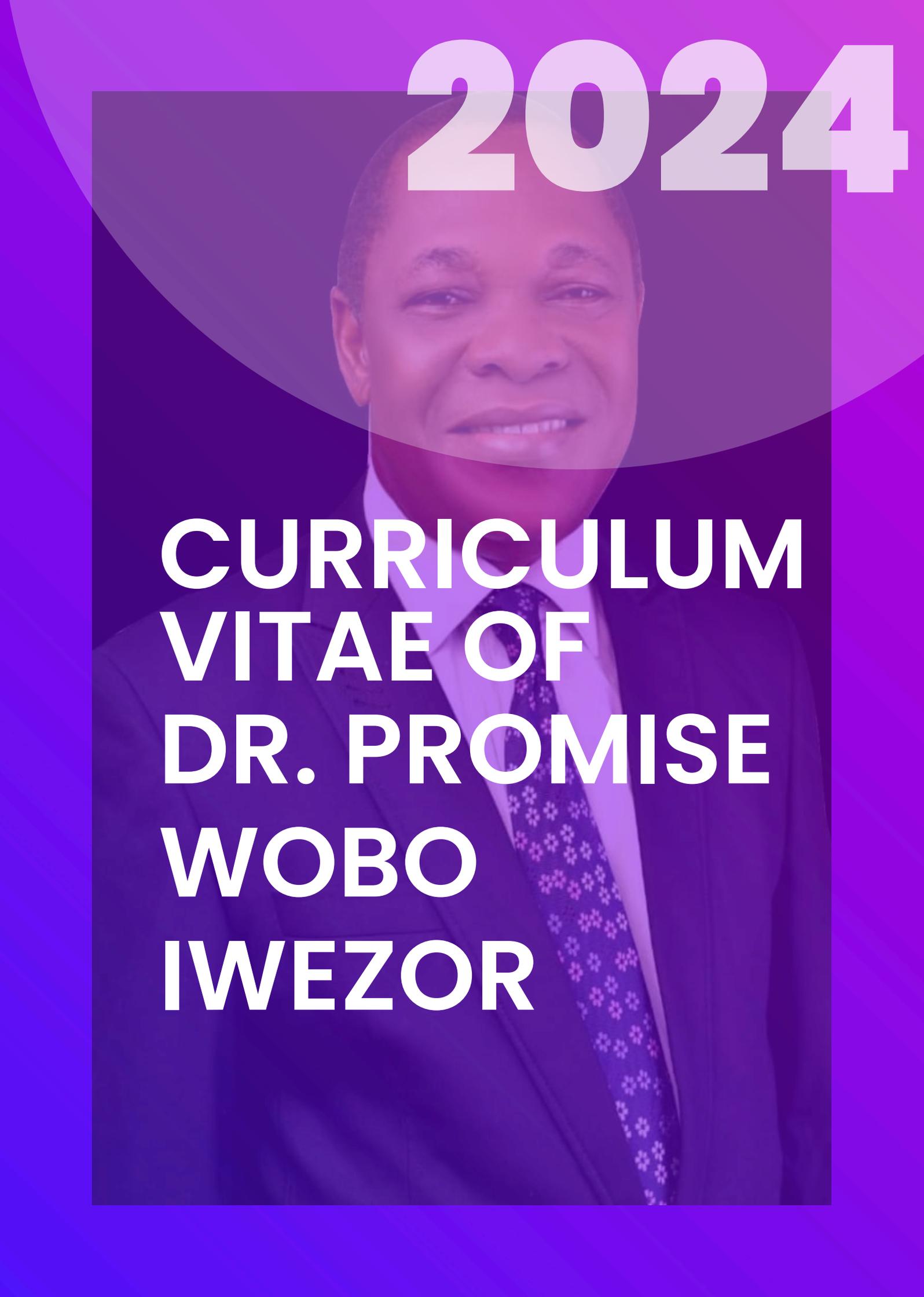
- 1- To assist the President in the discharge of his duties.
- 2- To act as President in the absence of the President and the Second Vice President.
- 3- To perform such other duties as may be assigned to him by the President or the National Executive Council.
- 4- To supervise the Regional Bars assigned to him by the President.
- 5- To be a member of the National Executive Council and attend its meetings.

(Reference: NBA Constitution, Article 12(1) and (2))

Additionally, the First Vice President also:

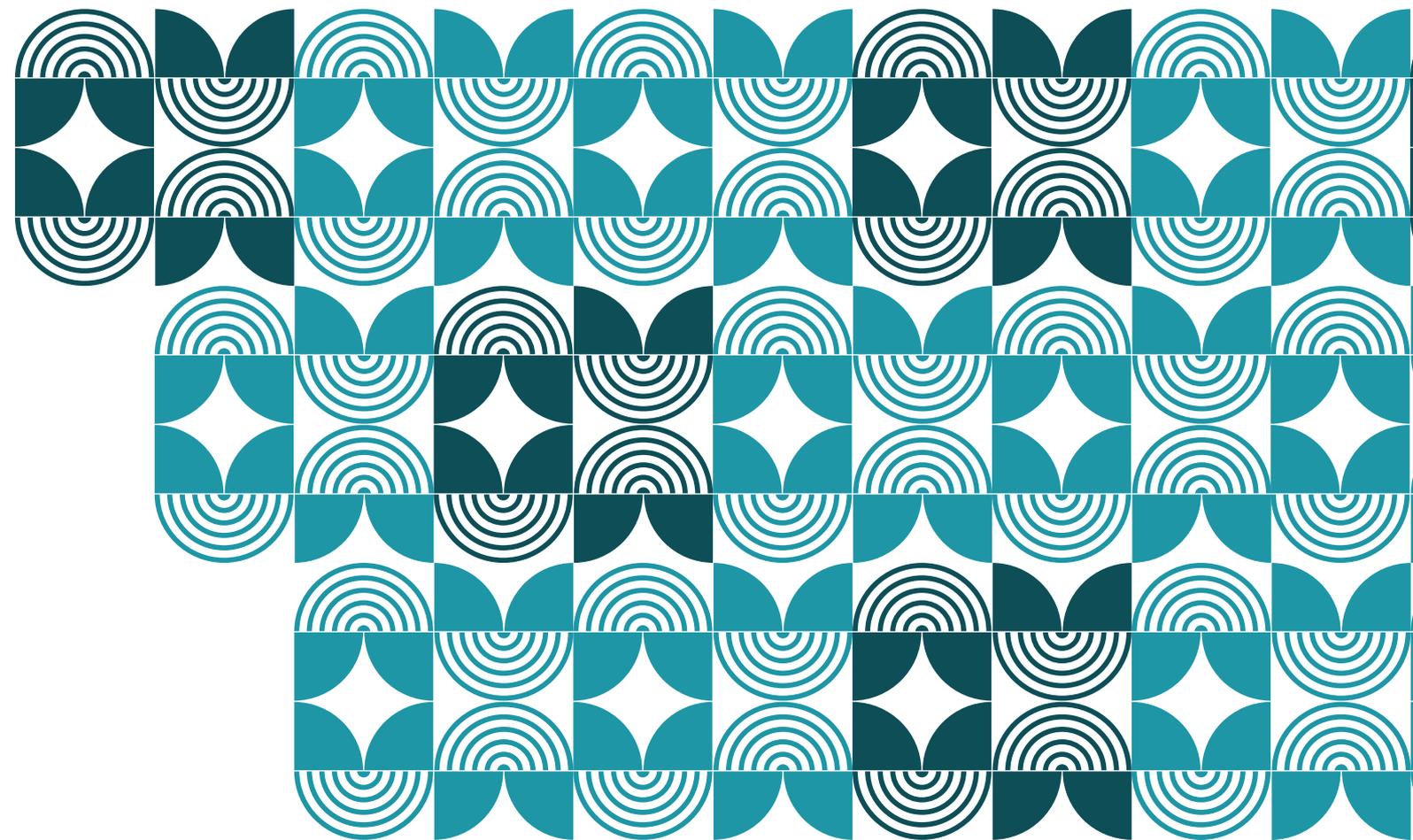
1. Supports the President in leading the Association.
2. Helps to implement the decisions of the National Executive Council.
3. Plays a key role in policy formulation and decision-making.
4. Represents the Association at local and international events.
5. Provides leadership and guidance to regional bars and other components of the Association.

DR. PROMISE IWEZOR
FORMER CHAIRMAN
NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH

A portrait of Dr. Promise Wobo Iwezor, a Black man with short hair, wearing a dark suit, white shirt, and a patterned tie. The background is a gradient of purple and blue. The text '2024' is overlaid at the top in large white letters. The title 'CURRICULUM VITAE OF DR. PROMISE WOBO IWEZOR' is overlaid in the center in white, bold, uppercase letters.

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OBJECTIVES

- I am dedicated, dynamic and Energetic young man, extremely motivated for career change, and Eager to contribute to policies and goals.
- To strive for excellence precision at all times, in all position and circumstance, attaining professional distinction and proficiency.

KEY SKILLS

- Able to adjust to new and challenging situation quickly.
- Good communication and problem solving skills.
- Ability to work under pressure and to meet to target.
- Integrity and transparent honesty.
- Physical and mental alertness.
- Good team player and strong analytic mind.
- Capable of achieving consistency high level of accuracy.
- Self-motivated and target oriented.



EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS & INSTITUTION:

RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY PH.D 2020-2023

RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY LLM 2018 – 2020

RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY PGD 2017 – 2018

COUNCIL OF LEGAL EDUCATION BL. 2005

RIVERS STATE UNIVERSITY LLB. 1993 – 2000

**RIVERS STATE COLLEGE ARTS AND SCIENCE RUMUOLA, PH DIP.
LAW 1991 – 1993**

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EDUCATION BSSC/GCE 1991**

**WEST AFRICAN EXAMINATION COUNCIL GENERAL CERTIFICATE OF
EDUCATION SSC/GCE 1993**

**GOVERNMENT COMPREHENSIVE HIGH SCHOOL, TAABAA.
TESTIMONIAL 1979 – 1984**

STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL, ALUU. FSLC. 1972 – 1997

TRAINING COURSE PROGRAMME:

NEGOTIATION

MEDICATION

ARBITRATION

CERTIFICATE

2004



ASSOCIATIONS:

MEMBER, INTERNATIONAL BAR ASSOCIATION (IBA)

MEMBER, NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA)

MEMBER, EASTERN BAR FORUM (EBF)

MEMBER, OKPO CLUB OF NIGERIA

MEMBER, ASSOCIATION OF JUSTICE OF PEACE, RIVERS STATE

MEMBER, NIGERIAN CHARTER INSTITUTE OF ARBITRATION

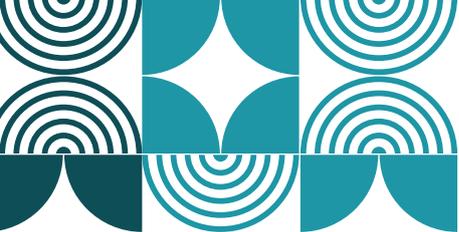
MEMBER, NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF LOCAL CONTENT (NILC)

MEMBER, MGBUESILARU COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE (CDC)

MEMBER, NBA SECTION ON BUSINESS LAW

MEMBER ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYERS OF NIGERIA

MEMBER, CHARTERED MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS



POSITION HELD/SERVICES TO HUMANITY

CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ISIOKPO BRANCH - 2014 - 2016

SECRETARY, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ISIOKPO BRANCH - 2012 - 2014

PUBLICITY SECRETARY, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ISIOKPO BRANCH - 2010 - 2012

TREASURER, EASTERN BAR FORUM (EBF) - 2015 - 2017

FINANCIAL SECRETARY, OKPO CLUB OF NIGERIA - 2006 - 2010

JUSTICE OF PEACE (JP) RIVERS STATE - 2010 - DATE

MEMBER, GOVERNING COUNCIL, EASTERN BAR FORUM (EBF) - 2015 - 2017

MEMBER, NEC NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA)

NOTARY PUBLIC, FEDERAL REPUBLIC OF NIGERIA 2013

CHAIRMAN, NBA-AGC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE, PH 2016

MEMBER, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA)

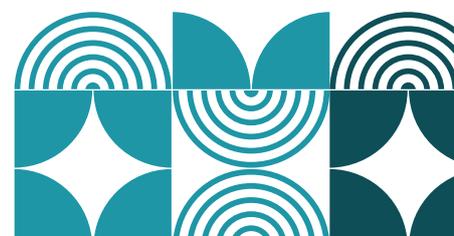
NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE 2012 -2014; 2014 - 2016

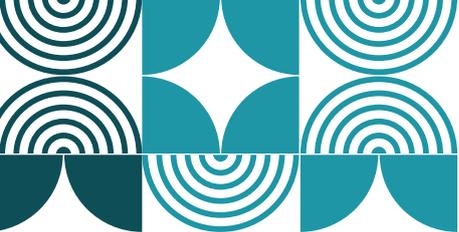
MEMBER, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA) ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE - 2016 - 2018

SECRETARY, EASTERN BAR FORUM (EBF) FOOTBALL COMMITTEE - 2017 - 2019

CO-OPTED MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH - 2018-2020

CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA), ISIOKPO BRANCH LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC) 2018





POSITION HELD/SERVICES TO HUMANITY

**MEMBER, CONSTITUTION CARETAKER COMMITTEE FOR NBA
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**CHAIRMAN, ASSOCIATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL LAWYERS OF
NIGERIA, RIVERS STATE BRANCH 2021 - 2023**

**MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEE (BOT) PORT HARCOURT HOST
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST 2023 - DATE**

**CHAIRMAN, LOGISTIC BASE HOST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT
TRUST 2023**

**CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA), ISIOKPO BRANCH
LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC) 2023**

**CHAIRMAN, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NB) ISIOKPO PEACE AND
RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE 2023**

EXPERIENCE

- PRIVATE LEGAL PRACTICE
- LEGAL ADVISER/SECRETARY
- MANAGEMENT CONSULTANTS
- ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION (ADR)
- QUALIFIED MEDIATOR

INTEREST

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- RESEARCH
- TABLE TENNIS
- TRAVELLING





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MANIFESTO OF DR. PROMISE WOBO IWEZOR

I am Dr. PROMISE WOBO IWEZOR, I was born on 23rd February, 1968 in Mgbuesilaru, Okporo Town, In Obio/Akpor Local Government Area of Rivers State. I began my Primary Education at the all Saints Primary School, Rumukwurushi, upon establishment of the State Primary School Okporo, I continued and completed my Primary School Education at the State Primary School, Aluu in Ikwerre Local Government of Rivers State.

My Secondary Education took me to Comprehensive High School Taabaa, in the Khana Local Government Area of Rivers State and rounded off in the year 1984. I sat for the West African Examination Council (WAEC) / Senior School Certificate (SSE) in 1991.

In 1993, I got admission to study Law at the Rivers State University of Science and Technology, Port Harcourt, now Rivers State University which I completed in the year 2003, with LLB (Hons). And holder of Post Graduate Diploma (PGD) in Petroleum and Environmental Law. In 2018 I proceed for a Master Degree Programme and graduated in 2019. I did not rest on my Oase in 2020, I enrolled for a doctorate programme and graduate in 2023 and majored in Petroleum and Environmental Law.

However, I have attended several courses to enhance my knowledge some of which are Alternative Dispute Resolution, ADR and Member, Nigerian Institute of chartered Arbitrary a qualified mediator and a chartered management consultant.

I attended the Nigerian Law School in 2004 and was called to Bar in 2005 with Barrister at Law (B.L.) Certificate.

I had my Chamber attachment with Okocha & Okocha, 171 Aba Road Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Upon call to Bar, I worked with Chief V.O. Egbanwa & Co., 61 Olu-Obasanjo Road, Port Harcourt from 2005 – 2008, and with Vita Rose Chambers, 61/62 Emekuku Street, D/Line, 2008 – 2011 until when I established my Chamber P.W. Iwezor & Co. at No. 20 Old Aba Road, Rumuomasi, Port Harcourt and I am doing well.



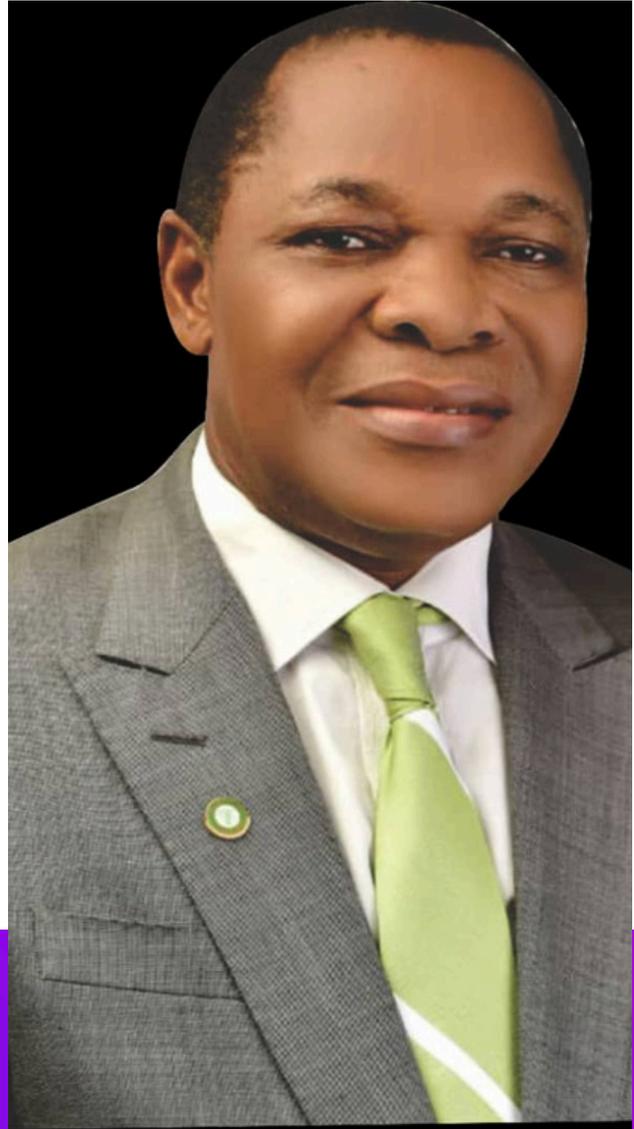
I could not participate in the National Youth Service Corp (NYSC) programme due to age limit and had exemption in 2004.

In 2005, I joined the NBA Port-Harcourt, and in September 2008, I resigned my membership and joined NBA Isiokpo Branch.

MY LEADERSHIP ROLE

I have leadership qualities in me which started during my Secondary School days, when I held the position of a Sanitary Prefect, I carried out the duties creditably and with passion, at comprehensive High School Taabaa in 1984. After my Secondary School days, back home, I was elected Youth President of my Community, Mgbuesilaru Youth Forum in 1990, the Youth affairs I did, that made the chiefs in council to appoint me as the Secretary of Community Development Committee (CDC).

I was the Chairman, Progressive Minds of Mgbuesilaru, (PMM) 1991 – 1993. During my tenure, we created streets and house numbering and registered them with the Local Government Council. Never tired of assuming responsibilities, I was elected the General Secretary Niger Delta Youths for Peace and later elected President of the same body from 2000-2002 and 2002-2004 respectively. I love services to humanity, so at the Nigeria Law School, Lagos Campus, I was elected Chairman, Rivers State Student Representatives.



NEC MEMBER

- **NEC MEMBER FROM 2012 – 2014**
- **NEC MEMBER FROM 2014 – 2016**
- **NEC MEMBER FROM 2018 – 2020**

SERVICE TO THE BAR:

PUBLICITY SECRETARY: During my tenure in 2010-2012, I printed banners that will notify the members of the Branch of the monthly meetings, of which two of the banners were placed at the Rivers State High Court in Port Harcourt, one at the front gate and the second at back gate and another at the main gate of Isiokpo High Court premises, this increased members attendance during monthly meetings.



SECRETARY: My position as the Secretary of the Bar in 2012 – 2014 was a big task. I came into the office without any file handed over to me because there was none. I was faced with the challenge of establishing administrative secretariat for the Branch. I developed a membership register, printed file with the Branch name and logo, opened files for all correspondences such as Minutes File, Committee File, National Correspondence File, Judicial File, Petition File, Action File, others Re-Addressed File, Invitations, Congratulations, Law Firms, Welfare File, Isiokpo Branch Account file, incoming Mails and Outing Mails Development File, Membership Files, Young Lawyers Forum File, Bar Practicing Fees File. This practice has come to stay in Isiokpo Branch.

CHAIRMAN 2014 – 2016

In 2014, I was elected the chairman of Isiokpo Branch. During my tenure as the Chairman of the Branch, the courts in Rivers State were shut down for over one year. My colleagues and I from other branches made several moves to appeal to the authority concerned to see how the courts can be reopened, but to no avail. The expenses of the National Executive Council (NEC) meetings held from the day I was elected Secretary was done from my pocket, all these did not deter me. During my tenure, I made sure that all unfinished projects were completed.

For instance, the Canteen/Restaurant was completed, the Chairman and Secretary's Office, meeting hall, the toilets for ladies and gents. Furniture and fans were provided in the meeting hall, dilapidated ceiling sheets were replaced, and electricity supply to the building was restored and meetings were held in the hall. Again during the period under review. I registered twenty young Lawyers of the Branch to Owerri and Abuja conferences in 2014 and 2015, provided them with accommodation and transportation. I held a Dinner tagged "Kings and Queens" for the first time ever in Isiokpo Branch.

It was during my tenure that my Branch participated in the NBA football competition, in Owerri and Abuja, provided Identity Cards (ID Card) for members and registered Branch members with PAL Pension wherein 80% of their welfare levy is paid into their pension account as savings for their retirement from practice.

The branch account was in red when I took over, but I left over millions of Naira in the branch coffer.



FINANCIAL SECRETARY OF OKPO CLUB OF NIGERIA ASSOCIATION OF IKWERRE LAWYERS

I was the financial secretary of the above club for two consecutive terms; 2009–2011 and 2011–2013, presented financial statement free of error which was adopted by the General Assembly.

