



NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
LAGOS BRANCH

ANNUAL DINNER 21

THEME: PROUDLY NIGERIAN

PROGRAMME



Landmark Centre,
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Red Carpet & Welcome Cocktail

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Traditional Drum Performance

Spoken Word

"I am Proudly Nigerian" - Poem by Alexander Nduka Muoka

National Anthem

The Pledge

The NBA Prayer

Meet the Hosts

Welcome Remarks by Dinner Committee Chair

Welcome Address by NBA Lagos Branch Chairman

Dinner is Served

"Journey of an African Colony - The Making of Nigeria"
An excerpt from the masterpiece documentary by Olasupo Shasore, SAN

After - Dinner Speech - Mrs. Ibukun Awosika

Cultural Dance Performance

Awards

Most Creative Expression of "Proudly Nigerian" Revealed!

Vote of Thanks

Artiste Performance

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GOODWILL MESSAGE TO NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION (NBA) LAGOS BRANCH.

Udo Udoma & Belo-Osagie (UUBO) wishes to heartily congratulate the leadership and members of the Nigerian Bar Association Lagos Branch on the occasion of its Annual Law Dinner with the theme “Proudly Nigerian”. UUBO places a huge premium on our relationship with the NBA Lagos Branch because of the Branch’s steadfastness in promoting the rule of law, ensuring the efficiency of business in the nation’s commercial hub, promoting mentorship for young lawyers, leading the discourse on continuing legal education, and upholding the priceless ideal of legal ethics.

We are unequivocally in support of these objectives. This year brought with it tumultuous challenges, a spillover from last year’s unprecedented pandemic. We commend the Bar’s special efforts to ensure that the welfare of lawyers was protected in spite of what was a critical period for many.

As we navigate a world of uncertainty, we have faith in NBA Lagos’ capacity to unite stakeholders and implement best strategies to ensure resilience as our profession and world grapple with the new normal.

We share in your celebration of a relatively successful year and assure you of our continuous support as we work towards a progressive Bar.

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Honourable Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Lagos State



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Mrs. Ibukun Awosika

Guest Speaker



Guest Speaker Profile

MRS. IBUKUN AWOSIKA

Mrs. Ibukun Awosika, is the CEO of The Chair Centre Group, an entrepreneur, a business executive as well as an ordained pastor.

She is a graduate of Chemistry from University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University), Nigeria; an alumna of the Chief Executive Programme of Lagos Business School; the Global Executive MBA of IESE Business School, Barcelona-Spain; and Global CEO Programme of Wharton, IESE and China European International Business School (CEIBS). Ibukun Awosika is a co-founder and past chairperson of Women in Business, Management and Public Service (WIMBIZ).

She is the founder of the Christian Missionary Fund, a faith-based organization that works with hundreds of missionaries spread across Nigeria to change lives with the provision of medical, educational, and other supplies.

A multiple award-winning entrepreneur and the first Nigerian recipient of the prestigious International Women Entrepreneurial Challenge (IWEC) Award as a nominee of the US Department of State in 2008.

Ibukun Awosika is the first female and immediate past Chairman of First Bank Nigeria. She has spoken at numerous world conferences and platforms where she shares her knowledge on several economic and faith-based topics.

In 2018, she worked as the executive producer of the movie "God's Calling" and has also authored several books including: "The Girl Entrepreneurs and Business His Way." She is happily married to Abiodun Awosika and they are blessed with three wonderful sons.



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Ikechukwu Uwanna
Chairman, NBA Lagos Branch

Host

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WELCOME ADDRESS BY THE CHAIRMAN, NBA LAGOS BRANCH

I am delighted to welcome you to the 2021 Annual Dinner of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Lagos Branch. I am happy that after the interference of the Covid-19 pandemic in our annual dinner of 2020, we are finally here, albeit with a sense of awareness that the pandemic is not over yet.

The NBA Lagos annual dinner provides an opportunity for Judges, lawyers, academics and business executives to network and exchange ideas in a very glamorous albeit relaxed atmosphere for the development of the legal profession and assess the relationship between lawyers and the users of legal services and the aim of this dinner is not different.

May I thank the Dinner Committee for their exceptional hard work and diligence in putting together this event. They have chosen the well-timed theme of "Proudly Nigerian". Many will wonder, and rightly so if there is any reason to be proud to be a Nigerian at a time like this. My answer is a resounding, yes! If you thought otherwise before coming here, look around you.

I know that the economic and security challenges this country is facing may make you believe that there is nothing to be proud about. But history has shown that greatness is mainly crafted in the furnace of challenges. The socio-economic challenges that Nigeria is facing today are the opportunities for all of us to write our names in gold by creating sustainable solutions that will birth the Nigeria of our dreams. The world, even the first-world countries, have not always been the way they are today. A few men in those countries rose to the challenge and decided that things must change. The world still celebrates them.

I have heard many of us reel out the achievements of Justice Chukwudifu Oputa, Justice Kayode Eso, Justice Niki Tobi, Aloa Aka-Bashorun, Mohamed Uwais etc. These are men who decided that they will do the right thing and add their quota to changing the course of events in Nigeria. You and I hold the baton today. Let us not drop it. If we drop it, it means we have lost hope.

Canada, the United Kingdom, the USA, Dubai can not be our home. We are Nigerians, and that will remain indelible even if we change the colour of our passports. Nigeria is incredibly blessed and one of its greatest blessings is you. Yes, you and me.

I call on us all today, in our sphere of influence to contribute our quota to the building of a Nigeria that we all can be truly proud of. The blame game without a positive action will not help us. The administration of justice, peace, security, infrastructural development, eradication of corruption that we all dream and talk about depend on you and me. I mean squarely on you and me.

Let us join hands to build a great country despite our tribal differences, religious beliefs, political affiliations, and philosophy.

So, please permit me to welcome great and proud Nigerians and residents of this country to the 2021 NBA Lagos dinner. After a long year of working very hard, join us to enjoy the ambiance, the cultural displays, the soft and hard tuned music, the food, and the interactions. We deserve and have earned this time out.

Thank you.

Ikechukwu Uwanna

Chairman,

Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch



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Igbo Olodumare in Ondo