TREASURER EASTERN BAR FORUM (EBF)

I served as treasurer/member of the Governing Council Eastern Bar Forum between 2015 – 2017 and I presented the first ever Treasurer Report/ Statement of EBF since its inception. During my tenure as the treasurer, the Association an excess balance which has not happened in a long time that necessitated a standing ovation for me at the Annual General Meeting (AGM) in Calabar.

GENERAL SECRETARY, NIGER DELTA YOUTHS FOR PEACE

I was the General Secretary, Niger Delta Youths for Peace between 2000–2002. A position I held for the interest of the Niger Delta Youths for Sustainable Peace in the region.

PRESIDENT, NIGER DELTA YOUTHS FOR PEACE

In 2002-2004, I was the President of the Niger Delta Youths for Peace. I got Award of Thirty Scholarship from the Niger Delta Development Commission (NDDC). Which was distributed among the Niger Delta States. Eight of the beneficiaries Studied Law in various universities in Nigeria and were called to bar and are happy today in their various life endeavors/ practicing law in Nigeria.

JUSTICE OF PEACE:

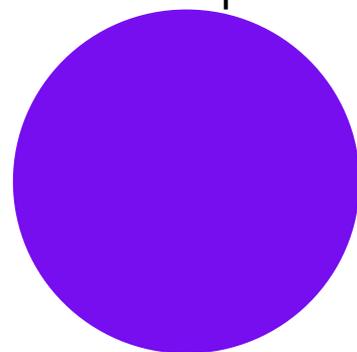
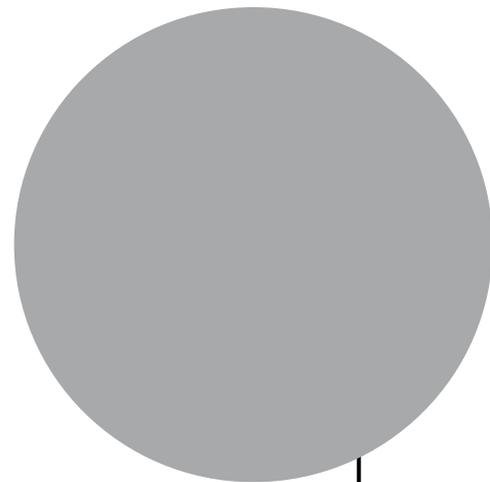
The Rivers State Government in 2010 appointed me as a Justice of Peace due to my peace advocacy project and maintaining peace within the Niger Delta Region.

NOTARY PUBLIC:

In 2013, barely seven years of my call to Bar, I was appointed Notary Public having met all the requirements for the appointment.

SPEAKER, NBA – AGC ABUJA-2015:

I was among the panel list to speak on the topic: "Poverty Alleviation in Africa: with Particular Reference to Nigeria" We made our findings and presented recommendation to the Nigerian Bar Association for actions with the Federal Government.



NBA SERVICES

I HAVE SERVED NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION IN VARIOUS COMMITTEES. AMONG WHICH ARE:-

- **MEMBER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2012-2014.**
- **MEMBER RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2014-2016.**
- **MEMBER ANTI-CORRUPTION COMMITTEE 2016-2018.**
- **MEMBER LOCAL ORGANIZING COMMITTEE (LOC), 2016 NBA-AGC PORT HARCOURT.**
- **CHAIRMAN LOC TRANSPORT COMMITTEE FOR THE 2016 NBA-AGC PORT-HARCOURT PROVIDED, CARS AND BUSES FOR THE CONFEREES, OFFICIAL CARS FOR THE PRESIDENTS CONFERENCE, SECRETARIES, PAST PRESIDENTS, PAST SECRETARIES, GUEST SPEAKERS AND CONVENING THE CONFEREES TO VARIOUS BREAKOUT SESSIONS AND TO THEIR RESPECTIVE HOTELS.**
- **CHAIRMAN, LOC NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH, 2018, NBA-AGC ABUJA.**
- **SECRETARY, EBF SPORT COMMITTEE 2017-2019, AT SAME TIME DOUBLED AS COORDINATOR FOR RIVERS AND BAYELSA STATES.**
- **CHAIRMAN, PEACE/RECONCILIATION COMMITTEE NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH, 2023.**
- **CHAIRMAN, LOC, CONFERENCE ABUJA 2023 NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH.**
- **COOPTED MEMBER OF EXECUTIVE COUNCIL, NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH 2018 - 2020.**
- **MEMBER, BOARD OF TRUSTEE (BOT), PORT HARCOURT HOST COMMUNITIES DEVELOPMENT TRUST 2023 - TILL-DATE**
- **CHAIRMAN, BOARD OF TRUSTEE (BOT) LOGISTICS BASE HOST COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT TRUST 2023 - TILL-DATE.**
- **SECRETARY, ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE, NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH 2023 - TO-DATE.**
- **MEMBER, ADVISORY COMMITTEE, NBA ISIOKPO BRANCH 2023 TILL-DATE.**



SKILL:

- Member, Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators.
- Qualified Mediator, Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators.
- Capacity Building HCDT Capacity Building Training,
- Member, Chartered Management Consultant.

I am a team player, not a lone ranger, I have had many memories and I am still learning, I will not change because changing my attitude would change my life, so I will not change my humility which I enjoy to protect my integrity and to promote the rule of law.

In all the Committees, Recommendations on our findings were presented to NBA for actions, for instance, the Anti-Corruption Committee, we made a recommendation to NBA present to the Federal Ministry of Education, the need to include Anti-Corruption in our School Curriculum from Primary, Secondary and University Course.

MEMBERSHIP OF ASSOCIATION

- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA).
- Member, NBA Section on Business Law (SBL)
- Member, International Bar Association (IBA).
- Member, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF).
- Member, Okpo Club of Nigerian (Association of Ikwerre Lawyers)

I am married to Dr. (Mrs.) Laleowate Promise-Iwezor and the marriage is blessed with five beautiful children.

My passion for the Bar, I am passionate about Human Rights Activities. I am passionately determined to contribute my time and energy to create positive and impactful changes in the NBA particularly as it relates to the overall interest and welfare of her members. It is for this reason and after consultations that I, DR. PROMISE WOBO IWEZOR, JP. Hereby humbly present myself to contest for the office of the 1st Vice president of our noble Association, The Nigerian Bar Association. Having gone through the functions of the 1st Vice President as provided for in NBA Constitution. For reference, I reproduce the said provisions below:

The First Vice President:

i. Shall in the absence of the President preside at all the meetings in which the president empowered to preside by the provisions of this Constitution.

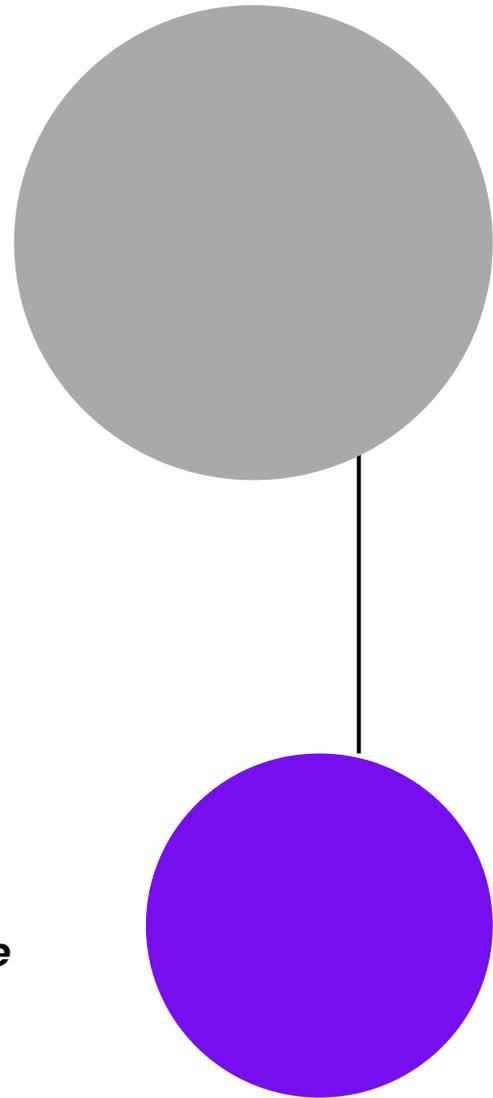
ii. Shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the group of Branches as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President, and shall pay periodical visits as necessary

and/or required, to the Branches so assigned to him/her and shall make periodical reports to the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee on such visits.

iii. Shall encourage and supervise the formation of new Branches within his/her zonal supervisory jurisdiction in line with the guidelines set out in this constitution.

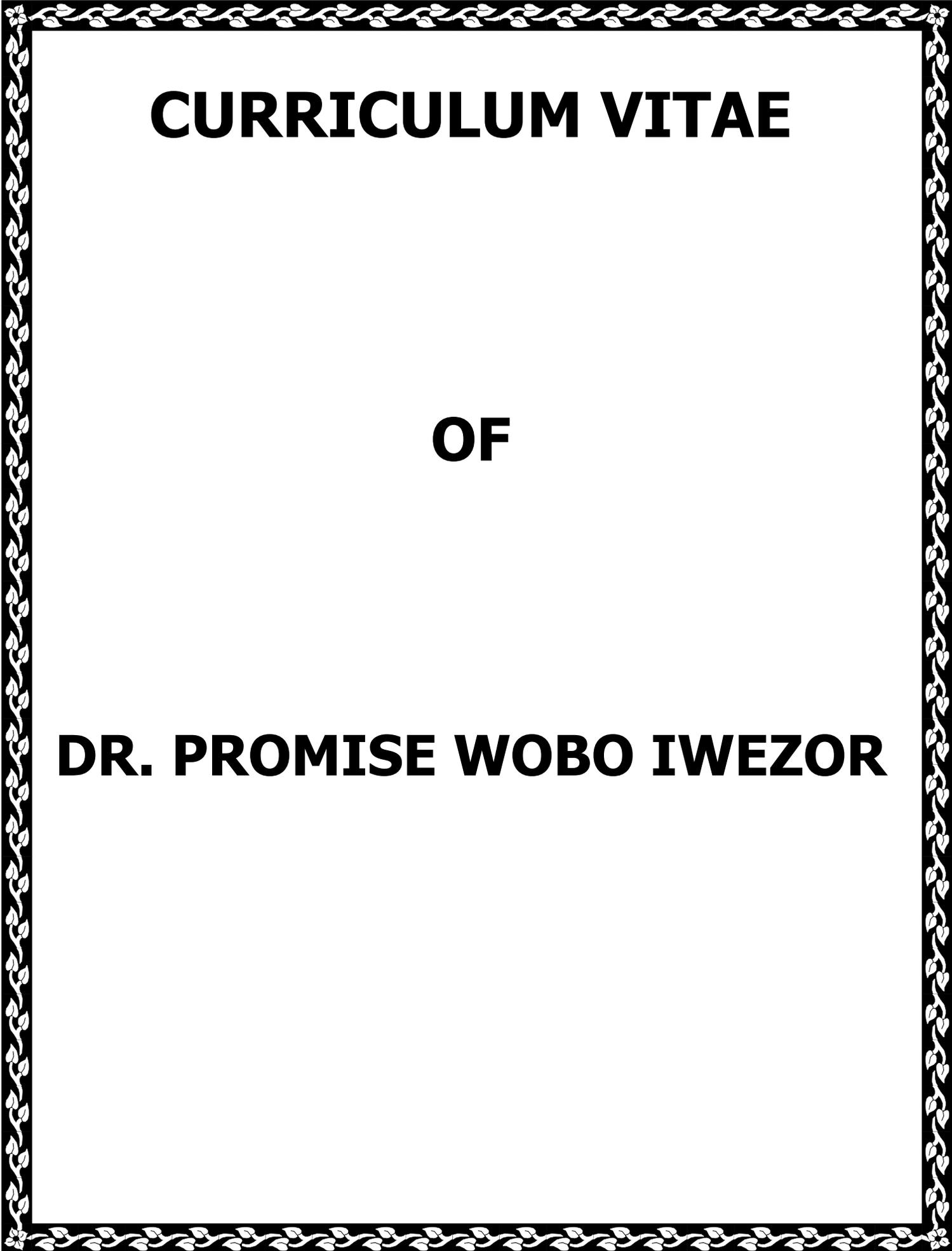
iv. Shall perform all other duties as he/she may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting or such other duties which the President is unable to perform owing to ill health, old age, absence from the country or any other reason.

From the provisions above, it can be seen that the function of the 1st Vice President are very vital as the holder of that office is one who will work extensively with the branches, coordinate their activities and report to the National Executive Council and Committee. Such a person must therefore command respect, and must be one experienced in the matters of the Association, one who has adequate problem solving skills, experienced administrative skills, and who is versatile in other spheres of life; such a person must also be a bridge builder and one who with knowledge of the association, can generate ideas for the President and inevitably for NEC to consider in a concerted effort by all to move the Association Forward.





CURRICULUM VITAE OF DR. PROMISE WOBO IWEZOR



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DR. PROMISE WOBO IWEZOR

CURRICULUM VITAE

IWEZOR, PROMISE WOBO

DATE OF BIRTH: 23RD FEBRUARY 1968
PLACE OF BIRTH: MGBESILARU, OKPORO TOWN
STATE OF ORIGIN: RIVERS STATE
LOCAL GOVT. AREA: OBIO/AKPOR LGA
NATIONALITY: NIGERIAN
SEX: MALE
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OBJECTIVES:

I am a dedicated, dynamic and Energetic young man, extremely motivated for career change, and Eager to contribute to policies and goals.

To strive for excellence precision at all times, in all position and circumstance, attaining professional distinction and proficiency.

KEY SKILLS:

- ❖ Able to adjust to new and challenging situation quickly.
- ❖ Good communication and problem solving skills.
- ❖ Ability to work under pressure and to meet to target.
- ❖ Integrity and transparent honesty.
- ❖ Physical and mental alertness.
- ❖ Good team player and strong analytic mind.

- ❖ Capable of achieving consistency high level of accuracy.
- ❖ Self-motivated and target oriented.

EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS AND INSTITUTION:

Rivers State University	Ph.D	2020-2023
Rivers State University	LLM	2018 – 2020
Rivers State University	PGD	2017 – 2018
Council of legal Education	BL.	2005
Rivers State University	LLB.	1993 – 2000
Rivers State College Arts and Science		
Rumuola, PH	DIP. LAW	1991 – 1993
West African Examination Council		
General Certificate of Education	SSC/GCE	1991
West African Examination Council		
General Certificate of Education	SSC/GCE	1993
Government Comprehensive High School, Taabaa.	TESTIMONIAL	1979 – 1984
State Primary School, Aluu.	FSLC.	1972 – 1997

TRAINING COURSE PROGRAMME:

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ❖ Negotiation ❖ Medication ❖ Arbitration 	}	CERTIFICATE	2004
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ASSOCIATIONS:

- ❖ Member, International Bar Association (IBA)
- ❖ Member, Nigeria Bar Association (NBA)
- ❖ Member, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF)
- ❖ Member, Okpo Club of Nigeria
- ❖ Member, Association of Justice of Peace, Rivers State

- ❖ Member, Nigerian Charter Institute of Arbitration
- ❖ Member, Nigerian Institute of Local Content (NILC)
- ❖ Member, Mgbuesilaru Committee Development Committee (CDC)
- ❖ Member, NBA Section on Business Law
- ❖ Member Association of Environmental Lawyers of Nigeria
- ❖ Member, Chartered Management Consultants

POSITION HELD/SERVICES TO HUMANITY

- ❖ Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association, Isiokpo Branch -2014 – 2016
- ❖ Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association, Isiokpo Branch - 2012 - 2014
- ❖ Publicity Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association, Isiokpo Branch - 2010 – 2012
- ❖ Treasurer, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF) -2015 - 2017
- ❖ Financial Secretary, Okpo Club of Nigeria - 2006 - 2010
- ❖ Justice of Peace (JP) Rivers State - 2010 - DATE
- ❖ Member, Governing Council, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF) - 2015 – 2017
- ❖ Member, NEC Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- ❖ Notary Public, Federal Republic of Nigeria 2013
- ❖ Chairman, NBA-AGC Transport Committee, PH 2016
- ❖ Member, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Natural Resources Committee 2012 -2014; 2014 – 2016
- ❖ Member, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
Anti-Corruption Committee - 2016 - 2018
- ❖ Secretary, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF) Football Committee - 2017 – 2019
- ❖ CO-Opted Member of Executive Council, NBA ISIokpo Branch 2018-2020
- ❖ Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA),
Isiokpo Branch Local Organizing Committee (LOC) 2018
- ❖ Member, Constitution Caretaker Committee for NBA Isiokpo 2020
- ❖ Chairman, Association of Environmental Lawyers of Nigeria,
Rivers State Branch 2021 - 2023
- ❖ Member, Board of Trustee (BOT) Port Harcourt
Host Community Development Trust 2023 – DATE
- ❖ Chairman, Logistic Base Host Community Development Trust 2023
- ❖ Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA),
Isiokpo Branch Local Organizing Committee (LOC) 2023
- ❖ Chairman, Nigerian Bar Association (NB) Isiokpo
Peace and Reconciliation Committee 2023

EXPERIENCE:

- ❖ Private Legal Practice
- ❖ Legal Adviser/secretary
- ❖ Management Consultants
- ❖ Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR)
- ❖ Qualified Mediator

INTEREST:

- ❖ Reading
- ❖ Research
- ❖ Table tennis
- ❖ Travelling

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DANIEL K. KIP

LEGAL PRACTITIONER, NOTARY PUBLIC & ARBITRATOR

CAREER OBJECTIVE

To work assiduously in the legal sphere/profession to better the society by providing legal solutions and advocating for the entrenchment of the rule of law, and where my lawyering skills and expertise in advocacy, legal drafting and alternative dispute resolution etc., would be needed, effectively deployed and utilized towards the realization of the goals of the organization/firm and in so doing attain a high level of organizational and personal growth and development.

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CERTIFICATIONS

Certified Arbitrator (CIARB, UK)
Certified Strategic Manager
(ISMN)

HOBBIES

Researching
Swimming
Writing
Etc.

EDUCATION

Master of Business Administration (M.B.A.)

American Management University
West Covina, California, United States of America
July, 2022

L.LB (Hons)

Nigerian Law School
Lagos, Nigeria
July, 2012

Bachelors of Law Degree (BL)

University of Calabar
Calabar, Cross River State, Nigeria
November, 2010

WORK EXPERIENCE

SOLICITOR & ATTORNEY

ATTAH OCHINKE & CO.

January 2013 – Present

- Engaged in highly contentious and less contentious litigations, conducting trial, preparing pleadings, motions, and final written submissions before various courts and appellate courts.
- Prepared commercial Agreements, advised and negotiated commercial transactions, represented clients in corporates meetings, and reviewed legal agreements in line with clients' commercial strategies.
- Proffered legal opinions on grey areas of law, conducted general diligence and advised clients, expatriates and companies on business formation, taxation, compliance and regulatory issues.
- Engaged in alternative dispute mechanisms, especially Arbitration, and negotiated settlements between parties in order to resolve disputes without going to or proceeding with trial. Registered companies/businesses, copyrights, trademarks, patents, products, etc. with the appropriate Authorities, and played advisory role to startups and foreign investors.

- Researched on emerging and complicated areas of law, prepared papers, articles, and proffered legal solutions & recommendations.

SKILLS

- Good advocacy, legal drafting, organizational and communication skills.
- Computer literate and I.T compliant.
- Ability to multitask, work under pressure and a wonderful team player.
- Constructive minded, innovative, proactive, dynamic, confident, self -motivated and quick to grasp new concepts.
- Data collection and problem analysis & solving skills.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL BODIES

- Assistant General Secretary, Nigerian Bar Association
- Associate member, Nigerian Institute of Strategic Management
- Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK.
- Member, International Criminal Court (ICC) Young Arbitrators Forum
- Member, African Bar Association
- Member, Commonwealth Lawyers Association
- Member, Association of Environmental Lawyers of Nigeria

VOLUNTEERING

- Legal Services Volunteer to the United Nations Office on Drugs & Crime.

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

- Treasurer, NBA Young Lawyers' Forum (YLF), Calabar Branch, from 2014 to 2016.
- National Assistant Publicity Secretary of the NBA YLF, 2015.
- Secretary, NBA Young Lawyers' Forum (YLF), Calabar Branch, 2016 to 2018.
- Assistant Secretary, NBA Calabar Branch, 2019 to 2021.
- Assistant General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association. 2022 till date.

Committees:

- ✓ Chairman, Electoral Committee of the NBA YLF, Calabar, 2021.
- ✓ Member, Disciplinary Committee of the NBA Calabar Branch, 2020.
- ✓ Member, Law/Bar Week Committee of the NBA Calabar Branch, 2020.

- ✓ Member, Government/Legislative Matters Committee of the NBA, Calabar Branch.
- ✓ Member, Summit Planning Committee of the NBA YLF, Calabar Branch, 2019.
- ✓ Member, Business Development Committee of the NBA Calabar Branch, 2021.
- ✓ Secretary, Bar Centre Building Committee of the NBA Calabar Branch, 2021.
- ✓ Secretary, Flood Disaster Relief Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association, 2023.
- ✓ Ex-officio Member, NBA Annual General Conference Planning Committee, 2024

REFEREES

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MANIFESTO OF DANIEL KIP - GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR

INTRODUCTION

The General Council of the Bar is established under the Legal Practitioners Act, CAP. L11, LFN, 2004, specifically in Section 1 (1) of the Act. The composition of the Council is clearly spelt out in subsection 2, while subsection 3 spells out the way and manner representatives of the Nigerian Bar Association to the General Council of the Bar (GCB), is to be elected.

Section 1 of the Act specifies that the Council “shall be charged with the general management of the affairs of the Nigerian Bar Association (subject to any limitations for the time being provided by the constitution of the Association) and with any functions conferred on the Council by this Act or that constitution.” The limitations to the above powers of the General Council of the Bar are provided in Section 7(i) of the Constitution of the Nigeria Bar Association (NBA), 2015 (as amended in 2021).

Section 7(ii) of the Constitution empowers the Council to convene and constitute a caretaker committee of the NBA, at any time Elections into the National Executive Committee is not held at the appropriate time due to emergency or unavoidable circumstances, or when the National Executive Council is incapable of functioning.

The General Council of the Bar is also statutorily saddled with the responsibility of making rules from time to time, on professional conduct in the legal profession and cause such rules to be published in the Gazette and distributed to all Branches of the Nigerian Bar Association. It was pursuant to this power that the current General Council of the Bar amended the Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners which gave birth to the 2023 Rules of Professional Conduct.

By virtue of Section 20(1) of the Legal Practitioners Act, the Council is also empowered to make Rules on the opening and keeping by a Legal Practitioner of client’s moneys, moneys of Trust of which a Lawyer is the sole trustee or co-trustee, and to ascertain and ensure compliance with the rules.

The foregoing reveals the enormous responsibilities expected of the General Council of the Bar, and thus requires representatives from the NBA, who are committed and experienced Bar men with proven track record, and those with leadership qualities to discharge this responsibility and add value to the proceedings and activities of the General Council of the Bar.

MY ANTEDECENTS

I was called to the Nigerian Bar as Solicitor and Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria in the year 2012, after obtaining my BL & L.LB Hons. from the prestigious University of Calabar, Calabar, Cross River State, and undergoing my mandatory 1-year training at the Nigerian Law School, Lagos campus, Lagos. At exactly 7 years at the Bar, I applied to be sworn in as Notary Public of the Supreme Court, and in 2021 I took my oath of office as Notary Public.

I have in my 11 years of practice enjoyed a high level of autonomy and responsibility, working closely with an experienced team to deliver professional legal services to

over a dozen individuals, Companies and Government Agencies, including being engaged in contentious litigation.

Since my call, I have served in various capacities in the Nigerian Bar Association and thus can comfortably be referred to as a 'Bar man'. I served as the Treasurer of the NBA Young Lawyers' Forum (YLF), Calabar Branch, from 2014 to 2016. I was also the National Assistant Publicity Secretary of the NBA YLF in 2015 under the Alegeh, SAN. led administration. I also served as Secretary of the NBA YLF from 2016 to 2018. I served as Assistant Secretary of the NBA, Calabar Branch from 2019 to 2021. And I am currently the Assistant General Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association.

I have in every office I have served in the NBA, been committed and innovative. As Secretary of the NBA-YLF, Calabar Branch, I improved and brought about several innovations to the Secretariat. As Assistant National Publicity Secretary, myself in concert with the publicity committee initiated the various social media platforms of the NBA YLF and improved the image and visibility of the Young Lawyers' Forum. As Chairman of the NBA-YLF Electoral Committee, Calabar, I championed the maiden website of the YLF and set out to hold its first online election. As Acting Secretary of the NBA Calabar Branch, I fully restructured and digitalized the Secretariat of the Branch, revived its I.D. Card project, introduced electronic attendance for meetings, eased the interface between the Branch and the national Secretariat and championed the maiden website of the NBA Calabar Branch, with its payment portal, amongst others.

Currently as Assistant General Secretary, I have provided topnotch support to the Secretariat of the Nigerian Bar Association, engendered a seamless interface between the Secretariat and members of the Association, offered quick and resultful response to complaints/enquiries, and influenced some innovations and projects under the current Administration of the Nigerian Bar Association. All these and more, places me in good stead, and with the requisite understanding of the workings, needs and standards of the Bar, to serve as a representative of the NBA in the General Council of the Bar.

MY UNDERTAKING

Armed with my experience in the Bar for the past years and currently, and my leadership & Administrative Skills, I will represent the Nigerian Bar Association effectively and effectually, ensuring that at all times, the best interest of the Bar is served.

I will also not allow my personal or any sectional interest to influence my decision, opinion or proposals in the General Council of the Bar.

I will also work with all members of the Council to ensure the statutory roles of the Council as enshrined in the Legal Practitioners Act, are given life and fully implemented.

Finally, I will strive to bring in the much-desired innovation in the discharge of my duties and responsibilities as member of the General Council of the Bar. Thank you.

DANIEL K. KIP, ACI Arb, UK.



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PROFILE AND MANIFESTO

Israel Solomon Lagbamue, a Notary Public, a graduate of Lagos State University 2007 set and I attended Law School, Lagos Campus, 2008 and was call to the Nigeria Bar Association in 2008, I began my legal Practice with the firm of Chris Okoye & Co at Ojo in Lagos between the year 2008 and November, 2005 when I commence personal practice with my firm Lagbamue, Lagbamue & Associates at Ojo in Lagos.

I became active in Bar Politics right from Law School, Lagos Campus as a member, students' representative Council of the Nigerian Law School, 2007/2008 Session and I have served in different capacity at the Badagry Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association, I was the Assistant General Secretary, 2014/2016 and also a member of the law week committee, 2013 and the Chairman, law week committee, 2016.

I am aware of the need of my colleagues by virtue of my being active in legal Practice and Bar Politics and I have the requisite knowledge and capacity to effectively represent the Bar at the General Council of the Bar.

As a dedicated and passionate member of the Nigerian Bar Association, I am honored to seek your vote to represent our great association on the General Council of the Bar and with firm promise and commitment to the Bar, I will effectively ensure the Bar is return to its pride of place in the committee of Nations through the activities of General Council.

The GCB as Presently Constituted has laid foundation for the effective performance of its statutory functions and efforts is ongoing to ensure that the Council as part of its objective contribute to the strengthening and independence of the GCB

I humbly ask for your vote to represent our great association on the General Council of the Bar to deploy the experiences garnered in the last two years in the Council to enhance the practice of our profession through the effective discharge of the statutory functions of the GCB.

Thank you.

CURRICULUM VITAE

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Principal Partner

Al-Inqaaz Legal Consults, Funtua, Katsina State

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PERSONAL PROFILE

Nationality: Nigeria
State Of Origin: Katsina
Residential Address: No. 28, Opp. Bishir Idris Nadabo, road, Funtua, Katsina State.
Date of Birth: 15th March, 1986
Marital Status: Married
Language Fluency: Hausa and English

OBJECTIVE

To build a fulfilling career through knowledge transformation and ideas; promote and sustain productivity through practical skill operation and creativity, commitment, hard-work and passion for excellence as well as gain experience and enhance organizational policies through team-work, continuity and consistency.

EDUCATION HISTORY

2012 – 2013 BL -Nigerian Law School, Kano.
2007 – 2012 LLB Honors(With Specialization in Islamic Law) – A.B.U, Zaria.

2001 – 2007	Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSCE) Ideal International College, Funtua
2006	Certificate in Computer, PADEAP.
1993 – 2000	First School Leaving Certificate. Ideal International Schools, Funtua.

QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED

November, 2013	Barrister at Law
October, 2012	Bachelor of Laws
June, 2007	Secondary School Certificate Examination (SSCE)
July, 2006	Certificate in Computer
2000	First School Leaving Certificate.

WORK EXPERIENCE

2023 – to date:	Principal Partner	Al-Inqaaz Legal Consults, Tijjani Magaji & Co. Funtua
2022 – 2023:	Public Prosecution	Ministry of Justice, Katsina
2020 – 2022:	Secretary	NBA, Funtua Branch
2017 – 2022:	Legal Assistant	High Court of Justice, Katsina State.
2015 – 2016	Counsel	Nagari Chambers, Funtua
2014 – 2015	Counsel	Abdullahi Yahaya & Co. Kaduna State.
2013 – 2014	Corp Member	Court of Appeal, Kaduna

2012 – 2016

Teacher in various Primary and Secondary Schools.

SOME CERTIFICATES OBTAINED

2023: MULAN Annual General Conference, Nassarawa State.

2022: NBA Annual General Conference, Lagos State.

2020: NBA Certificate Of Recognition

2020: Taibah Centre For Research And Training Certificate Of Attendance.

2020: NBA 2ND Certificate Of Recognition

2019: MSSN Certificate Of Recognition.

2019: NBA 2ND Annual Criminal Review Conference, Abuja.

2018: NBA Administration Of Criminal Justice Conference, Asaba, Delta State.

2018: NBA 1ST Certificate Of Recognition.

2014: NYSC Corps Legal Aid Group Certificate

2006: Ideal International College Best Essay Writer

RESEARCH

2022: Paper Titled: Islamic Perspective On Girl-Child Rights Presented At The Centre For Gender Studies Under Federal University, Dutsinma, Katsina State.

INTERESTS/HOBBIES

Reading, Litigation and Research.

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Holder's Signature

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MANIFESTO:

Manifesto for the Office of Representative of the General Council of the Bar:

Introduction:

As a candidate for the Representative of the General Council of the Bar of the Nigerian Bar Association, I am committed to upholding the values of integrity, professionalism, and justice within our legal community. With a vision for unity and progress, I present the following manifesto to outline my goals and objectives for serving in this esteemed position.

1. Enhancing Access to Justice:

- Work towards the provision of legal aid and support for marginalized and vulnerable populations, ensuring that all citizens have equal access to justice.
- Advocate for the establishment of legal clinics and pro bono initiatives to address the needs of underserved communities across Nigeria.
- Collaborate with stakeholders to streamline legal procedures and improve the efficiency of the justice system, reducing delays and backlog of cases.

2. Strengthening Professional Standards:

- Advocate for the implementation of rigorous standards of professional conduct and ethics among legal practitioners.
- Collaborate with the General Council of the Bar to enhance continuing legal education programs, ensuring that lawyers stay updated with legal developments and best practices.

- Promote accountability and transparency within the legal profession, fostering trust between lawyers and the public.

3. Fostering Professional Development:

- Champion initiatives to support the professional growth and well-being of young lawyers, including mentorship programs and career development opportunities.
- Encourage collaboration and knowledge-sharing among legal practitioners, fostering a culture of learning and innovation within the legal profession.
- Advocate for fair and equitable opportunities for career advancement and representation within the legal community, promoting diversity and inclusivity.

4. Advocating for Legislative Reforms:

- Engage with policymakers and legislators to advocate for legislative reforms that enhance the rule of law, protect human rights, and promote good governance.
- Collaborate with relevant stakeholders to review and propose amendments to existing laws and regulations, addressing emerging legal challenges and societal needs.
- Advocate for the independence of the judiciary and the protection of the legal profession from undue influence or interference.

5. Strengthening the Bar Association:

- Work towards fostering unity and cohesion within the Nigerian Bar Association, promoting dialogue and collaboration among members across different regions and practice areas.
- Support initiatives to improve the welfare and professional development of members, addressing their concerns and advocating for their rights.
- Enhance the visibility and relevance of the Bar Association in national discourse, advocating for the protection of the rule of law and the promotion of justice and equality.

Conclusion:

As the Representative of the General Council of the Bar, I am committed to serving with integrity, diligence, and dedication. Together, let us work towards a stronger, more inclusive legal profession, and a society where justice prevails for all!

Thank you all!

Dated this 2ND day of April, 2024

Tijjani Magaji Esq
Vice Chairman,
Funtua Branch,
Katsina State.

(Aspiring for the Office of the Representative to the General council of the Bar)



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MBAMALA**

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PROFILE AND MANIFESTO OF CHUKWUEMEKA MBAMALA Esq.LLB, BL Hons. FOR THE OFFICE THE TREASURER NBA

My name is Chukwuemeka Mbamala, a native of Edenta Awo-Idemili in Orsu Local Government Area of Imo State Nigeria. Awo-Idemili shares boundary from the south with Iseke town in Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State. I started my humble beginning in life by attending primary and secondary school in my State under a father that loves education. I read law at Enugu State University of Science and Technology (Esut) and obtained LLB, Hons. I was called to the Nigerian Bar in May, 2007

After the National youth service with the Ministry of Justice Asaba, Delta State of Nigeria, I joined the Chambers of D.U Okorowo & Co now Justice D.U Okorowo of the Federal High Court Abuja where I learnt the steps of law practice. In 2011, I joined the Chambers of my elder brother Arthur Mbamala & Co a commercial litigation and Consultancy Firm and became a Managing Partner till date.

To broaden my knowledge of law, I have under gone some capacity building program/seminars which includes Alternative to Dispute Resolutions ADR, institute of chartered mediators and conciliators (ICMC) I have attended conference and seminars. I attended a 4 day workshop in UK, organized by NBA/Bar Society of England and Wales in 2017

I'm a passionate member of the Nigerian Bar Association and a committed member of my branch, the Nigerian Bar Association Enugu Branch known as (SECONDUS NULUS). I have served the Bar in different capacities both at the branch and at the National Level which includes

1. Member Bar and Bench 2008-2010
2. Committee member, young lawyers Forum 2010-2012
3. Publicity secretary Enugu Bar 2012-2014
4. Nba election monitoring team 2011
5. NBA/AGC Rapporteur (Calabar) 2013
6. Delegate election 2010
7. NBA/ INEC election prosecution monitor Enugu 2011 under Festus Okoye Esq.
8. Enugu State Justice reform team 2012-2014
9. National Assistant Publicity Secretary NBA 2016-2018
10. NEC Member 2016-2018

I'm a member of the Eastern Bar Forum (Ebf) International Bar Association (IBA) Pan African Lawyers Union (Palu) and African Bar Association (ABA)

I belong to NBA sections, SBL and SLP and have attended their conferences.

I have over the years built myself a reputation of service excellence, hard work and diligence to duty. I have always strived to do things different with innovations. As a publicity secretary of

my branch, I created for the first time a phone book and introduced the system of bulk sms in disseminating information to members. In 2010, I made an analysis of earnings of young lawyers and discovered that the problem is lack of savings and I, introduced with the approval the executive committee my branch a scheme called **LEGAL SAVE INITIATIVE ENUGU NIGERIA** for Lawyers in the branches of Enugu State. Legalsave is a saving scheme designed to help lawyers plan their financial year. The saved money help lawyers to pay their practicing fee and Bar dues and other levies as at when due, subscribe to law reports, acquire property, pay house/office rent and access to loan etc. the benefits cannot be over emphasized. The practice has been embraced by neighboring branches of NBA. The branch has dedicated a page in their yearly diary for awareness on this scheme. For this innovation, I was given an award of excellence in recognition of Law entrepreneurship and consistency in legalsave initiative for lawyers, ie accountability and transparency defined in 2021.

As an Assistant Publicity Secretary 2016-2018, I took charge of the Publicity team for three months when there was a vacuum created by the disqualification of John Unachukwu the only candidate for the post of publicity secretary by Ecnba. At the Lagos NBA/AGC, the publicity team exhibited capacity and diligence in sending sms to members for sessions, time and venue.

The affair of the young lawyers touches me most, as a friend of the young Lawyers, I inspired them to dream, to learn and achieve more with handwork, commitment to duty and persistence. As a young lawyer I initiated the legal save initiative to help the young lawyers save money to sustain their practice. Since 2012 till date I have sponsored some young lawyers from my branch to NBA Annual conference. I believe the future of the Bar is the hands of the young ones.

I have sat on the board of a Micro Finance Co-Operative Society Ltd and understood the principles of accounting, book keeping and investment portfolios.

I'm Christian, married to Christiana. The marriage is blessed with Children.

Sincerity has no duplicate. I'm sincere, accountable, obedient and transparent in dealing with people.

When elected the NBA Treasurer,

1. I shall be accountable to give accurate reports of the finances of the Association and carry out any decision or directives of the Annual General Meetings in matter relating to budget and finances of the Association.
2. I shall ensure prompt payment of practice fee by members through a scheme that shall be initiated to help lawyers save

and pay their practicing fees and branch dues without difficulty.

3. In 2016-2018 administration, a committee led by a very respected senior advocate Kanu Agabi SAN was constituted to look into establishing a Micro Finance Bank for NBA, I will advise the President to revisit the committee's report. If the report is implemented, it will generate fund for the Association and boost the loan scheme for members.
4. To help the President in achieving the aims and objectives of NBA in creating schemes for the empowerment of young lawyers and members living with disability and for provisions of assistance to aged or incapacitated members of the Association.
5. Shall advise the President and with the approval of the National Executive Committee to invest NBA funds in viable securities. The investment generated will enhance credit facilities to Lawyers of all categories, cushion the rate of conference fees etc
6. To consolidate on the National Health Insurance Scheme of the Association by advising the next administration to invest more on our members, making sure that the Health Management Organization (HMO) and the designated hospitals chosen by the association are satisfaction driven and best for members. This health insurance scheme shall

benefit our women most since they are the bedrock of the families.

7. Advocate increment on the percentage paid to Branches to 20% in other to assist them meet up their obligations in this hard economy. This will be easily achieved where majority of the Lawyers pay their Practicing fees through the means of the new scheme that will be introduced, if approved.
8. Pursue all monies due to the Association and pay same into the association's account.
9. Audit all debits and charges from the banks.

God bless you.

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1989-1995

QUALIFICATIONS: Senior Secondary Certificate Examination
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LL.B Hons. 2004
BL. 2007
NYSC. 2006

WORK PLACE: Principal Partner
Arthur Mbamala & Co
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1b NnajiOgbodo Street Achara Layout
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PRESENT WORK PLACE: Arthur Mbamala & Co

JOB DESCRIPTION: General Legal practice, Legal drafting,
Legal research/Opinion writing and ADR
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ABILITIES: Knowledge of the Law.

WORK EXPERIENCE: D.U Okorowo & Co
Barristers and Solicitors, 36 Ogui Road
Enugu.2007-2009. (Now Justice D.U
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National Youth Service Corps.
Department of Legal Drafting & Advisory
Services, Ministry of Justice Asaba, Delta
State, Nigeria., Decongestion of Prisons
Exercise, NBA Election Monitor 2011

POSITIONS HELD IN NBA: Publicity Secretary Enugu Branch
2012-2014,
National Assistant Publicity Secretary
2016-2018

SEMINARS/CONFERENCES: 2008 –Till date NBA Conferences.
Alternative Dispute Resolution.
Election Petition and Election Offences.

Section on business Law conferences,
section on Legal Practice conferences,
Institute of continuing Legal Education,
Practical ways to combat Anti corruption in
Justice sector, NBA/Bar Council of England
and Wales, (African Lawyers)

BAR ACTIVITIES

NEC Delegate 2010 Ibadan
NBA Enugu branch welfare committee
member 2010, Training on tracking the
arrest and prosecution of Electoral Offender
Dec 11-13 2011.
Raputour 2013 NBA Conference Calabar.
Publicity Secretary NBA Enugu Branch
2012-2014. Member Justice Reform team
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FERDINAND AFAM NAZA

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Who am I ?

Ferdinand Afam Naza, MCarb.

- Ebonyi State University - LL.B with Honours, 2009
- Nigerian Law School - BL, 2010
- European Business University, Luxembourg, Certificate of Business Management, 2022
- Union of European Football Association (UEFA) ACADEMY - Certificate in Football Management (CFM), 2023
- University of Lausanne, Lausanne, Switzerland - Certificate of Higher Education: Football management, 2023.

Membership of Association/Bodies

- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- International Bar Association (IBA)
- Commonwealth Lawyers Association (CLA)
- Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators (NICARB)
- UEFA Academy Alumni Association (UAAA)
- NBA Section on Legal Practice (NBA-SLP)
- NBA Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL)
- NBA Section On Public Interest and Development Law (NBA-SPIDEL)

I have served the Bar in various capacities, to wit:

- ❖ National Assistant Publicity Secretary, NBA 2020 –2022
- ❖ Assistant Publicity Secretary, Onitsha Branch 2014 –2016
- ❖ Chairman, NBA Onitsha Branch Conference Planning Committee 2021
- ❖ Chairman, NBA Onitsha Branch, Young Lawyers Forum (YLF) 2017 –2018
- ❖ Secretary, NBA Onitsha Branch, Committee on Continuing Legal Education 2018 –2020
- ❖ Secretary, NBA Onitsha Branch, Land Committee 2016 –2018
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- ❖ Member, NBA Onitsha Branch Committee on Innovation 2018 –2020
- ❖ Member, NBA Onitsha Branch Bar Journal Committee
- ❖ Member, Central Summit Planning Committee, NBA YLF Summit 2018
- ❖ Ad-hoc member, Eastern Bar Forum (EBF) Sports Committee 2016 –2018

What I want to Achieve

The National Publicity secretary of the NBA is essentially an 'Enabler' of the work program of the elected President, with respect to maintaining the vibrancy of the NBA Brand. **Section 9(5) (i) of the 2015 NBA Constitution (As Amended in 2021)** reserves the following duties for the National Publicity Secretary to wit:

- i. He/She shall ensure adequate and prompt publicity of the activities of the Association;



- ii. He/She shall present a good and progressive image of the Association to the public;
- iii. He/She shall issue releases and statements on matters of general interest to the Association and the public after consultation with the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee;
- iv. He/She shall perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.

The position of the Publicity Secretary, under the above provisions of the constitution is charged with ensuring adequate and prompt publicity of the association, presenting a good/progressive image of the association to the public; issuing releases and statements to the public on matters of general interest to the association, in consultation with the President of the Association or NEC; and other duties that may be assigned by the President of NEC.

The Strategic Reform Objective of my candidacy therefore is subsumed in two levels of engagement, to wit; **REBRANDING** and **COMMUNICATION**

REBRANDING

The rebranding strategies shall focus on retooling the brand persona of the NBA, across her online presence, marketing and membership (customer) services.

Working closely with the Publicity team, Secretariat, Publicity Secretaries of various Branches and other stakeholders, to implement the following actions;

- Continuing the user experience reforms now being implemented across all online channels of the Association; viz.:-
- Improving member engagements in the NBA website, ensuring ease of access to information and feedback for members.
- Expanding the utility of the Lawyers Portal under the NBA website. Deploy lawyers' feedback chatbox feature under the Portal.
- Improve engagements of the Association with the public, on alternative Social Media Channels; X (formerly, Twitter), Facebook and Instagram.
- Maintaining existing direct engagement platforms of the NBA Publicity Team. E.g. The Bar Center Social Media Groups.
- Periodic Media Engagement Events with the Press. Deploy virtual conferencing tools with members

COMMUNICATION

Information is one of the most valuable commodities in today's digital age. The ability to access, analyze, and utilize information effectively can provide a significant competitive advantage in various sectors, driving innovation, decision-making, and economic growth.

As a publicity secretary, providing valuable information to the public can enhance engagement with members of the legal profession. This can include legal insights, updates on relevant laws and regulations, and educational resources to empower individuals and Groups.

The bedrock of the role of the publicity secretariat, is keeping members informed of the activities and events of the association. This will keep the association more in touch with the members. The association can do better with effective communications that are timely, responsive and helpful.

Working closely with the Publicity team, Secretariat, Publicity Secretaries of various Branches and other stakeholders, to implement the following actions;



Internal Communications

- **Coordination and Collaboration:** Facilitate communication and collaboration among branch publicity secretaries to share ideas, coordinate campaigns, and leverage each other's strengths and resources.
- **Centralized Support:** Offer centralized support and assistance to branch publicity secretaries in implementing national campaigns, initiatives, and messaging strategies. By providing support, resources, and guidance, the national publicity secretary can empower branch publicity secretaries to effectively promote the objectives and initiatives of the Nigerian Bar Association at the local level.
- **Feedback and Evaluation:** Solicit feedback from branch publicity secretaries on their needs, challenges, and successes, and provide support and guidance based on their feedback. Additionally, establish mechanisms for evaluating the effectiveness of publicity efforts at the branch level and identifying areas for improvement.
- **Recognition and Appreciation:** Recognize and appreciate the contributions of branch publicity secretaries through awards, acknowledgments, and opportunities for professional development and growth within the association.
- Use various communication channels to raise awareness among member about issues of concern and the Association's role as a watchdog in the society.
- Creation of National Monthly Publicity campaigns for the Association which can feature targeted campaigns, educational materials, public forums, and jingles to engage the public, stimulate conversation, and raise awareness about pressing societal issues such as, Legal Literacy Month, Human Rights Awareness Month, Justice Reform Month, Anti-Corruption Month, Women & Children Month, Access to Legal Aid Month, Environmental Justice Month, e.t.c.
- Build, maintain and continue, new and existing e-mail lists for instant delivery of information for the benefit of the members of the association.
- Deploy new and existing help lines for direct communication with secretariat staff. Procure a Dedicated Toll Free Helpline for the use of the members through the year (Not just during election and conference periods.
- Keep members informed of all the opportunities available to them, from professional capacity development workshops, to necessary administrative support channels.
- Maintain prompt and effective communication with members about activities of the Association, her sections and fora.
- Maintain prompt and effective communication with members about activities of the Branches of the Association.

External Communications

The Association can act as a watchdog in society and the role of the publicity secretary in this context is to:

- Liaise and increase relations with other professional associations for the sake of improving relationships.
- Communicating the Association's mission, values, and objectives clearly and consistently to members and the public. This includes articulating the association's commitment to serving the society and promoting justice.
- Use communication channels to raise awareness among members and the public about issues of concern and the bar's role as a watchdog in society.
- Amplify the voices of marginalized communities, victims of injustice, and human rights defenders through media outreach, press releases, and public statements.
- Build alliances and partnerships with civil society organizations, human rights groups, and other stakeholders to strengthen the Association's advocacy efforts and maximize impact in the society.
- In consultation with the office of the President of the NBA and Secretariat, issue timely press releases on topics of general interest to the NBA.



Increase Integration of Communications within NBA

NBA today has evolved to the leading professional association in Nigeria. With many sections, fora, and specialized practice groups, her potentials as an influencer are limitless. These different groups within NBA present at different times, events that maintain the potential to be great successes if given more support. Increasing communication and support between different groups will ensure greater participation and ultimately benefit members of the Association.

Overall, the publicity team plays a crucial role in leveraging communication and advocacy strategies to enhance the bar's watchdog function and promote accountability, justice, and the rule of law in society.

Why Vote for Me?

My aspiration for office is propelled by a firm conviction that we all bear the responsibility of building the NBA into an enviable association. Standing on the shoulders of elders and foundations laid by past administrations, it is my intention that after service in office, the NBA would have become better by her processes of internal and external communication, and standards of public perception. We will do this by consistently demonstrating professionalism, speed and courtesies in the discharge of the duties of my office. We will remain sensitive and alert to diverse national issues on which the society expects lawyers to lead the charge in addressing.

In the past ten years, I have aggregated experience in both law practice and relationships with lawyers across the country. Haven served at different levels and in different roles overtime, I come fully equipped with excellent personal organizational experience, exposure to operations within the NBA, and an understanding of public relations in a professional context. I have led teams and have as well served with effective team players, and have as well accomplished innovative milestones and assignments.



Ferdinand Afam Naza.
March 28, 2024





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Sports Law.

Entertainment Law

Real Estate

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August, 2018 till Date

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September, 2013 – July, 2018

HIPO ONWUEGBUKE & CO,

Head of Chambers

November, 2011 – August, 2013

OBI ANIZOBA & CO,

Associate

December, 2010 – October, 2011

S.M. ALSO & CO,

Associate

EDUCATION

2023

University of Lausanne – Lausanne, Switzerland

Certificate of Higher Education: Football management

2023

Union of European Football Association (UEFA) ACADEMY -

Certificate in Football Management (CFM)

2022

European Business University, Luxembourg

Certificate Of Business Management

2010

Nigerian Law School

BL qualification

2009

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LL.B (Honours)

SERVICE TO THE BAR:

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PUBLICATIONS:

- **'Militancy in Nigeria: Constitutional and Legal Implications**



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My Dear Colleague,

#LAWYERSFIRST: MY SERVICE COMPACT WITH MEMBERS OF THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

WATCHWORD

My constant watchword shall be putting the interest of #LawyersFirst and my mantra shall be pursuing the greatest good for the greatest number of our members and it is the index upon which I wish to be judged at the end of the tenure in 2024.

In view of the above, I offer myself for the service of the Nigerian Bar Association as a representative of the NBA on the General Council of the Bar (GCB). I believe my servant's heart will help me fulfill this noble aspiration of mine only if you lend me your support and give me your VOTE.

QUALIFICATION

I have been a consummate bar man since my initiation into this noble profession (and if you like, before I was even called to the bar). As a law student, I was elected **Secretary for Information** of the Law Students' Association (LAWSA) and later as **President** of the Law Students' Bar Association (LAWBA) both at the University of Benin, for which I received certificates of meritorious service.

Also, during my sojourn with the Premier Bar at the ancient and modern city of Ibadan, I had the privilege of serving in various committees including the Organizing Committee for the Law Office Management Workshop organized by the NBA Section on Legal Practice in Ibadan. I joined the NBA Asaba branch in December, 2010, and served as a member of the NBA, Asaba Branch Complaints and Reconciliation Committee, Human Rights Committee, Secretary to the Committee on Decaying Judiciary Infrastructure in Asaba and environs and the Coordinator of Christian Lawyers Fellowship of Nigeria (CLASFON), Asaba Branch between 2011 and 2012. I also served this branch between 2012 and 2016 as Financial Secretary and thereafter as Treasurer. Furthermore, in the year 2018 I served as the Secretary of the Electoral Committee, one which birthed innovations in the electoral history of Asaba Branch Elections. Earlier, in the same year, I was drafted to serve as the Secretary of the Strategy Team set up to rescue the 2018 Law Week from failing. And from 2022 to 2024, I served as Branch Chairman during which time, we grew the membership and resources of the Branch through innovation and service oriented leadership. In all my years of service to the Asaba Bar, I distinguished myself in terms of innovativeness, availability, accessibility, efficiency, accountability, humility, loyalty to the generality of the bar and to our Bar elders and leaders.

Apart from my service to the Bar, I have also served and currently serve in some other organizations. Details of these organizations and positions held are as contained in my CV which is attached to this manifesto. Indeed, mine has been a life of meritorious service and impact, in the circles I have been privileged to find myself.

WHAT YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT THE GCB

1.) ESTABLISHMENT

The General Council of Bar” (GCB), referred to as “Bar Council” was established by virtue of Section 1(1) of the Legal Practitioners Act (LPA), CAP L11, Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004 (“Legal Practitioners Act”).

2.) COMPOSITION OF THE GCB

By Section 1(2) of the Legal Practitioners Act (LPA), the GCB is composed of the following:

- i. The Attorney General of the Federation who shall be the President of the Council
- ii. The Attorneys General of the States and
- iii. 20 Members of the NBA and not less than 7 of them shall be legal practitioners of not less than 10 years standing.

3.) ELECTION OF NBA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GCB.

By virtue of Section 1(3) of the LPA, Section 10(6) of the NBA Constitution (as amended) and Part V, Paragraph 2 of the Second Schedule to the NBA Constitution 2015 (as amended), positions for the 20 NBA representatives to the GCB, just like the National officers, shall be filled by election in which all members of the Association are entitled to vote (universal suffrage) and by electronic voting, with each zone producing at least 6 representatives to the GCB (making 18 members); the 2 highest losers in the election shall make up the 19th and 20th NBA slots on the GCB.

The 3 Zones are Eastern Zone, Northern Zone and Western Zone.

4.) TENURE OF OFFICE OF NBA REPRESENTATIVES TO THE GCB

By Section 10(6), the twenty (20) members representing the Association in the General Council of the Bar shall be elected for a term of two (2) years and shall only be eligible for re-election for another term of two (2) years.

5.) FUNCTIONS OF THE GCB

a. By Section 1(1) of the LPA, the GCB is charged with the general management of the affairs of the Nigerian Bar Association (subject to the limitations provided by the Constitution of the NBA) and with other functions conferred on the Council by the Act or the NBA Constitution.

LIMITATIONS

By Article 7(1) (a) – (d) of the NBA Constitution 2021 (as amended), the powers of the General Council of the Bar shall not include:

- i.) Any control over the budget or finances of the NBA;
- ii.) The power to appoint representatives of the NBA to any statutory, executive/judicial or other bodies;
- iii.) The power to issue any statement purporting to express the views of NBA on matters of public interest or matters affecting the legal provision generally;
- iv.) The power to make any arrangements whatsoever (including the drawing up of an agenda or choice of venue) for the annual general conference or any other general meeting of NBA.

b. By Article 7(2) of the NBA Constitution, “if at any time, due to unavoidable circumstances or any emergency, an election cannot be held at the appropriate time or the National Executive Council is incapable of functioning, the General Council of the Bar shall be convened with powers to constitute a 10-member caretaker committee of members of the Association to run the affairs of the Association for not more than the unexpired tenure of the National Officers or until when new National Officers shall be elected.

Provided however that the General Council of the Bar acting under Section 7 (2) hereto shall not be subject to any limitation of its powers under Section 1(1)

of the Legal Practitioners Act, until the expiration of the unavoidable circumstances or emergency.

Thus, if the Bar Council exercises its power to constitute a Committee of NBA Members to run NBA affairs in emergency or unavoidable circumstances, the limitations provided in Articles 7(1) of the NBA Constitution will not apply.

LIMITATIONS

Any decision of the Bar Council may be reviewed or modified by the Annual General Conference or at any other general meeting of the Association.

c. By Section 20(1)(a) to (d) of the LPA , the Bar Council is empowered to make rules of account to be kept by legal practitioners of client's moneys received into their custody, held or paid by them for or on account of their clients.

The Council is also to make rules as regards the opening and keeping of an account at a bank for moneys of any trust of which a lawyer is the sole trustee or co-trustee with one or more of his partners, clerks or servant.

The GCB is also empowered to take such action as it thinks necessary to enable it to ascertain whether the rules are being complied with.

d. By virtue of Section 12(4) of the Legal Practitioners Act 2004 (incorporating the provisions of the Legal Practitioners) (Amendment) Decree No 21, 1994) published as Supplementary to the Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004, the GCB is also empowered to make and revise the rules of professional conduct. The said sub-section reads: "It shall be the duty of the Bar Council [General Council of the Bar] to make rules from time to time on professional conduct in the legal profession and cause such rules to be published in the Gazette and distributed to all Branches of the [Nigerian bar] Association."

I have read over and over again the relevant provisions as contained in the LPA and the NBA Constitution. It contains the functions of the GCB and their role in the legal profession. It also provides for the limitations to those functions. I believe that I have what it takes to collaborate with others to ensure that the

GCB plays its role in the interest of the general and ordinary member of the NBA and the legal profession.

I have faithfully served the NBA in one capacity or the other since I joined the Bar and I have worked closely with several Chairmen, Presidents as a two time member of the National Executive Council of the Bar. I intend as a representative of the NBA on the GCB to provide effective and efficient representation.

CONCLUSION

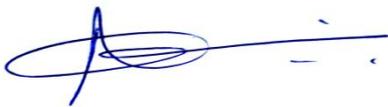
With utmost humility and modesty, I, PRECIOUS NDIDI NWADIMUYA, wish to express my sincere aspiration to serve you and the general body of the Nigerian Bar Association as REPRESENTATIVE OF THE NBA ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF THE BAR for the next two years. I pledge my commitment to execute the above service compact with the help of God and urge you to hold me accountable to it while in service and judge me by it at the end of my service year.

VOTE FOR PRECIOUS NDIDI NWADIMUYA.

#LAWYERSFIRST

MAKE YOUR VOTE COUNT!!!!!!!!!!

Yours sincerely,



PRECIOUS NDIDI NWADIMUYA

PRECIOUS NWADIMUYA

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	STATE OF ORIGIN	DELTA STATE
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NUMBER OF CHILDREN	THREE (3)	
EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED AND QUALIFICATIONS OBTAINED WITH DATES	2008 – 2010 UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN, IBADAN	MASTER OF LAWS (LL.M)
	2006 - 2007 NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, BWARI-ABUJA	BARRISTER-AT-LAW (B.L) SECOND CLASS HONOURS (LOWER DIVISION).
	2001 – 2006 UNIVERSITY OF BENIN, BENIN CITY	BACHELOR OF LAWS (LL.B) SECOND CLASS HONOURS (LOWER DIVISION).
	1992 -1998 EVBAREKE SECONDARY SCHOOL, BENIN CITY.	WEST AFRICAN SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (WASSCE)
	1986 – 1992 EKO PRIMARY SCHOOL, DELTA STATE	DELTA STATE PRIMARY SCHOOL LEAVING CERTIFICATE
PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATION	2007 ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL NEGOTIATORS & MEDIATORS/ DCON	CERTIFICATE OF TRAINING & PROFICIENCY IN ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION.
	2008 INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED ACCOUNTANTS OF NIGERIA	CERTIFICATE OF REGISTRATION (STUDENT MEMBER)

LIST OF PUBLICATIONS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. THE CONTENT AND SCOPE OF THE RIGHT TO DEVELOPMENT (2011), VOL. 2, UNIVERSITY OF BENIN JOURNAL OF PRIVATE AND PROPERTY LAW, pp. 100-113). 2. TRADE-RELATED ASPECTS OF INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY RIGHTS UNDER THE WTO: A TEXTUAL AND CONCEPTUAL ANALYSIS (2012), VOL. 3, UNIVERSITY OF BENIN JOURNAL OF PRIVATE AND PROPERTY LAW, pp. 106-121. 	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. INTER STATE TRADE AND COMMERCE: A COMPARATIVE ANALYSIS OF STATES TAXING POWERS UNDER THE NIGERIAN AND US CONSTITUTIONS. A TERM PAPER, 2010. 4. ILLS OF GLOBALISATION: RESPONSE OF LAW FROM THE NIGERIAN PERSPECTIVE; (UNPUBLISHED) LL.B THESIS, 2006. 5. TRADE AND DEVELOPMENT: MAKING THE WTO DELIVER FOR NIGERIA; (UNPUBLISHED) LL.M DISSERTATION, 2010. 	
	PRESENT EMPLOYMENT	SHILOH LAWLORDS & ATTORNEYS (FORMERLY NOD ATTORNEYS & SOLICITORS), 4, STADIUM ROAD, ASABA LEAD SOLICITOR
	PREVIOUS EMPLOYMENTS	A.O. ODUM & CO SEAT OF WISDOM CHAMBER 4, VOMCHEL OWUMI STREET, ASABA
	MAY 2015– DECEMBER 2021 POST	HEAD OF CHAMBERS
	JOB SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪LITIGATION AND CORPORATE LEGAL SERVICES ▪DRAFTING AND REVIEW OF AGREEMENTS & MOU ▪GENERAL OFFICE ADMINISTRATION & MANAGEMENT ▪SUPERVISION OF JUNIOR COLLEAGUES
EMPLOYMENT RECORD	APRIL 2014– MAY 2015	HONOURABLE ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S CHAMBERS, MINISTRY OF JUSTICE, DELTA STATE
	POST	SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL/ COMMISSIONER FOR JUSTICE
	JOB SCHEDULE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DRAFTING AND REVIEW OF MEMOS, CONTRACTS,

JULY 2010 – MARCH 2014

**POST
JOB SCHEDULE**

- EXECUTIVE BILLS,
REGULATIONS AND OTHER
LEGAL DOCUMENTS FOR
DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT
- REVIEW OF GMoU BETWEEN
OIL COMPANIES & HOST
COMMUNITIES
 - LITIGATION IN ALL SUPERIOR
COURTS ON BEHALF OF
DELTA STATE GOVERNMENT
 - LEGAL ADVICE TO
GOVERNMENT MDA's

**K.O. IJATUYI & CO. (THE WORD
CHAMBERS),**

**89, DENNIS OSADEBE WAY,
ASABA, DELTA STATE.**

DEPUTY HEAD OF CHAMBERS

- LITIGATION AND CORPORATE
LEGAL SERVICES
- DRAFTING OF AGREEMENTS
- OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

JULY 2009 – JUNE 2010

**POST
JOB SCHEDULE**

**PETERS IKE ADONU & CO. (ZION
CHAMBERS),**

**69, OYO ROAD, SANGO,
IBADAN.**

HEAD OF CHAMBERS

- LITIGATION AND CORPORATE
LEGAL SERVICES
- PERFECTION OF LEGAL
MORTGAGES ON BEHALF OF
BANKS (CLIENTS)
- OFFICE ADMINISTRATION

2009

**WOMEN'S LAW CLINIC,
UNIVERSITY OF IBADAN,
IBADAN**

2008

**HERITAGE CHAMBERS,
ATTORNEYS AT LAW,
SUITE 511&512, BOI BUILDING,
MAIDUGURI ROAD, BAUCHI**

**POST
JOB SCHEDULE**

- ASSOCIATE
- LITIGATION AND
CORPORATE LEGAL
SERVICES

2007 – 2008
2007

**NYSC AT MINISTRY OF JUSTICE,
BAUCHI STATE**

**WALI-UWAIS & CO.,
SOLICITORS AND ADVOCATES,
MAITAMA, ABUJA**

NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL
EXTERNSHIP PROGRAMME

SALIENT SKILLS

ABILITY TO MULTITASK AND WORK UNDER PRESSURE, KEEN DESIRE TO LEARN, SOCIABLE AND GOOD TEAM PLAYER.

PROFICIENT IN WINDOWS OPERATING SYSTEM, MICROSOFT OFFICE AND GENERAL DATA MANAGEMENT.

INTERESTS

RESEARCH, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICE, ICT, SKILL ACQUISITION & GOD.

**MEMBERSHIP OF
PROFESSIONAL
BODIES**

1. NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION(MEMBER)
2. NBA-SECTION ON BUSINESS LAW (MEMBER)
3. ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL MEDIATORS& NEGOTIATORS (MEMBER)

**SERVICE TO THE
NATION/
COMMUNITY**

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION

1. MEMBER, NBA-NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NBA-NEC) 2022-2024
2. CO-OPTED MEMBER, NBA-NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL (NBA-NEC) 2020-2022
3. TREASURER, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, ASABA BRANCH – NOV, 2014 - JUNE 2016
4. FINANCIAL SECRETARY, NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION, ASABA BRANCH – DEC, 2012 – NOV, 2014
5. CHAIRMAN, NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION, ASABA BRANCH – 2022 – 2024
6. NATIONAL SECRETARY, CHRISTIAN LAWYERS FELLOWSHIP OF NIGERIA – AUGUST, 2021 TILL DATE
7. NATIONAL ASSISTANT SECRETARY, CHRISTIAN LAWYERS FELLOWSHIP OF NIGERIA – AUGUST, 2017 – AUGUST 2021
8. CHAIRMAN, CHRISTIAN LAWYERS FELLOWSHIP OF NIGERIA, ASABA CHAPTER – APRIL 2012 – JULY 2016

Signed: _____



**Nigerian Bar
Association**

Caroline Obi (Mrs.)

MY MANIFESTO

In life, what sets an individual apart from other members of his generation is the legacy that individual left behind after his time was done at such given time and place. I want history to remember me as that individual who left a positive legacy during my time as National Treasurer if elected as Treasurer and given the opportunity to serve.

As a candidate for the esteemed position of National Treasurer of the Nigerian Bar Association, I am committed to upholding the highest standards of financial integrity and transparency. If elected,

- I will ensure responsible stewardship of the association's funds, adhering to standards and best practice with respect to the discharge of my functions in the course of implementing sound financial practices to safeguard the Association's resources.

- I will strive for continual collaboration with vested interests and institutions partnering with NBA as a way to improving the financial dealings, processes and procedures of the Office of the Treasurer with a view to enhancing NBA's financial profile and financial due diligence. Accordingly, as an addendum, I'll seek feedback continuously from members of our Association as a way of deepening the best practice procedures in prudent financial management with a view to enhancing the efficiency and effectiveness of the office of the Treasurer.

- I will provide regular updates on the Association's financial health and performance, ensuring transparency and fostering trust and accountability. Also, I will work diligently to develop realistic budgets that align with the association's strategic objectives, prioritizing initiatives that benefit our members and the legal profession as a whole.

Caroline Obi (Mrs.)

My Manifesto



**Nigerian Bar
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- Furthermore, as the Treasurer of NBA, I will explore opportunities for strategic investments that will enhance the association's long-term sustainability and support its mission to advance the interests of legal professionals.

All in all, I'll set the machinery of being a team player from the onset. This is aimed at collaborating closely with other members of the executive team and relevant stakeholders to ensure that financial decisions are aligned with the association's broader goals and objectives.

Having listed the foregoing as my modus operandi, it is pertinent to state that this ideas are achievable and not in anyway utopian in nature. I worked in Union Bank Plc from January 1982 to December 2013 criss-crossing various departments of the Bank at various times at various branches. This rare opportunity gave me the privilege to work in the Investment department, Advances/Loans Department, Registrar department Cash department among others. In the course of working at these departments of Union Bank Plc, I was at various times Assistant Head, Treasury Sales department, interacting with CBN auditors on behalf of Union Bank Plc, Head of Cash department, ensuring that the branch Account was balanced monthly, quarterly and annually. I was also Team Lead of Treasury department. I am also a licensed Compliance Officer with the Nigerian stock Exchange (NSE). It is beholden of me to state here that I am the immediate past Treasurer of NBA Lagos Branch, where I served and discharged my duties meritoriously from 2021-2023.

Thus, With a background in Banking spanning over two decades before switching over to full time private legal practice, I have a deep understanding of the of what is required of me as the Association's Treasure if I am elected to serve the Association, I am confident in my ability to serve as a dedicated and effective National Treasurer. Together, let us build a stronger, more prosperous future for the Nigerian Bar Association and its members.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Caroline Obi (Mrs.).

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My Curriculum Vitae



Nigerian Bar Association

MY EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

- WASCE CERTIFICATE | 1985 | PREMIER COLLEGE YABA
- LLB LAW | 2007 | LAGOS STATE UNIVERSITY
- B.L NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL | 2008

CERTIFICATIONS

- ASSOCIATE INSTITUTE OF CHARTERED MEDIATION AND CONCILIATION | 2018
- SEC COMPLIANCE OFFICER LICENCE | 2019

WORK EXPERIENCE

- UNION BANK | JANUARY 1982 - NOVEMBER 2013
- PARTNER | OBIORA&OBI ASSOCIATES | JANUARY 2014 - MAY 2016
- SENIOR PRINCIPAL PARTNER | ECOOB SOLICITORS | JUNE 2016 - 2018
- PANOVEST INVESTMENT | ECOOB SOLICITORS | JUNE 2019 - 2022
- PARTNER | NWADUKWE& NWADUKWE LAW FIRM | NOVEMBER 2022 - TILL DATE



**Nigerian Bar
Association**

Caroline Obi (Mrs)

MY CURRICULUM VITAE

VOLUNTEER EXPERIENCE

Legal Associations and Committees

- Member, Nigeria Bar Association (NBA) and Financial Secretary, NBA Lagos Branch
- Member, Federation of International Women Lawyers (Fida); Secretary, Fida @ Fifty, 2014
- Coordinator, South East, African Women Lawyers Association; Member, International Conference, 2018
- Member, African Bar Association
- Member, Catholic Lawyers Association
- Member, Imo State Lawyers Forum
- Member, Surulere Lawyers Forum
- Member, Otu Oka Iwu (Federation of Igbo Lawyers)

NBA Lagos Committees

- Secretary, Task Force Annual General Conference Committee, 2015
- Member, Law Week Planning Committee, 2015
- Member, NBA Lagos Law Dinner Committee, 2017
- Member, LOC NBA Annual General Conference, 2019
- Member, Fida NEC Conference, 2019
- 2021 Chairperson AGC planning.
- Member 2022 AGC planning committee NBA Lagos.
- Alternate chairperson Surulere lawyers forum



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**DR OJIBARA
MOBOLAJI IDRIS**

88 GENERAL SECRETARY

NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION



DR. MOBOLAJI OJIBARA AT A GLANCE

Title: Dr.

Surname: OJIBARA

Other Names: Mobolaji Idris

NBA Branch: Ilorin

State of Origin: Kwara State

Geographical Zone: North Central

Year of Call: 2000

Enrolment Number: SCN030717

Post to Which Nominated: GENERAL SECRETARY

1. **WORK HISTORY:**

i. **Managing Partner**

LOFTYHEIGHT, Legal Practitioners & Arbitrators [**July 2008 – Date**]

- I plan and implement the strategic vision and day-to-day operations of the firm.
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ii. **Senior Associate/ Head of Chambers**

Dr. Aliyu Alarape Salman SAN's Chambers, Ilorin [**August 2001 – June 2008**]

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2. PROFESSIONAL QUALIFICATIONS/ CERTIFICATIONS:

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3. PROFESSIONAL MEMBERSHIPS:

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- ii. Dispute Resolution Section of the International Bar Association. [Membership No: 1032775]
- iii. Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK [Membership No: 024194]
- iv. Lagos Court of Arbitration [Membership No: 0450]

4. PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITIES/ APPOINTMENTS:

- i. **Chairman**, Nigerian Bar Association, Ilorin Branch {2013– 2015}
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- xii. **Chairman**, Exhibition Committee, 11th Business Law Conference, NBA SBL, 2017
- xiii. **Member**, Conference Planning Committee, NBA SLP Conference, 2023
- xiv. **Member**, Editorial Board, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK, Nigeria {2016 – 2019}
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ii. Chairman

Nigerian Bar Association, Ilorin Branch [October 2013 – September 2015]

- Presided over the Monthly, Annual and other General Meetings of the Branch and at the Executive Committee meetings of the association;

- Directed and Motivated the Executive Committee and members generally towards the achievement of the aims and objects of the association as set out in the Bye-Laws and as is being determined from time to time;
- Provided direction and leadership to Officers and members of the association, ensuring the efficient utilization of the resources of the association, while motivating the officers in the performance of their duties;
- Served as the official spokesperson for the Association in the performance of my functions in the overall interest of the association.

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- xvi. Sir Ahmadu Bello *Platinum Leadership Award 2018*
- xvii. NBA Ilorin *Meritorious Service Award, 2018*

A COMPREHENSIVE VISION: MANIFESTO OF MR. PIUS IDEMUDIA OIWOH CANDIDATE FOR OFFICE OF THE SECOND VICE PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (2024 ELECTION)

Distinguished President of the Nigerian Bar Association, National Officers, Learned Senior Advocates of Nigeria and my Esteemed Colleagues,

With profound gratitude and with an unwavering commitment to our Noble Profession, I, **Pius Idemudia Oiwoh**, humbly present my manifesto as I seek your support to serve as the Second Vice President of our great Nigerian Bar Association.

For the past 23 years, I have dedicated my career to the practice of law, passionately defending the rights of our citizens and upholding the sacrosanct principles of justice. My journey has been marked by numerous milestones, including successfully representing clients in complex litigation matters across various jurisdictions, providing strategic counsel to corporations and individuals, and actively contributing to legal discourse through publications, seminars, and thought leadership initiatives.

If entrusted with the honour of serving as your Second Vice President, my primary focus will be on strengthening the NBA's branch network, which serves as the bedrock of our Association. I pledge to:

BRANCH SUPPORT, COORDINATION, AND EXPANSION

1. Facilitate seamless communication and collaboration between the National Leadership and the Branches through regular visits, comprehensive reporting mechanisms, and proactive guidance tailored to each branch's unique needs.
2. Ensure Branches receive adequate resources, training, and support to thrive, better serve their members, and contribute to the overall growth of the NBA.
3. Spearhead strategic Branch expansion by identifying underserved regions and overseeing the formation of new NBA Branches, bringing our Association's services closer to more communities across the nation.
4. Foster inter-Branch cooperation, knowledge-sharing, and best practice exchange to create a synergistic environment that benefits all members.

LEGAL EDUCATION, TRAINING, AND PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

5. In collaboration with stakeholders, develop a robust framework for continuous legal education, encompassing cutting-edge training programs, workshops, and seminars on emerging areas of law, legal technology, and practice management.
6. Ensure these opportunities are accessible to all members, irrespective of their location or experience level, through a combination of in-person and virtual platforms, ensuring a consistently high standard of legal practice nationwide.
7. Encourage and facilitate mentorship programs that connect experienced

practitioners with young lawyers, fostering knowledge transfer and professional growth.

PROMOTING UNITY, COOPERATION, INCLUSIVITY, AND ETHICAL CONDUCT

8. Foster an environment of cooperation, respect, and open dialogue among all Branches, upholding the principles of equity, diversity, and inclusivity within our ranks.

9. Bridge gaps, address concerns, and cultivate a strong sense of unity, as a united front is essential for achieving our collective goals and amplifying our voice.

10. Collaborate with relevant committees to review and strengthen our ethical guidelines, ensuring strict adherence to professional conduct and implementing measures to address any breaches effectively.

11. Champion initiatives that promote work-life balance, mental health awareness, and overall well-being for our members, recognizing the demanding nature of our profession.

ACCESS TO JUSTICE, RULE OF LAW, AND JUDICIAL REFORM

12. Alongside the President and other National Officers, amplify the NBA's voice in advocating for an independent, efficient, and accessible judiciary that upholds the rule of law and ensures fairness and equal access to justice for all Nigerians.

13. Engage with relevant authorities to address systemic issues impeding justice delivery, propose reforms that streamline judicial processes, and enhance public confidence in the legal system.

14. Champion initiatives that encourage and facilitate pro bono legal services, enabling our members to provide vital assistance to underserved communities and those in need, reinforcing our commitment to justice for all.

ENHANCING GLOBAL COLLABORATION AND THOUGHT LEADERSHIP

15. Foster strong relationships with international legal bodies, associations, and institutions, facilitating knowledge exchange, collaborative research, and joint initiatives that position Nigeria as a leader in the global legal landscape.

16. Encourage and support members to participate in international conferences, seminars, and academic pursuits, contributing to the development of legal thought and showcasing Nigerian excellence on the world stage.

17. Leverage technology and digital platforms to disseminate legal knowledge, insights, and best practices, establishing the NBA as a thought leader in the African and global legal communities.

Throughout my tenure, I will uphold the constitution of the NBA with utmost integrity, discharge my duties with unwavering dedication, and work collaboratively with the President, First Vice President, and other national officers to advance the interests of our Noble Profession.

Together, we can build a stronger, more influential, and more respected Nigerian Bar Association that serves as a beacon of justice, a catalyst for positive change, and a source of pride for our great nation. With your support, we will navigate the challenges ahead and unlock new frontiers of excellence for our legal fraternity.

I humbly solicit your votes and support in this pivotal election, as we embark on a transformative journey to elevate the Nigerian Bar Association to unprecedented heights of excellence, relevance, and impact.

Thank you, and may God bless the Nigerian Bar Association and our great nation, Nigeria.

PIUS IDEMUDIA OIWOH

Candidate for the office of Second Vice President, NBA (2024 Election)

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STATE OF ORIGIN	-	EDO
NATIONALITY	-	NIGERIAN
RELIGION	-	CHRISTIANITY

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BARRISTER AT LAW (B.L)	2001
BACHELOR OF LAW (L.L.B.)	1999
SENIOR SECONDARY SCHOOL CERTIFICATE (S.S.C.E)	1992

INSTITUTIONS ATTENDED WITH DATES

NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL, ABUJA,	-	1999-2000
AMBROSE ALLI UNIVERSITY, EKPOMA		1994-1999
SAINT PAUL'S MINOR SEMINARY, BENIN CITY		1987-1992
SAINT JOSEPH MINOR SEMINARY, BASAWA,ZARIA		1986-1987
ARMY CHILDREN SCHOO, CHINDIT BARRACK, ZARIA		1980-1985

OTHER CERTIFICATES

NYSC DISCHARGE CERTIFICATE	MARCH, 2002
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WORK EXPERIENCE

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LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT,
CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA,
ABUJA. 2001-2002

DUTIES

LEGISLATIVE DRAFTING, VETTING OF LEGAL DOCUMENTS AND WRITING LEGAL OPINIONS AS A LEGAL OFFICER, LEGAL SERVICES DEPARTMENT, CENTRAL BANK OF NIGERIA, ABUJA.

IN ACTIVE LEGAL PRACTICE TILL DATE WHERE I HAVE HANDLED SO MANY CIVIL AND CRIMINAL CASES.

- HEAD OF CHAMBERS, AGHIMIEN LAW CHAMBERS, (SAN) 2005 - 2019
- MEMBER, BOARD OF GOVERNORS, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLEGE, I.C.C., M.M. WAY, BENIN CITY. 2006- Till Date
- PRINCIPAL, OIWOH LAW CHAMBERS, AUGUST 2019 -TILL DATE
- SECRETARY, NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION, BENIN BRANCH, 2018-2020
- CHAIRMAN, NIGERIA BAR ASSOCIATION, BENIN BRANCH, 2020-2022
- MEMBER, ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE MONITORING COMMITTEE, EDO STATE 2020-2022
- MEMBER, JUSTICE SECTOR REFORM TEAM 2020-2022
- MEMBER EDO STATE GENDER BASED MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE 2020-2022
- MEMBER, GOVERNING COUNCIL OF THE MULTI DOOR COURT HOUSE, 2020-2022 EDO STATE.
- VICE CHAIRMAN PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION,ICC, BENIN 2019-2023
- CHAIRMAN, PARENTS TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, ICC BENIN, 2023 TILL DATE
- CHAIRMAN, LEGAL AND CORDINATING TEAM, LACT, EDO STATE. INTERNATIONAL
- INTERNATIONAL SECRETARY, SAINT PAUL`S MINOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION 2017-2023
- PUBLICITY SECRETARY, SAINT PAUL MINOR SEMINARY OLD BOYS ASSOCIATION 2023 TILL DATE
- ATTENDED MANY TRAINING AND SEMINARS ORGANIZED BY ROLAC, RULE OF LAW AND ANTI CORRUPTION AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS.

REFEREES

REV. FR. DR. ANTHONY EKHAISOMI,
PRINCIPAL, IMMACULATE CONCEPTION COLLEGE, ICC,
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K. E. MOZIA ESQ., SAN
K.E. MOZIA & CO
G.R.A,
BENIN CITY.

HON. JUSTICE OHIMAI OVBIAGELE
HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE,
BENIN CITY,
EDO STATE.



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LEGAL PERSONALITY / PROFILES

Profile: Michael O. Olorunmola, Esq.

by Halima Abiola ⌚ March 3, 2024



Michael Olorunmola graduated from the University of Ibadan, Oyo State in 2000. He was called to the Nigerian bar in May, 2002. He has a Master of Laws from the same university and is currently a doctorate degree student of the Kogi State University, Anyigba.

His passion for law practice can be traced back to 2002, where he spent significant time working at Falana and Falana & Co. until 2006. He had a lecturing stint at the Federal Polytechnic, School of Business Studies, Damaturu, Yobe State, from 2002 to 2003.

In 2006, he worked at Finlay and Associate, Abuja. Between 2008 to 2009, Olorunmola worked at Y.C. Maikyau & Co. He later set up his own practice, Michael O. Olorunmola & Co. in the Federal Capital Territory, Abuja, gaining more experience as a seasoned legal practitioner passionate about advancing his career, the legal profession, and the administration of justice.

In 2016, Michael Olorunmola joined Sam Owoyomi & Co., Lokoja, Kogi State, where he practiced until 2019.

Presently, he maintains a general practice at Michael Olorunmola & Co., Lokongoma, Lokoja, Kogi State, where he focuses on litigation, corporate practice, property management. He is also involved in law research and publications.

In his bid to aid lawyers to have the legal knowledge of the decisions made by Judges—for accessibility and creation of reliable precedent which enhances the justice system, Michael Olorunmola was editor of the Weekly Reports of Nigeria (Femi Falana, SAN) from 2000 to 2006, and rose to become the editorial manager. He was also an editor of the Judgment of Nigerian Superior Court (JNSC) from 2006 to 2008.

Among his book publications are: Exclusive Digests on Nigerian Land Law Author 2012 Reprint 2013, Stay of Execution 2021, Erudite Speeches of Sam Owoyomi Esq. 2021

His academic works include: A Critical Analysis of the National Insurance Commission Decree, 1997 (LLB Project) 2000, A General Overview of the Principles Guiding Injunction, Stay of Execution and Proceedings Pending Appeal in Civil Litigation in Nigeria (LLM Project) 2019.

A very active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Lokoja Branch, Michael served as the Branch's Financial Secretary (2019–2021), Secretary (2021 – 2023), and a member of the NBA National Executive Council from 2021 to 2023.

Olorunmola is a member of the NBA Section on Legal Practice (NBA-SLP) and the NBA Section on Public Interest Development Law (NBA-SPIDEL).

In addition, he's a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Corporate Mentoring and Coaching, Nigeria.

A honest, hardworking and self-motivating legal practitioner, Mr. Michael Olorunmola has continued to demonstrate professional excellence, integrity, leadership, commitment to the bar, and dedication to improving the legal profession.

With Michael's significant experience including past jobs, leadership roles, he has learned traits that he would like to offer as the third vice president of the Nigerian Bar Association.

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**MANIFESTO OF MICHAEL O. OLORUNMOLA ESQ. FOR THE
POSITION OF 3RD VICE PRESIDENT OF THE NIGERIAN BAR
ASSOCIATION (NBA)**

My Learned Seniors and Colleagues,

May I humbly convey to you my desire to contest for the position of 3rd Vice President of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) in the forthcoming National Officers election scheduled for 20th day of July, 2024.

I attended the prestigious University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State, where I graduated with Bachelor of Laws degree in year 2000. I was called to the Nigerian bar on the 14 day of May, 2002.

I have been in private legal practice since my call to the bar and have been active member of the Nigerian Bar Association from inception to date. I have attended several Annual General Conference (AGC) up to the recent one in Abuja, FCT in August 2023.

I have actively participated in all the activities of my branch NBA, Lokoja (Confluence Bar). I have also served my branch in various capacities including as the Financial Secretary, 2019 – 2021 and Secretary, 2021 -2023. I have had the privilege of being member of the National Executive Council of NBA from 2021 to 2023.

My distinguished bar leaders and colleagues above is my humble service to Nigerian bar Association. I therefore seek for your indulgence to once again serve our great association as 3rd Vice President.

The Crux of my desire to serve the Nigerian Bar Association as 3rd Vice President is stated hereunder:

The cardinal objective of the NBA is to promote the rule of law. I will at all times assist the NBA President in ensuring the promotion of rule of law, good governance, equity, fairness and justice in our society.

The primary responsibilities of the 3rd Vice President is as contained in **Section 9(5)(d) to wit:**

The Third Vice President:

- i. shall in the absence of the President, First Vice President, and Second Vice President preside at all meetings in which the President is empowered to preside by the provisions of this Constitution;**
- ii. shall be responsible for the coordination or the activities of the group of Branches as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President and shall pay periodic visits as necessary and/or required to the Branches so assigned to him/her and shall make periodic reports to the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee on such visits;**
- iii. shall encourage and supervise the formation of new Branches within his/her zonal supervisory jurisdiction in line with the guidelines set out in this Constitution;**
- iv. shall perform all other duties as he/she may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.**

In order to effectively carry out my constitutional duties, my vision if elected as the 3rd Vice President while working with the President of Nigerian Bar Association shall include

- To uphold the standard and reputation of the legal profession while entrenching global best practice as the core value of any lawyer in Nigeria.
- To resuscitate and re-engineer the NBA Human Rights Institute for efficiency
- To advocate for National Summit for Young Lawyers in Nigeria on matters generally affecting our practice opportunities in the legal profession, Human Rights, Gender Based issues and remuneration of young lawyers.
- To ensure that NBA partners or collaborates with Civil Society Organisation for the promotion of Human Rights in Nigeria and by so doing strengthens the human rights posture of the Association
- Continuous legal education and capacity building programme for lawyers with more emphasis on ICT and AI
- To promote National Pro Bono project to assist the indigent and less privileged in our society in civil and criminal matters for access to justice and speedy dispensation of cases in Nigeria
- NBA Intervention programmes for young lawyers
- Endowment programmes for lawyers and above all empowerment of the Nigerian lawyers to have decent means of livelihood.
- To represent the President when and wherever I'm called upon to take on both delegated and constitutionally assigned duties and responsibilities.

- Regular visits to the branches under my region and have a good rapport with the Executive and the rank and file of the Association.
- I will ensure the creation of new Branches to bring justice closer to the grassroots.
- I will ensure the dignity and Integrity of the Bar with good rapport between the Bar and the Bench, and between the Bar and the security agencies.
- I will ensure a warm, cordial and respectful relationship between the Elders of the Bar, Seniors and Young lawyers.

The foregoing is my humble manifesto and my visions for our NBA in the next two years 2024 to 2026

Please join me to achieve these laudable projects.

Thank you.

Michael O. Olorunmola Esq

Lokoja Branch.

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EDUCATION

2020/2021	Post Graduate School, Kogi State University Anyigba, Kogi State
2017 – 2019	Post Graduate school, University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State
1994 – 2000	University of Ibadan, Ibadan, Oyo State
1985 – 1991	Community Secondary School, Igasi/Eriti Akoko, Ondo State
1979 – 1985	Baptist Day School, Eriti Akoko, Ondo State

QUALIFICATION

PhD (In view)

Master of Law (LLM) 2019

Barrister at Law (BL) 2002

Bachelor of Law (LLB) 2000

SSCE 1991

Pry School Leaving Certificate 1985

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Member, Nigeria Bar Association

Fellow, Chartered Institute of Corporate Mentoring and Coaching, Nigeria (Fpmc)

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2020 till date Michael Olorunmola & Co., EP 4, 1st Floor, Equity Plaza, Phase 1 Junction, Lokongoma, Lokoja, Kogi State.

Litigation, Corporate Practice, property management and Law research & publication

2016 – 2019 Sam Owoyomi & Co., Amazing Grace Law Office, No.3, Awodi Close, G.R.A., Lokoja, Kogi State

Litigation, Corporate Practice and property management

2009 – 2015 Michael O. Olorunmola & Co., Suite C01H, 2nd Floor, Peace Park Plaza B, No 35, Ajoye Adeogun Street, Utako, Abuja

Litigation, Corporate Practice, property management and Law publication

2008 – 2009 Y.C. Maikyau & Co., ICAN House, Zone 5, Wuse, Abuja

Litigation and Corporate Practice

2006 – 2008	Finlay and Associate, 9, Kade Street, Off Aminu Kano Crescent, Wuse 2, Abuja	Litigation, Corporate Practice, Law Reporting and publication
2002 -2006	Falana and Falana & Co., 25, AdekunleFajuyi Way, G.R.A., Ikeja, Lagos State	Litigation, Corporate Practice, Law Reporting and publication
2002-2003	FEDERAL Polytechnic, Damaturu, School of Business Studies,	Lecturing

PUBLICATIONS

Law Reports

Weekly Reports of Nigeria (Femi Falana, SAN E-in-C)	Editor 2000 -2006
Judgment of Nigeria Superior Court (JNSC)	Editor 2006 – 2008

Books

Exclusive Digests on Nigerian Land Law Reprint 2013 (500+ pages Hard Cover)	Author 2012
Stay of Execution	2021
Erudite Speeches of Sam Owoyomi Esq.	2021

Academic Work

A Critical Analysis of the National Insurance Commission Decree, 1997 (LLB Project)	2000
A General Overview of the Principles Guiding Injunction, Stay of Execution and Proceedings Pending Appeal in Civil Litigation in Nigeria (LLM Project)	2019

NBA ACTIVITIES

Member NBA, Lokoja Branch

Financial Secretary 2019 – 2021

Secretary 2021 – 2023

NEC Member 2021 – 2023

Member, NBA - Section on Legal Practice (NBA-SLP)

Member, NBA – Section on Public Interest Development Law (NBA-SPIDEL)

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MANIFESTO OF MICHAEL CHUKWURAH ONUORAH, ESQ.

Candidate for NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar in the forthcoming NBA General Election.

My name is Michael Chukwurah Onuorah, Esq. I am a candidate vying for NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar.

I was called to the Bar on the **30th day of November, 2010**. I am in active private legal practice. I commenced legal practice in the chambers of **M. C. CHUKWUMA & CO** (Benatokwu Chambers), located at No. 24 Old Market Road, Owerri, Imo State in 2011 and left in 2017 to found **ONUORA CHUKWURAH & CO** (Urali Chambers) Legal Practice & Consultancy, located at No. 31 Onumonu Street, Owerri, Imo State.

I joined NBA Owerri Branch on the **28th day of April, 2012**, and since then I have remained a committed financial member of the Branch. I have attended and participated in all the NBA Annual General Conferences (AGC) since my call till date.

As a committed member of the Bar, I have devotedly served and still serving the Bar at the Branch level relentlessly, gallantly and altruistically in various capacities. I have served as **Chairman**, Young Lawyers' Form (2014 – 2016); **Member**, Local Organizing Committee of NBA AGC 2014; **Secretary**, Welfare Committee (2014 – 2016); **Member**, Law Week Committee (2015, 2017, 2018 & 2019); **Coordinator**, Fund Raising Committee for NBA Owerri Football Team (2015 – 2017); **Secretary**, Human Rights Committee (2016 – 2018 & 2020 - 2022), **Substantive Secretary**, Disciplinary Committee (2017 – 2018); **Publicity Secretary**, NBA Owerri Branch (2018 – 2020); **Secretary**, Law Week Committee (2021); **Secretary**, History and Archive Committee (2020 - 2022); **Member**, Honours' Committee (2021 - 2022); **Publicity Secretary**, Owerri Bar Multi-Purpose Cooperative Society Limited (2021 till date); **Secretary**, NBA Owerri Branch (July, 2022 – June, 2024) and **Member**, NBA National Executive Council (August, 2022 – June, 2024).

Propitiously, I have discharged and still discharging my responsibilities in the above mentioned capacities with devoted commitment toward the advancement of our dear Association. As a result of my length of selfless service to the Bar, I am well versed in NBA activities/administration, corporate governance, regulatory compliance etc. Also, my many years of service to the Bar has illuminated my understanding to make adequate representation whenever the need arises to make modifications to the rules pursuant to Section 20 (2) of the LPA. Bearing this in mind, I therefore, with the greatest respect and humility, and with a high sense of responsibility present myself as a candidate for the position of NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar in the forthcoming NBA General Election, scheduled to hold on Saturday the 20th July, 2024.

Prior to declaring my intention to run for the office of the NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar, I have gathered many thoughts and ideas on how to make the meaningful

and adequate contributions in the General Council of the Bar when elected. My desire to serve as the NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar is rooted in my many years of deep reflection and the desire to contribute tremendously to the advancement of the Bar. My agenda is to advance and consolidate on the good legacies introduced by the past and current Council, and to embark upon and pioneer innovations that will be technology driven.

With utmost humility, I consider it a great privilege and honour to present to you my thoughts and ideas I intend to propose at the General Council of the Bar.

1. **PROACTIVE AND ROBUST CONTRIBUTIONS:** When elected, I shall work very closely with the President and other Council members. I promise to deploy the experience I have garnered in the course of various services to the Bar to ensure that Council become a force to reckon with in being responsive on issues and pragmatic in decision/ policy making.
2. **REFORMS THAT WILL ENGENDER EFFECTIVE RECORDS KEEPING/ELECTRONIC FILING SYSTEM:** To champion reforms that will improve and facilitate the keeping of legal practitioners records containing particulars and information as to moneys received, held or paid by them for or on account of their clients, pursuant to Section 20 (1) (b) of LPA.
3. **AN ICT BASED INNOVATIVE COUNCIL:** It is no news that we are in the information age wherein virtually everything is technology and internet driven. The future is about technology and the General Council of the Bar must progress with the world by warmly embracing it. Upon being elected, I will champion a Technology Driven Council for deliberations, including data collections and analyses for assessment of compliance or modification of the rules, pursuant to Section 20 of LPA.

I believe that General Council of the Bar can be more robust, pragmatic, innovative and vibrant. I am passionately committed to apply my time, my experience and exposure, all my competences and core service values to ensure that the Bar is better positioned.

Clearly, this vision cannot be actualized without your support and cooperation. In the circumstance therefore, I am, with the greatest respect and humility, asking for your **Support** and **Vote** which will give me the opportunity to serve **as the NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar** so that I can actualize these plans for the Bar.

Please accept the assurances of my infinite regards.

Yours faithfully,



MICHAEL CHUKWURAH ONUORAH, ESQ.

Candidate for NBA Representative to the General Council of the Bar

24th May, 2024.



MANIFESTO OF **SIR. OAIKHENA OSAGIE**

CANDIDATE FOR THE
POSITION OF
**NATIONAL WELFARE
SECRETARY, NIGERIA
BAR ASSOCIATION
2024-2026**



THE SIMPLE AGENDA: FOR OUR COLLECTIVE WELFARE

Dear Learned Senior Advocates of Nigeria, Esteemed Seniors and My Learned friends, I humbly bring to your notice of my intention to contest for the office of Welfare Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association

- The office of the National Welfare Secretary of Our Association is created by section 9 (2) of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2015 (as amended in 2021)
- The Duties of the Welfare Secretary are particularly enshrined in section 9 (5) (H) (i) to (iv) of the constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2015 (as amended in 2021); and same is reproduced ipssissima verbal:

(H) The Welfare Secretary

i. Shall monitor the interest of members of the Association

ii Shall bring to the notice of the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee any matter concerning the Welfare of any member of the Association whether within or outside the country with a view of protecting and preserving their rights, privileges and welfare.

iii. Shall be responsible for managing the Programme of assistance for incapacitated, aged or other disadvantaged members of the Association.

iv. Shall be responsible for supervising the insurance and endowment Programme of the Association:

v. Shall perform all the duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting

As can be seen, it is clear that the office of the Welfare Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association is a very serious one, and the duties are very important; to me the office of the Welfare Secretary is pivotal and goes beyond how some have perceived it. It requires the occupant of the office to be of Spartan discipline, Have a Listening ear, be compassionate and unpretentiously humble; I nod my head like the proverbial Aghama Lizard, that I have these attributes and that is not in doubt.

The Welfare Secretary:

“Shall monitor the interest of members of the association”

Above is an important duty given to the Welfare Secretary by our constitution

I hope to achieve this purpose by having the most cordial relationship with the Welfare Secretary of all branches of our association: social media platforms shall be created for this purpose so as to monitor the interest of our members. We must as an association knows the sick amongst us for the purpose of proper monitoring and management; No doubt Technology and internet will be utilized and streamlined to serious discussions/information as it concerns our members.

The Welfare Secretary:

“Shall be responsible for managing the Programme of assistance for incapacitated, Aged or other disadvantaged members of the Association”

The fact is that anyone whether legal practitioner or not can become incapacitated within the Twinkle of an eye, owing to accident or ailment. I have seen Lawyer’s soliciting for help on social media platforms either for themselves or colleagues; this is usually to solve an ailment or incapacity.

To me this is not ideal but the person within the challenge or his/her colleague soliciting on his/her behalf are not to be blame, for a man in need does not need to prettify issues for it may be too late

We have the section of NBA/LWD (Lawyers with disabilities), and I have been privileged to have interactions and discussions with these noble colleagues, some of whom acquired the status by reason of accidents and poor medical facilities in our Country.

Howbeit so, it is my hope that there must be constant interactions with such disadvantaged members; but I dare say as an association we do not have precise data of our aged members, incapacitated and disadvantaged: Here my agenda is again simple, I shall ensure an electronic and hard copy form is sent to all the branches of our association with a clause of confidentiality and non-disclosure and shall be filled and returned by our aged, incapacitated and disadvantage members, for the purpose of proper statistics with such information pertaining to their health challenges or otherwise, the Bar will be aware from time to time the numbers of our colleagues with challenges and How they can be properly managed: To me it is not waiting for seminars or Programme, it will be a daily activity of monitoring and reporting to Mr. president, National Executive Committee and National Executive Council for proper deliberation and subsequent assistance of our colleagues.

The welfare secretary:

“Shall be responsible for supervising the insurance and endowment Programme of the association’

The NBA, as the largest Bar in Africa has an extant insurance and endowment Programme. The NBA-NHIS have in recent times become a very important scheme to take care of the health of all members of our association; with a subscription fee every member becomes a beneficiary.

I understand that a committee is formed for that purpose. I must commend the activities of the committee in the moving from one NBA Branch to the other sensitizing our members of the benefit of the Programme and the extant chairman of the NBA-NHIS committee has performed generously well: if I am elected as the Welfare Secretary of the Nigerian Bar that internet and technology will be utilized to achieve the desired objective, an internet app shall be opened under the auspices of the Nigeria Bar Association, where information shall be given and where members shall subscribe to all insurance and endowment schemes of our association, and few branches in the interiors with poor internet facilities shall be visited for the purpose of sensitization.

I shall work cordially with Mr. President, NEC, and my esteemed members in achieving my simple agenda; I shall ensure that the bar gets frequent updates on the relationship with our members and security agencies to forestall molestation of our members a trend that seem somewhat unabated.

The Young Lawyers of our Association shall not be left behind; their fears and challenges shall be on the front burner. The constant complaints about poor salary and molestation of Young Lawyers shall not be taken with a pinch of salt; I shall ensure that as the Welfare Secretary of our association I have constant interactions with all Chairmen and Secretaries of the Young Lawyers Forum in our various Branches. We must preserve the Legal Profession and we cannot do so without preserving the future and the YOUNG LAWYERS ARE THE FUTURE OF THE BAR.

This is my testament.

Dated in Benin City Edo State this 1st Day of April 2024.

Yours in Honesty.



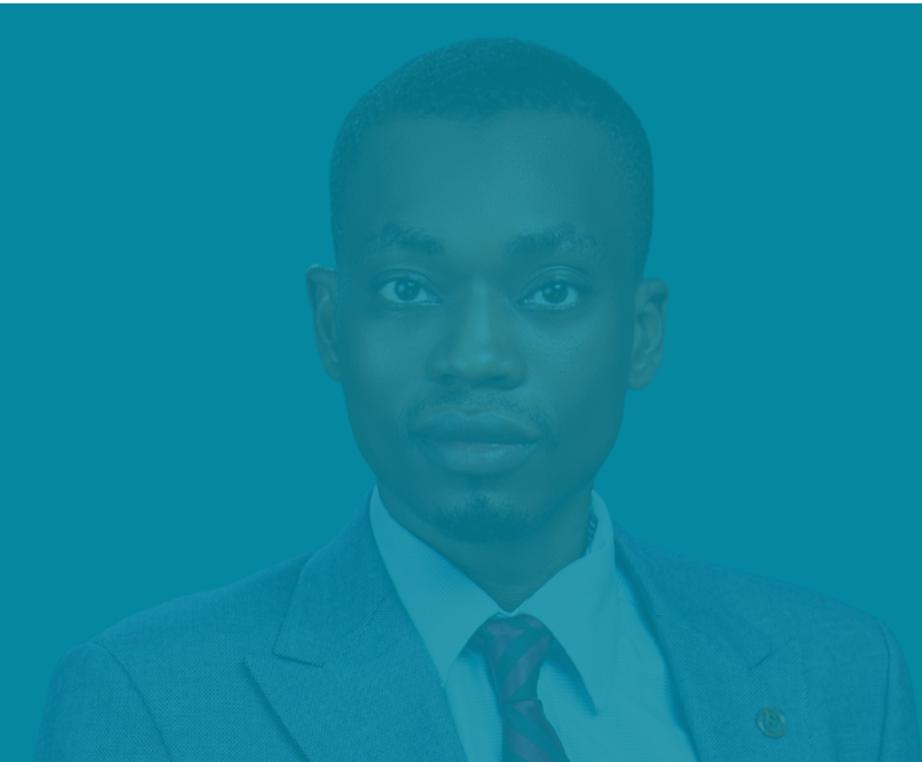
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**SIR. OAIKHENA
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CANDIDATE FOR THE
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- NIGERIAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (NHS)
- NIGERIAN INSTITUTE OF INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS (NIIA)
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THE MANIFESTO OF AFAM JOSIAH OSIGWE, SAN FOR THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT, NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA): 2024- 2026

A PROACTIVE BAR - IDENTIFYING PROBLEMS, ANTICIPATING CHALLENGES, DELIVERING SOLUTIONS

VISION

To run a unified and inclusive bar that identifies problems, anticipates challenges, delivers solutions, and benefits to all lawyers.

MISSION

To improve the standing of the Association, strengthen and unify the Bar, while proactively addressing issues and the welfare of all lawyers.

INTRODUCTION

In the pursuit of justice and the advancement of the legal profession, it is imperative that we, as members of the Nigerian Bar Association, embrace a proactive approach to address the evolving challenges facing our profession and the judiciary. As a candidate vying for the well-regarded position of the President of the Nigerian Bar Association, I am committed to leading a proactive Bar that will ensure The Bar is properly placed in nation-building and observance of the rule of law. A thriving nation/society cannot but be built on the observance of the rule of law.

As society evolves, so also do the challenges and opportunities. The various challenges encountered by the Bar and the Bench in the execution of their duties have continually posed a threat to the rule of law. The Association and the society at large needs a proactive Bar that anticipates challenges, identifies problems, and delivers/proffers incisive, swift, effective, and

efficient solutions. Whether it be systemic issues within the legal profession, obstacles hindering the administration of justice, or emerging trends impacting legal practice, the Bar must remain vigilant, responsive, responsible, constructive and forward-thinking.

My dear colleagues, under my leadership, the NBA will not turn a blind eye to existing fundamental problems hampering the progress of the legal profession and the judiciary. The Bar will be vibrant, speak, act, and constructively engage necessary stakeholders. We will keep the members of the Bar informed on salient issues and carry them along in issues that affect the practice and their welfare. I shall effectively consult, have a good listening ear and capably represent the interests of the members of the Bar. Indeed, I will ensure that all the branches are effectively represented in the affairs of the NBA.

I will proactively address issues affecting the different cadres of legal practitioners, particularly by developing programs that meet the expectations of lawyers and address the grievances of the teeming number of lawyers who join the profession every year. While I acknowledge the pressing issues facing our profession, like access to justice, fair compensation for legal services, judicial reforms, and the promotion of ethics and integrity within the legal community, etc., I will ensure our proactive Bar will take decisive actions to confront them head-on and work tirelessly to implement meaningful reforms and initiatives that drive positive change. Please join me in building a proactive Bar that stands as a beacon of justice, excellence, and progress as outlined in this manifesto.

My manifesto is designed to address the comprehensive needs of the NBA and can be grouped under three broad thematic areas:

1. Enhancing Member Welfare and Development
2. Reinvigorating Public Confidence in the NBA.
3. Strengthening Institutional Structures and Efficiency

Together, these themes form a cohesive plan to elevate our profession and our association.

1. ENHANCING MEMBERS WELFARE AND DEVELOPMENT

a) Welfare Of Lawyers

- i. The Bar shall continue to promote and protect the interest of lawyers, who are our primary constituency, guard the observance of constitutional rule, and ultimately advance the welfare of lawyers and the citizenry through the instrumentality of the law.
- ii. We will partner with donors to ensure the creation of an Endowment Fund for legal education. Law teachers shall be funded to do research that will help the development of the justice sector, constitutionalism in Nigeria, and academic advancement.
- iii. We will sponsor training and conferences to promote legal education and mentorship programs for lawyers.
- iv. We shall assiduously work to optimally raise and maintain personal, professional and institutional dignity, build confidence, improve access to justice, ensure security, provide training for emergent skills and technologies, provide requisite infrastructure, reduce corruption and contribute to the growth of the nation's economy.
- v. We shall use part of the Annual Practicing Fees for the provision of a free online library or resource for lawyers.
- vi. Annually set aside money in a Welfare/ Legal Education Fund as well as partner with donors to ensure there is adequate funding for Continuing professional development for lawyers.
- vii. Utilize litigation and advocacy to ensure non-legal practitioners are precluded from the legal services industry.
- viii. Protect the legal industry in Nigeria from the influx of foreign law firms and practice by non-law firms.

- ix. Strengthen the Human Rights Committee of NBA by establishing a Human Rights Attorney Support Network which will act as a Rapid Response Team whenever the rights of a lawyer are threatened or violated.
- x. Deepen the range of benefits enjoyed by lawyers for paying the Annual Practicing Fees. Particularly, negotiate and secure discounted rates for lawyers in hotels, airlines, restaurants and major businesses.
- xi. Continue and actualize the proper placement of lawyers in police and other security agencies into the appropriate officer cadre.
- xii. Every lawyer in all spheres of practice will be carried along and benefit from welfare packages available to lawyers such as NBA-NHIS GIFSHIP and the NBA life assurance scheme. Lawyers in the public and private sectors will enjoy the benefits of being a lawyer in Nigeria.
- xiii. Ensure total compliance with the Legal Practitioners Remuneration (for business, legal service, and representation) Order, 2023 to ensure the adequate remuneration of lawyers.
- xiv. Propose Constitutional amendments to enable ten (10%) per cent of the Annual Practicing Fees due to Branches to be paid at the end of March by immediate Direct Debit into Branch Accounts.
- xv. Propose Constitutional amendments to increase the Branch's share of the Annual Practicing Fees from 10% to 20% and for payment of the 10% increase into a dedicated branch welfare Account (**Branch Welfare Fund**) strictly for the welfare of the members and not for the administration or running of the branch.
- xvi. In all our welfare initiatives, we will prioritize the needs of our colleagues with disabilities and senior citizens. We will advocate for enhanced inclusivity within the courts and other related agencies that they interact with.

b) Elevating The Welfare of Young Lawyers

- i. Advocate for policies that promote fair compensation and benefits for young lawyers, ensuring their contributions are recognized and valued.

- ii. Advocate for policies that promote work-life balance and flexibility, recognizing the importance of holistic well-being in sustaining a successful legal career.
- iii. Collaborate with law schools and legal institutions to enhance practical legal training, bridging the gap between academic learning and real-world practice.
- iv. Establish a dedicated support network for young lawyers, providing resources for mental health and well-being, including counselling services and stress management workshops. This will be done under the leadership of the YLF.
- v. Establish a pilot co-working space scheme in Lagos and Abuja for young lawyers who want to start up their practice, but cannot afford an office space.
- vi. Explore employment opportunities for young lawyers as Research Assistants to Judicial Officers.
- vii. Advocate for strict adherence to the provisions of the Police Act which provided that each Police Divisions in Nigeria must have assigned to them at least a Police Officer who is a Legal Practitioner in line with Section 66 (3) of the Police Act 2020.
- viii. Deploy the NBA Budget on legal missions, enabling and preparing young lawyers for the future through foreign exchange programmes and programmes that promote the rule of law in Nigeria. This will be achieved easily through partnerships with law firms, civil society organisations, donor organisations etc.

c) Human Capital Development

- i. Enhance and improve the skills, knowledge, abilities, and overall potential of lawyers.
- ii. Creation of a Pro Bono Trust Fund from which lawyers who administer the NBA Prison Decongestion program will be paid a fair and reasonable sum for court appearances.

- iii. Establishment of a “Law Firm Pro Bono Scheme” for law firms to assent to and become signatories. The signatory law firms will commit to spending whatever percentage of their total billable time to pro bono work.
- iv. Provide opportunities for lawyers especially young lawyers to periodically undergo Continuing Professionals Development provided by the Association, for higher standards and an ideal level of professionalism.
- v. Ensure lawyers play a significant and independent role in the administration of justice as well as ensure lawful compliance by persons and entities involved in governmental, commercial, financial and socio-economic activities.
- vi. Encourage continuing legal education and ensure that members of the Bar are seasoned, competitive and highly compliant in the fast-changing and globalizing legal practice of today.
- vii. Support mentorship and pupillage in the early stages of legal professionals to help mould more entrepreneurs in the legal industry.

d) Continuing Professionals Development (CPD)

- i. Make rules regulating the operation of the mandatory Continuing Professionals Development (CPD) Programme operated by the Association.
- ii. Actively set qualification criteria for service providers for the mandatory Continuing Professionals Development (CPD) Programme operated by the Association as well as actively licensing such service providers.
- iii. Review the Continuing Professionals Development (CPD) Programme operated by the Association to enable participants to undertake online training in modules, with provision for a computer-based test at the end of each module or session of the programme.
- iv. Introduction of the NBA hands-on training, in which willing young lawyers are paired with experienced lawyers to take up pro bono cases. This will serve as a direct training process for young lawyers and also enable the NBA to take on more pro-bono cases.

- v. Institutionalise and reform of the NBA Journal.
- vi. Liaise with CITN, ICSAN, BRIPAN, and other relevant stakeholders to review the qualification requirements for lawyers, and organise training sessions in preparation for lawyers planning to take up their membership exams.
- vii. Advocate for law firms, government agencies and organisations to have a learning and development plan for lawyers for the year.
- viii. Organise specialised training sessions for lawyers in collaboration with stakeholders like WIPO, ICMC, and CIArb.
- ix. Be at the forefront of the mandatory acquisition of IT skills by Lawyers, Judges, Litigants, Court Officers (i.e. clerks, registrars) and other stakeholders.
- x. Provide support for Branches to organize quarterly Continuing Legal Education programmes.

e) Legal Education:

- i. Formulate and present the NBA position on the reform and development of legal education in Nigeria.
- ii. Drive a review of curricula in Law Faculties
- iii. of Nigerian Universities and the Nigerian Law School to bring them in line with international standards.
- iv. Propose criteria for employment of law lecturers and retraining program for Law lecturers.
- v. Push for an improvement of infrastructural conditions in the Nigerian Law School campuses.
- vi. Develop a program to have practising lawyers actively involved in taking several courses at the Nigerian Law School and Faculties of Law.
- vii. Sponsor training and conferences to promote legal education and mentorship programs for law students.

f) Conferencing and other NBA Programs

- i. Make investments that will ultimately earn money for the NBA as well as provide for the increasing number of lawyers who attend the Annual General Conference.
- ii. Ensure the lettable spaces in the NBA House are put to use to generate revenue for the Association.
- iii. Broaden the pool of members that will organize NBA Conferences.
- iv. Ensure that speakers and discussants at NBA Conferences are drawn from a wide pool of experts within and outside of Nigeria.
- v. Sustain the saving of a percentage of the money realised from the Annual Practising Fees in the NBA Stabilization Fund.
- vi. Continue to provide soft loans to members who apply for same.

2. REINVIGORATE PUBLIC CONFIDENCE IN THE NBA

a) The Human Rights Institute and Public Advocacy

- i. Strengthen and reform the NBA Human Rights Institute (HRI) to be more proactive and effective.
- ii. Direct branches through their respective Human Rights Committees to undertake quarterly visitations to the Police, Correctional Services, State Security Services (SSS) and Joint Task Force (JTF), to uphold their mandate.
- iii. Offer pro bono legal services for human rights enforcement for indigent persons. This will provide a stock feed for the CLE training session.
- iv. Set up a standing Litigation Committee that will institute actions in respect of alleged human rights violations as well as other matters of public interest to the legal profession. This committee will also work with the human rights committee of Branches to render pro bono services to deserving members of the public and also take requisite legal actions where lawyers have been assaulted, harassed or prevented from carrying out their lawful duties.

- v. Promote Human Rights initiatives and public interest support and litigation by Branches.
- vi. Reposition the NBA- Security Agencies Relation Committee to uphold its mandate of ensuring effective collaboration between the Association, its members and Security agencies.

b) Anti-Corruption Commission

- i. We will join in the fight to tackle the menace of corruption by liaising with the Office of the Attorney-General of the Federation, EFCC and ICPC. We shall strengthen the Anti-Corruption Committee consisting of seasoned lawyers of integrity to collaborate with the stated offices.
- ii. As an Association, we will work through the Anti-Corruption Committee to liaise with the appropriate government agencies including but not limited to the Police, SSS, EFCC, and Army to arrest the challenges of terrorism, money laundering, and other financial and economic crimes. We shall not hesitate to counsel and prosecute offenders on pro bono basis.
- iii. Drive Anti-Corruption advocacy, monitoring and reporting

c) Enhancing the Role of the Bar in Nation-Building

- i. Exercise the power of the NBA to fight corruption and play a lead role in entrenching cleaner practices and business transactions.
- ii. Work internationally to open up legal markets to members and defend human rights while supporting members with opportunities in the domestic legal market.
- iii. Positively project the image of our profession by fostering relationships that will represent the true position of things in the legal industry
- iv. Campaign on legal issues of importance to members of the legal profession and the public.
- v. Develop business opportunities for legal practitioners.
- vi. Restructure the training of lawyers.

- vii. Improve access to justice by developing the courts to be user-friendly, disposing of cases promptly and putting in place measures that ensure quick dispensation of justice without resorting to technicalities or time-wasting.
- viii. Grow independent revenue sources which will improve the independence of the Bar and the legal profession.
- ix. Establish an Internship Programme to encourage young or aspiring lawyers to acquire threshold introduction into the legal profession through organized mentorship programmes.

d) Discipline

- i. Advocate for the amendment of the Legal Practitioners Disciplinary Committee, Rules, 2020 to fully restore the role and power of the NBA in the investigation of complaints of professional misconduct against legal practitioners.
- ii. Establish disciplinary committees across all branches to monitor the compliance of lawyers with the dress code, conduct and activities in courts.
- iii. Prioritise disciplinary proceedings to ensure that petitions against lawyers are expeditiously determined.
- iv. Pursue an aggressive awareness campaign to draw attention and remind members of compliance and infraction issues.
- v. Enhance self-regulation of Lawyers by the NBA as part of her disciplinary mechanism.

e) Judicial Reform

- i. Advocate for full compliance with the constitutional provisions for financial autonomy of the Judiciary. Under my leadership of the NBA, all branches shall champion the advocacy for the financial autonomy of the Judiciary within their jurisdiction.

- ii. Invest in modernizing court infrastructure, including the construction and renovation of selected court facilities to provide conducive environments for the dispensation of justice.
- iii. Advocate for the improvement of the professionalism of judges.
- iv. Propose amendments to existing legislations and rules for effective justice delivery.
- v. Advocate for prompt passage of Justice Sector Reform Bills pending before the National Assembly.
- vi. Propose Judicial Reform in the following areas (Case Management and scheduling with time slots, notification to Lawyers of adjournments, enforcement of the use of NBA email address in the filing of all processes, and customised email address for all court registries).
- vii. Support continuous education and training programs for judges, lawyers, and court staff to keep them abreast of evolving legal principles, best practices, and technological advancements in the field of law.
- viii. Foster collaboration with academic institutions and professional organizations to develop specialized training modules on judicial ethics, case management, and legal research skills.
- ix. Establish a Judicial decision review committee for quarterly review of court decisions and publication of a quarterly Juridical Review of such judgments together with the Association's position on how to resolve any observed conflicts.

f) Voice of the Nigerian People

- i. The Association is a strategic one in the polity of the country. As watchdogs, we will watch events in the polity, comment critically on the same, proffer advice/solutions and render legal services and assistance where necessary.
- ii. We will shape opinions and influence decisions that will improve the administration of justice, reform the judiciary, and engender due process of law.

- iii. Under my leadership, the NBA shall be vocal and constantly speak up on issues affecting the legal profession and the administration of justice. The NBA shall constructively engage with the various tiers of government and other stakeholders by presenting proposals and blueprints for dealing with all such issues.
- iv. The NBA shall maintain its leading role in matters of public interest and engage in 'Rule of Law' advocacy.
- v. Organize workshops and seminars on constitutionalism and Human Rights.

3. STRENGTHENING INSTITUTIONAL STRUCTURES AND EFFICIENCY

a) Digitalization of the Bar

- i. Work with the National Judicial Council (NJC) and Heads of Courts to ensure effective utilization of the Legal Mail project initiated by the NJC as well as work for the commencement of electronic filing and payment platforms for all superior and appellate courts in Nigeria to end the unnecessary costs, delays and inefficiencies encountered in filing processes in our courts.
- ii. Push for amendment of various laws and court rules to accommodate electronic methods in conducting activities in courts: filing and services of processes as well as hearing of matters and applications. A lot can be learnt from South Korea and other developed countries which have fully embraced the electronic method.
- iii. Work with the National Judicial Council (NJC) and Heads of Courts to put in place Case Management Systems (CMS) across all courts of records in Nigeria. The manual operations in our courts, and premeditated disdain for digitization by judicial officers, court officials and lawyers do not engender efficiency, responsiveness, accountability and transparency, which digitalization will infuse into the system.

b) Licencing And Annual Practice List

- i. We shall ensure compliance with Rule 12(1), Rules of Professional Conduct for Legal Practitioners, 2023 by publishing not later than a date in every year specified by the Nigerian Bar Association (i) a list of legal practitioners who have complied with the requirements of the Continuing Professionals Development Programme and have paid their Annual Practicing fees and are, therefore entitled to practice as legal practitioners in that year; and (ii) issue a practicing certificate to a legal practitioner whose name is on the Annual Practicing List, certifying that he/she has paid his Annual practicing fees for the specified year and that he/she has also fulfilled the requirement of the Continuing Professionals Development Programme for the year under the rules made for the purpose by the Association.
- ii. Make sure that only lawyers who in addition to payment of their Annual Practicing Fees, have fulfilled the requirement of the Continuing Professionals Development Programme for the year under the rules made by the Association, are licenced to practice law in Nigeria.

c) Reform of the Secretariat, Organs and Structures of the NBA Secretariat

- i. Implement the reports on secretariat reforms.
- ii. Professionalise and reposition the Secretariat to better serve lawyers.
- iii. Ensure continuous training of Secretariat staff.
- iv. Ensure effective operation of all Secretariat Directorates.
- v. Adopt and implement transparent procurement and financial systems for secretariat operations.
- vi. Put in place online help centres that will aid in providing answers to frequently asked questions.

d) National Executive Committee (NEC)

- i. Discussions at NBA NEC meetings shall be detailed and business-like to ensure that decisions taken reflect the will of the majority.

- ii. Reports from Branches and written proposals from NEC members shall be given priority at all NEC meetings.
- iii. NBA Representatives to any Board, Commission, Committee or other Body shall present periodic reports to NEC.
- iv. NEC Members shall vote where there is absence of consensus on any issue.
- v. All NEC decisions will be made available on the NBA website, within 48 hours from the conclusion of the NEC meeting and the same shall be sent to all members of the NBA.
- vi. Promote female representation in the National Executive Committee of the NBA.
- vii. Branch Chairmen and NEC members will be fully involved in the formulation and implementation of NBA Policies.

e) NBA Representatives

- i. All appointments as NBA Representative on any Board, Commission, Committee or other Body are to be made in consultation with Branches and stakeholders.
- ii. All NBA representatives to the Federal Judicial Service Commission (FJSC), National Judicial Council (NJC), Council of Legal Education, Legal Aid Council of Nigeria, Human Rights Commission, Corporate Affairs Commission, etc., must present periodic reports to NBA NEC.
- iii. Appointments into NBA Committees will be inclusive so that innovation and progressive ideas of our female and young colleagues, in-house counsel and lawyers in public service, and colleagues with disabilities who are not presently involved and or integrated into the activities of the Association, are integrated.
- iv. Ensure that the leadership of NBA Committees include at least twenty Percent (25%) of female lawyers, young lawyers, in-house counsel and lawyers in public service to deepen their participation.

- v. Ensure that membership into committees and statutory bodies will be evenly and fairly spread amongst Branches to avoid cronyism and parochialism.

f) NBA Sections and Fora

- i. Promote synergy between NBA Sections, Fora and NEC.
- ii. Encourage membership of at least one section or fora by members of the NBA.
- iii. Propose the creation of additional Sections and Fora.
- iv. At the last NEC meeting for the year, all sections, forums and bodies within the NBA, must submit a detailed report of their activities and plans for the year, particularly detailing events, activities and initiatives targeted at young lawyers and persons with disabilities.

g) Accountability and Transparency

- i. We shall see to the affairs of the society transparently in deference to the rules, regulations and bye-laws of the association. Most importantly as it relates to capital projects, contracts and procurements, it will be done in deference to due process of law. Members shall regularly and most suitably on a monthly basis, be furnished electronically with the financial position and accounts of the Association.
- ii. Adoption of policies on such issues as equal opportunities and sexual harassment or conflicts of interest.
- iii. Define a vision or programmatic agenda that offers growth, value-added or a competitive existential or professional edge to members of the NBA as well as effective platforms for the involvement of members outside Bar politics.
- iv. Insulate the NBA secretariat and its staff from electoral and political processes by ensuring clear and proper contracts for all staff of the NBA, clear and measurable processes and indices for staff remuneration and promotion.

- v. Some level of programming autonomy for the secretariat to ensure continuity of programming and also build confidence within the funding and philanthropic communities, and continuity of both memory and programming irrespective of change of regimes in the NBA.
- vi. Professionalize the NBA Secretariat to guarantee effective planning, management, and continuity in programming, to provide services and standards of the highest quality, preserve the legacies of successive Bar administrations and act as the memory and archives of the Bar.
- vii. Progressively grow the programming, service delivery and revenue potentials of the NBA into the foreseeable future.
- viii. Provide a unifying promise of professional growth or edge by defining a value proposition for our members and, in the Secretariat, evince a programming capability to ensure the realization of this promise.

h) Strengthening Branches

- i. Reinstatement of the payment of an additional 10% of Annual Practicing Fees paid by lawyers in each branch into a dedicated Welfare Account (Branch Welfare Fund) strictly for the welfare of the members and not for the administration or running of the branch.
- ii. Ensure that laws are respected at the branches and that tenets of democracy are upheld at all times.
- iii. Non-interference in the management of branches.

i) NBA Legacy Projects

- i. **NBA Exhibition Hall:** The Nigerian Bar Association Exhibition Hall will serve as a cornerstone in the proper documentation and preservation of the history, achievements, and milestones of our esteemed association, and the legal profession.
- ii. **NBA LIBRARY:** The Nigerian Bar Association Library (NBA Library) is envisioned as a comprehensive legal resource centre that will serve as a repository of knowledge for legal practitioners, students, and researchers across Nigeria.

- iii. Honouring and immortalizing past leaders of the Bar by naming specific places in NBA buildings after them.
- iv. **NBA Conference and Event Center:** The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Conference and Event Center is envisioned as a state-of-the-art facility dedicated to serving the diverse needs of the legal community in Nigeria. This centre will host conferences, seminars, workshops, and various legal events.

CONCLUSION

My vision for the Bar is beyond rhetoric; it's about action. As I conclude this comprehensive manifesto for the office of the President of the Nigerian Bar Association under the banner of "A Proactive Bar – Identifying problems, Anticipating Challenges, Delivering Solutions," we embark on a journey of transformation, innovation, and unwavering dedication to the cause of justice.

In the spirit of unity, resilience, and progress, let us forge ahead with determination and purpose, knowing that our collective efforts will pave the way for a stronger, more resilient legal community and a society founded on the principles of justice, equality, and the rule of law.

I recognize that our profession stands at a critical juncture, facing multifaceted challenges that demand decisive and forward-thinking leadership. Therefore, I pledge to lead with integrity, transparency, and a steadfast commitment to the welfare of our esteemed members and the principles that underpin our noble profession.

This manifesto outlines a bold agenda that addresses the pressing needs of our legal community, from revitalizing legal education and enhancing continuing legal education programs to championing the welfare of both seasoned practitioners and young lawyers. I commit to the advocacy for

judicial reform, enhanced public confidence in the legal system, and the promotion of the rule of law.

Together, let us pioneer a proactive path forward; transform challenges into opportunities and realize the full potential of the Nigerian Bar Association as a beacon of excellence, integrity, and progress for generations to come.

“The Proactive Bar” needs the support, involvement and commitment of all her members, to realize the Bar of our dreams:

- A Bar where every member can achieve and maximize his/her great potential.
- A Bar where the strong help the not-so-strong.
- A Bar where deep care and attention are given to the young lawyers who are the future of the profession;
- A Bar where those who dare, win;
- A Bar where no man is despised;
- A Bar where those who are dedicated to the actualization of their dreams receive a befitting recompense for their efforts;
- A Bar where any lawyer can use the power which lies within him/her to be a person of destiny;
- A Bar dedicated to improving access to justice.

We are better persons because we have each other. Together we can achieve these laudable objectives. Together we will.

It is in the light of the above, that I respectfully bring to your attention this humble desire of mine to be elected as the President of the Nigerian Bar Association for the years 2024-2026. I therefore earnestly solicit your support in every ramification, as I seek to take on this mandate to pilot the affairs of our beloved Association.

Mazi Afam Osigwe, SAN, LL.M(Jos) LL.M (Lazarsky) FCIArb (UK)

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INTRODUCTION

Honourable Benchers, Learned Silks, Senior Colleagues and my Learned Friends-
It is my absolute delight and honour to present myself to you for election into the office of the Treasurer of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), during the forthcoming National election scheduled for July 2024.

The 2024 NBA election is coming at a critical time, not only for the legal profession, but in Nigeria at large, given the challenges that have arisen in recent times. The past 12 months have been characterized by defining events such as the proliferation of cash trading, limited fuel supply at exorbitant rates and the mistrust of the Judiciary and lawyers by the populace, as a consequence of the 2023 general elections and its sequels, all of which have cocktailed to substantially affect not just the way we run the affairs of the NBA, but also how we practice law and conduct ourselves as lawyers in the Nigerian society.



TRACK-RECORD OF SERVICE TO THE BAR

My service to the Bar at both the Branch and National levels, wherein I demonstrated capacity to innovate and deliver on impactful ideas to the members of our great Association, jointly and severally prepared me for the office for which I am seeking your support for. As you may have seen in my profile, in addition to being an active member of the NBA Uyo Branch and the Section on Legal Practice (SLP), I was the Welfare Secretary of Uyo Branch (2018-2020); I was a member of the NBA National Executive Council (2020-2022). I also served as Chairman, L.O.C., for the NEC meeting held in Uyo (2020); Member of the 2022 NBA-AGC Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP); Publicity Secretary, Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators, Uyo Branch (2021-2023); Chairman, Local Branch Conference Mobilization Committee, Uyo Branch, for the 2023 NBA-AGC; Coordinator, NBA Crèche Scheme, 2023 NBA-AGC, Abuja.

I currently serve as the Secretary of the Law Officers Association of Nigeria (LOAN) 2021-2024; Member, National Human Rights Committee of the NBA (2022-2024); and I am a co-opted member of the NBA National Executive Council (2022-2024).

The exposure and experience that I have garnered from, and lessons learnt in, each of these roles and more, will prove invaluable in steering the Treasury of the NBA, should you elect me into office.



**MANIFESTO PRESENTED BY REGINALD IHEANYICHUKWU UGWUADU, ESQ. MCIARB.(UK) -
CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT IN THE NBA 2024 ELECTION.**



I am Reginald Iheanyichukwu Ugwuadu, Esq. MCI Arb.(UK), Partner with Delaw Chambers, a full-service law firm headquartered in Lagos with branch in Port Harcourt. I was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1991, having graduated from the University of Calabar in 1990 and have over the years acquired expertise in commercial litigation, labour issues, capital market and arbitration. I was admitted as a Partner at the firm of Delaw Chambers in January 2009 where I head the Litigation team, after working with the commercial law firm of Solola & Akpana, as a Senior Associate in the Corporate Commercial and Litigation Group. I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration, Nigeria Branch and have been engaged in legal practice since my Call to the Bar and garnered over 30 years' experience as a lawyer.

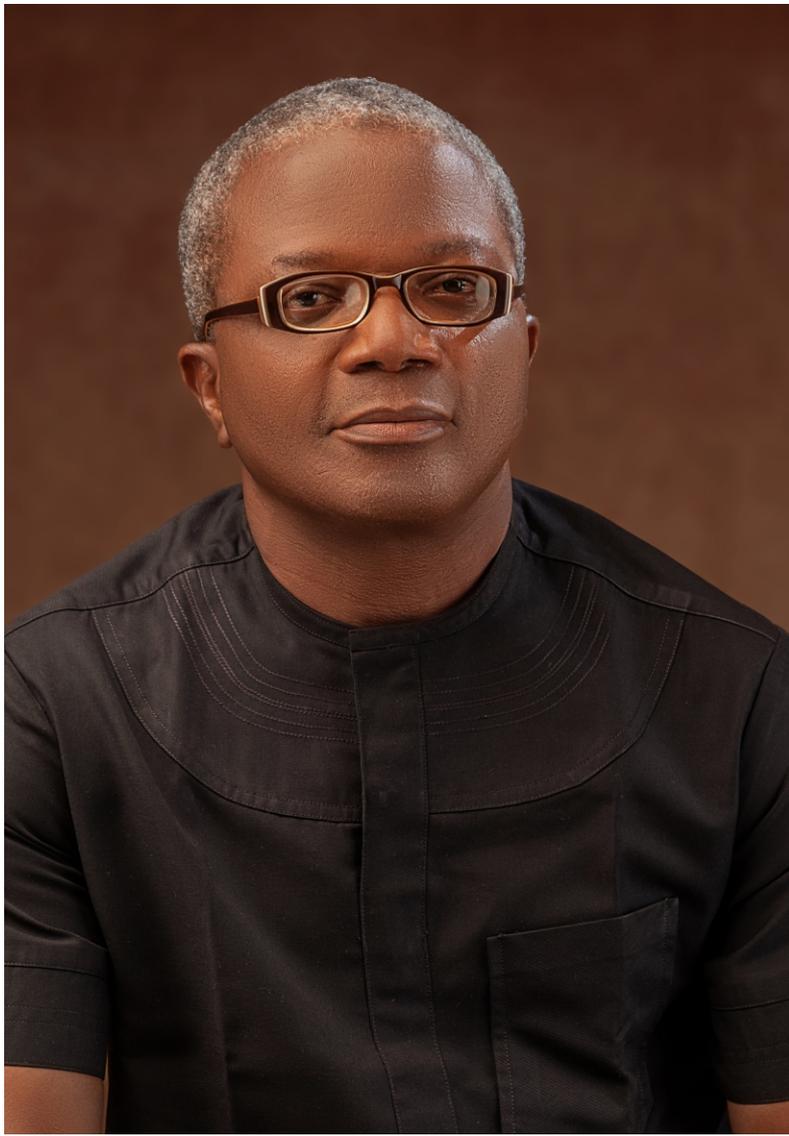
Though Born and bred in the Surulere Area of Lagos and have lived most, if not all my adult live in Port Harcourt, I am from Ngor/Okpala Local Government Area of Imo State and therefore fit into the NBA's geographical East to which the office of the NBA First Vice President has been zoned for the 2024 Elections.

I sit on the Governing Boards of a private school and I am very well versed in corporate governance and administration. I am a member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, Nigeria Branch. He was sworn in as a Notary Public in March 2017.

In furtherance of my belief in the enthronement of purposeful leadership anchored on Integrity and in order deepen the gains of the reforms initiated by past administrations, to improve the welfare of lawyers and effectively position our Association as the bulwark against infractions on citizen's rights and checkmate undemocratic tendencies in governance, I present myself, with all sense of humility and responsibility, as a candidate for the position of the First Vice President of the NBA, in the elections scheduled to hold on 20th July 2024.

I have selflessly served the Nigerian Bar Association in various capacities, at the local and national levels. I was member, Disciplinary committee NBA Port Harcourt Branch (2008), between 2009 and 2013, I was a member of Ikeja Branch (Tiger Bar) and served as Secretary, Ikeja Branch for AGC 2011 and Secretary, Electoral Committee Ikeja Branch in 2012. Since my return to the Port Harcourt Branch, I have served in the following capacity, Vice Chair, LOC Port Harcourt Branch for NBAAGC 2014 and 2015, Secretary, Electoral Committee NBA Port Harcourt Branch 2016, Secretary, Law Review Committee NBA Port Harcourt 2016-2018, Member, LOC Port Harcourt Branch for NBAAGC 2017, Co-opted Member, NBA National Executive Committee 2016-2018, PH Branch NEC Representative 2020-2022, Co-opted Member, NBA National Executive Council 2022-2024.

On a personal note, I enjoy meeting people and travelling. I speaks Yoruba, Igbo and English fluently. As a vocation, I lectured part time Business and Company Law at ICAN Tutorial Centre (Port Harcourt) and for relaxation, enjoys listening to country music and am an avid chess and



scrabble player. I serve in my parish as a lay reader of the Catholic Church. I am happily married to Onyinye and we are blessed with 3 lovely boyz.

Heading into the elections, the Nigerian lawyer is battered and buffeted on all sides by insecurity of life, property and even means of livelihood. The lawyer has become an endangered specie in the hands of security agents, men of the underworld and the public at large. These are surely not the best of times to be a lawyer in Nigeria. However, we must stand resolute in our resolve to rise above the storm and take our destinies in our hands, by consciously and purposefully taking practical steps to rebuild the confidence of Nigerians in the legal system and the lawyer.

Upon careful consideration and reflections, coupled with wide and meaningful consultations across a broad spectrum, I Reginald Iheanyichukwu Ugwuadu, Esq. hereby present myself as a candidate in the 2024 NBA national elections for the office of first Vice President.

WHAT HAS REGINALD UGWUADU GOT TO OFFER?

I intend to serve the Nigerian Bar Association in line with the provisions of S. 9(5)(b)(i)-(iv) of the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association 2021.

1. In line with the constitutional provision which requires the first vice president to act in the stead of the President as occasion demands or as directed by the President or NEC, I shall bring to bear my inter personal skills and team player spirit in ensuring the smooth flow of the administration, through conscious efforts to build a cohesive and all inclusive team, with the common purpose of upholding the tenets of the Association and and serving the interest of the members and the public at large. This will no doubt ease the burden on the President and reduce to the barest minimum, friction between the president and other members of the Executive committee.
2. As regards the duties of supervising NBA branches assigned to the office of the first vice president by the president or NEC, proactive steps will be taken to ensure that such branches under my watch feel the impact of the Association and benefit from programs and schemes set up by the Association. To achieve this, a WhatsApp platform will be set up comprising of all the chairmen under the zone being supervised, to ensure a smooth and realtime flow of information and shorten reaction time in the event of an emergency.
3. While, the constitution allows the First Vice President to act as liaison between designated branches and president/NEC to encourage the establishment of new branches, in reality my main focus will be enhancing the viability of our branches, with a primary focus on the welfare of members and the impact of the activities of the NBA on the citizenry. To this end I will in conjunction with the Exco of each of the branches under my supervision, encourage the Branches to cascade and replicate the laudable programs at the National level for the interest of its member. In this regard, the Human Rights committee in the Branches will be encouraged to be more proactive and be up and doing in the defence of the rights of our members and the public, and to check the excesses of security agents, who might decide to be overzealous.



- 4..Furthermore, regarding the welfare and earnings of our members, the various branches will be encouraged to set up taskforces to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Legal Practitioners Remuneration (for Business, Legal Service and Representation) Order, 2023 and bring erring members to justice.
5. Flowing from this, branches will be encouraged to embark on projects and programs that will impact directly and positively on its members in line with the immediate need of that locality. This will in no small measure increase the interest of members to participate in the activities of the NBA at the branch level.
6. Final, the first vice president shall be readily available to undertake any and all task which the president and or NEC, may from time to time, direct to be done and periodic reports of all assignments, shall be presented to the National Executive Council and National Executive Committee.

I af firm that I shall willingly deploy my time, energy and resources to serve the Nigerian Bar Association and collaborate with the president and other members of the National Executive Committee to deliver premium service to our members, even as we deepen the tenets of the rule of law.

Dated this 20th day of March, 2024

Reginald I. Ugwuadu, Esq.MCI Arb. (UK)

UGWUADU REGINALD IHEANYICHUKWU, MCIArb. (UK)



Reginald was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1991, having graduated from the University of Calabar in 1990. He has over the years acquired expertise in commercial litigation, labour issues, capital market and arbitration. He was admitted as a Partner at the firm of Delaw Chambers in January 2009 where he heads the Litigation team, after working with the commercial law firm of Solola & Akpana, as a Senior Associate in the Corporate Commercial and Litigation Group. As an experienced Litigator, he has appeared in all the strata of Nigerian court systems. He is a quick witted but unassuming hard-nosed litigator with a number of successful litigation cases. He is a family man and an advocate of

high ethical standards in the legal profession. He was sworn in as a Notary Public in March 2017. As a vocation, Reginald lectured part time Business and Company Law at ICAN Tutorial Centre (Port Harcourt) and for relaxation, he enjoys listening to country music and he is an avid chess and scrabble player

Date of Birth:	3rd May 1968
Place of Birth:	Lagos
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Education

- 1990 – 1991 Nigeria Law School, Lagos.
- 1986 – 1990 University of Calabar, Cross-River State
- 1978 – 1983 Government College Lagos, Eric Moore Road, Surulere, Lagos
- 1973 – 1978 Methodist Primary School, Surulere, Lagos

Professional Experience

Jan. 2009 to date Delaw Chambers Lagos

Partner

Responsibilities:

Commercial Litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution

- Successfully represented a client before the Investment and Securities Tribunal (IST) and in the Court of Appeal in the recovery of more than 250million Naira from illegally sold stock.
- Effectively defended a client in an action for breach of contract involving a sum of over 1 million Dollars.
- Successfully represented a client before the National Industrial Court for the recovery of unpaid salaries and terminal benefits amounting to over 20million Naira.

Sept 2007 To Dec. 2008 Solola & Akpana

Port Harcourt Senior Associate Responsibilities:

- Supervised the Corporate Commercial Group
- Primary support to the Litigation Group
- Represented a PTO at various fora and investigative sittings of Regulatory and Supervisory authorities in the Telecommunication sector.
- Acquired sites in various locations in the Niger Delta on behalf of a first generation GSM company.

Jan 2000 To July 2007 Egel & Din (Attorneys)

Port Harcourt Head, Litigation and Commercial Practice

Responsibilities:

- Litigation
- Labour Consultant to Zenith Containers, Equity Gas & Oil Company.
- Successfully represented Habila Nig Ltd in multimillion dollar arbitration against Daewoo Nig Ltd.

Secretary, LOC Ikeja Branch for NBA AGC 2011
Secretary, Electoral Committee NBA Ikeja Branch (2012)
Vice Chair, LOC Port Harcourt Branch for NBA AGC 2014 and

2015

Secretary, Electoral Committee NBA Port Harcourt Branch 2016
Secretary, Law Review Committee NBA Port Harcourt 2016-2018
Member, LOC Port Harcourt Branch for NBA AGC 2017

Co-opted Member, NBA National Executive Committee 2016-2018.

PH Branch NEC Representative 2020-2022

Co-opted Member, NBA National Executive Council 2022-2024

Member, Catholic Lectors Association of Nigeria.

Member, Association of Catholic Lawyers of Nigeria, PH Diocese

Languages Spoken: English, Yoruba and Igbo.

Hobbies: Reading, Writing, Teaching and Meeting People

Soft Skills: Good Team Player with Interpersonal skills and ability to coordinate people, Counselor, Arbitrator.

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MANIFESTO FOR THE POSITION OF NBA WELFARE SECRETARY

As a legal practitioner of 12 years post-call experience, human rights activist, litigation expert, legal researcher / publisher, active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Idemili Branch and the Police Duty Solicitor Scheme (PDSS) with rich legal volunteering experience, I present the following 4-point agenda as my campaign manifesto for the position of Welfare Secretary of the Nigerian Bar Association, in line with the NBA Constitution as amended in 2021.

The constitutional duties of the NBA Welfare Secretary are as follows:

- i. To monitor the welfare and interest of members of the Association;
- ii. To bring to the notice of the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee any matter concerning the welfare of any member of the Association whether within or outside the country with a view to protecting and preserving their rights, privileges and welfare;
- iii. To be responsible for managing the programme of assistance for incapacitated, aged or other disadvantaged members of the Association;
- iv. To be responsible for supervising the insurance and endowment programmes of the Association;
- v. To perform all other duties as may be assigned to him/her by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting.

THE MANIFESTO (4-POINT AGENDA)

0.1 PROTECTING RIGHTS AND PRIVILEGES OF MEMBERS

- I will work to create effective and smooth working relationship between the Police, other security agencies and the NBA members with the aim of protecting the rights and privileges of the NBA members in the course of their

professional engagements with the Police and other security agencies by advising for the following.

- I will advise for execution of Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between the Police, other security agencies and the NBA, that will provide for modalities for visit to police stations and other security outfits to protect the rights and privileges of the NBA members in the course of their professional engagements with the security agencies.
- I will advise that the MoU shall establish the Implementation Committee comprising of members of the NBA, the Police and other security agencies that will ensure that the letters of the MoU are implemented.
- I will advise for production of unified and customized official identification card for every registered member of the NBA to promote respect for the rights and dignity of members in the course of their professional engagements with the Police and other security agencies.

0.2 ENSURING MEMBERS BENEFIT FROM WELFARE PACKAGES

- I will cause adequate and prompt dissemination of information on insurance and endowment programmes of the NBA to all the NBA branches to ensure that members benefit from the programmes.
- I will advise the National Executive Committee and the National Executive Council on the programmes that will benefit members of the NBA the most, like free and subsidized access to electronic law reports.

0.3 EFFECTIVE MONITORING OF WELFARE OF MEMBERS

- I will create a WhatsApp / social media group of all the branch Welfare Secretaries and the National Welfare Secretary for the purpose of effective monitoring of welfare and interest of all members of the NBA.

0.4 PERIODIC REPORTING OF WELFARE OF MEMBERS

- I will give periodic and prompt notices to the National Executive Committee, the National Executive Council and the General Meeting of any important reports concerning the welfare or interest of the members.

Signed:
Ernest Ezindu Uwanaka / May 23, 2024

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Profile

I am a motivated legal practitioner of 12 years post-call experience, human rights activist, litigation expert, legal researcher / publisher and active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Idemili Branch and the Police Duty Solicitor Scheme (PDSS) with rich legal volunteering experience, seeking to serve the NBA at the national level as the Welfare Secretary.

Skills

- Research skill
- Computer management skill
- Organization management skill
- Leadership and networking skill

Education

- LLB Hons (Bachelor of Laws, Second Class Honours, Lower Division) | University of Nigeria, Enugu Campus | 2011
- BL (Barrister-at-Law) | Nigerian Law School, Kano Campus | 2012
- SSC (Senior School Certificate) | Umuagbai Secondary School, Aba | 2001
- FSLC (First School Leaving Cert.) | Umuozuo Community School, Aba 1995

Employment

- E. E. Uwanaka & Co., Onitsha | Principal Counsel | Jun. 2015 – Present
- O. J. Nnadi, SAN & Co., Onitsha | Pupil Counsel | Sep. 2014 – May 2015
- Amaechi Okafor & Co., Onitsha | Pupil Counsel | Jan. 2014 – Aug. 2014
- A. U. Abonyi & Co., Nnewi | Pupil Counsel | Jul. 2013 – Dec. 2013
- Owan West Local Government Council, Edo State (NYSC) | Legal Officer | Jul. 2012 – Jun. 2013

Leadership / Volunteering

- Chairman (Editor-in-Chief), Journal Editorial Board | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Jul. 2022 – Present
- Secretary, Human Rights Committee | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Jul. 2022 – Present
- Secretary, Law Week & Diary Committee | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Jul. 2022 – Present
- Member, Police Duty Solicitor Scheme (PDSS), Anambra State Chapter | Aug. 2023 – Present
- Member, Legal Practitioners' Remuneration Committee | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Feb. 2024 – Present
- Legal Adviser | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Jun. 2020 – Jun. 2022
- Secretary, Electoral Committee | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Jul. 2020 – Jun. 2022
- Member, Continuing Legal Education Committee | Nigerian Bar Association, Idemili Branch | Jul. 2020 – Jun. 2022

Publications

- Authority in Evidence (2014 – 2021) Vol. 1 – 4 (An Annual Report of Principles Of Law On Evidence As Pronounced By The Supreme Court of Nigeria)
- An Efficient Duty Solicitor Under The Police Duty Solicitor Scheme (Idemili Bar Journal, 3rd Edition, Dec. 2023, Online)

Awards / Achievements

- Chairman's Merit Award For Outstanding Performance In Community Development Activities | National Youths Service Corps, Edo State | 2013
- National Scholarship Merit Award | Elf Petroleum Nigeria Limited | 2007
- Successful prosecution of cases and execution of judgments on human rights against the Nigerian Police Force, Anambra State Government and Imo State Government between 2016 to 2024.

Signed:

Ernest Ezindu Uwanaka / May 23, 2024



MANIFESTO OF WILLIAMS SOSEIPIRIYE ESQ CANDIDATE FOR THE POSITION OF FIRST VICE PRESIDENT

" I believe in the dignity of labour, that the world owes no man a living, but owes every man an opportunity to make a living" John D. Rockefeller

Making the Bar Bigger, Bolder and Better

It is my desire to serve the Nigerian Bar Association as its 1st Vice President and to make the Association Bolder, Bigger and Better. This I intend to achieve for the good and betterment of the Association.

The Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) was established for the purpose of regulating the affairs and conduct of all legal practitioners in Nigeria and upon being called to the Nigerian bar, there is automatic membership to the NBA. I posit that this automatic membership of NBA entitles members to automatic dividends from NBA upon payment of the necessary fees and dues. It cannot be heard anywhere that a member of the NBA who has complied with all the required and necessary conditions precedent to the automatic enjoyment of any benefit is denied of such benefit for any reason whatsoever or howsoever described.

In the season of the Bold, Bigger and Better NBA, we must do what has never been done before and this position was succinctly stated by Lord Denning when he said thus "What is the argument on the other side? Only this, that no case has been found in which it has been done before. That argument does not appeal to me in the least. If we never do anything which has not been done before, we shall never get anywhere. The law will stand still while the rest of the world goes on, and that will be bad for both."

Lord Denning 1899-1999.

It is in consonance with this belief that I declare that when elected as the 1st Vice President, I desire to achieve the following:

EMPOWERMENT

In synergy with the President and the elected executive, we will expand the space for legal Practice to create more employment opportunities for lawyers and reduce the huge pressure on law firms. We will ensure compliance with Section 66(3) of the Nigerian Police Force Establishment Act 2020 which requires that every Police Station in Nigeria must have posted to it, no fewer than one lawyer whose job is to monitor compliance with human rights at the police station. It is my strong belief that this will expand the opportunities for Lawyers to make a living as more lawyers will be gainfully employed. Furthermore, In SYNERGY with the President and the National Executive Committee, bring life to the Supreme Court decision in the case of *Obijiaku v. Obijiaku* 2022 17 NWKR PT 1859 Page 377 where On Who can prosecute charge where the Court goes this "A charge can only be prosecuted by the Attorney- General personally or through a law officer in his department or a private legal practitioner pursuant to a

fiat/authorisation by the Attorney General or a police officer who is a legal practitioner. The authorisation extended to law officers in the Attorney-General's department automatically covers prosecuting agencies such as the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, the Independent Corrupt Practices Commission, the National Agency for Prohibition of Trafficking in Persons and Other Related Matters and the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, amongst others. (Ezekiel v. A.-G., Fed. (2017) 12 NWLR (Pt.1578) 1 referred to.] (Pp. 400-401, paras. G-A)

PROTECTION OF LAWYERS

In synergy with the President and other members of the Executive, the NBA shall swiftly and effectively intervene in all matters concerning and pertaining to lawyers interest and welfare by the establishment of a NBA Rapid Response Team for Lawyers in all of the Branches of the NBA . This team will be responsible for swiftly intervening in situations where the rights , liberty and security of lawyers is being jeopardized.

NBA/ INTER AGENCY RELATIONSHIP Considering the current state of the unfriendly relationship between the security agencies and lawyers in course of carrying out the instructions of clients, in synergy with the President and other elected executive members, we will strengthen and expand the scope of the existing relationship between members of the NBA and Security Agencies for a more effective service and justice delivery through regular interface and the holding of lectures and summit to educate officers of the security agencies on the need to always comply with the position of the law on the rights of suspects in their custody.

COURT SITTINGS

Reduce and if possible eliminate the inconveniences Lawyers go through when court sitting is not holding by ensuring that adequate and prompt information is passed on to the Bar or directly to Counsel in a matter in any court in Nigeria. This I will strive to achieve in synergy with the other elected members through conscious efforts of enlightenment

BAR/BENCH RELATIONSHIP Strengthening the existing relationship between the Bar and the Bench to reduce and if possible eliminate areas of friction between the Bar and the Bench through constant and continuous dialogue, seminars and workshops.

JUSTICE DELIVERY

In synergy with other members of the elected executive, I will strive to reduce and possibly eliminate delays in Justice Delivery & Administration in Nigeria by the conscious inculcation of the urgent need for speedy dispensation of justice.

INDEPENDENCE OF THE JUDICIARY

In Synergy with the President and Exco, strive to Achieving full Independence of the judiciary in Nigeria by putting all necessary legal pressures on the executive to ensure the independence of the Judiciary.

DISCIPLINE

In Synergy with the President and elected Exco, strive to reduce to the barest minimum Unprofessionalism and professional misconduct amongst Lawyers through swift conclusion of disciplinary matters and regular education on ethics. A lawyer without ethics is a wild beast let loose upon the world. This is why a one-time Chief Justice of the United States' Supreme Court, Earl Warren, once declared that "In civilized life, law floats in the sea of ethics".

E- PROCEEDINGS

Encourage, recommend and pursue for Virtual Court Proceedings as the new normal including Full Implementation of structures for E-filing and E-Service of Court Processes in Nigeria as a means of promoting effective and timely justice administration in Nigeria.

In striving to achieve all this, I must ensure that I diligently ensure the consciousness of the functions of the The First Vice President as spelt out in PART II Section 9 (5)b) of the constitution of the NBA 2021 which includes the following

i.

Shall in the absence of the President preside at all meetings in which the President is empowered to preside by the provisions of this Constitution;

ii.

Shall be responsible for the coordination of the activities of the group of Branches as may be assigned to him/her by the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the President, and shall pay periodic visits as necessary and/or required, to the Branches so assigned to him/her and shall make periodic reports to the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee on such visits;

iii.

Shall encourage and supervise the formation of new Branches within his/her zonal supervisory jurisdiction in line with the guidelines set out in this Constitution.

iv.

Shall perform all other duties as he/she may be directed by the President or the National Executive Council or the National Executive Committee or the Annual General Meeting or such other duties which the President is unable to perform owing to ill health, old age, absence from the country or any other reason.

CONCLUSION

In my desire to make the Nigerian Bar Association bold, bigger and better, I fully pledge my loyalty to the Association must declare to put the interest of the Association above all other interest and abide by the extant provision of the constitution.

PROFILE OF
WILLIAMS SOSEIPIRIYE ESQ CANDIDATE FOR THE OFFICE OF FIRST VICE
PRESIDENT

"The lives of great men reminds us we can make ourselves sublime" Henry Wadsworth
My name is Soseipiriye Williams, Esq.
I was called to the Nigerian Bar on 12th December, 1990.

Upon being called, I did pupillage as a Youth Corper in the law firm of Oyewole Oladije & Co at
No. 163 Taiwo Road, Ilorin, Kwara state between 1991-1992.

In late 1992, I then relocated to Port Harcourt and joined the law firm of S.D. Braide & Co and
rose through the ranks to become the Deputy Managing Solicitor.

In 2005, the law firm of Aime & Cradle LP was registered and I became the Managing Associate
and I have remained in the said law firm till date.

In 1993, I registered and became a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, Port Harcourt
Branch.

I have served the Nigerian Bar Association in several capacities both at the National, Regional
and Branch Levels respectively to wit:

1. Member, NBA Port Harcourt Branch Law Centre & Common Room Management Committee,
2004-2006
2. Financial Secretary, NBA Port Harcourt Branch- 2006 - 2008.
3. Secretary, Sub Committee on Sports, NBA Port Harcourt Branch Local Organising
Committee for NBA AGC PH 2006
4. Chairman, sub committee on Accommodation, NBA PH LOC for NBAAGC Lagos 2009
5. Secretary, NBA PH - 2010 - 2012
6. Secretary, LOC for the NBA AGC PH 2011
7. Member, NBA-AGC Technical Committee on Conference Planning (TCCP) CALABAR
2013
8. Alternate Secretary, NBA National Conference & Constitutional Review Committee
Committee-2012-2014

9. Secretary, Eastern Bar Forum - 2013 - 2015.
10. Member, LOC for NBA AGC PH 2016
11. Member, NBA National Executive Committee - 2010 - 2016.
12. Member, Nigerian Bar Association Niger-Delta Task Force-October, 2016-April, 2017
13. The Governor, Eastern Bar Forum - 2019 - 2021.
14. Member, NBA, National Executive Committee - 2020 - 2024.
15. Member, NBA Future of Legal Practice Committee, - 2022-2024.
16. Chairman, Sub Committee on Registration, 2023 NBA-SPIDEL Conference Planning Committee.
17. Member, NBA Section on Legal Practice.
18. Member, NBA Section on Public & Development Law.
19. Member, NBA Section on Business Law
20. Member, African Bar Association (AFBA).
21. Member, International Bar Association.

Hobbies:

Reading, writing, sports, music , tourism and dancing.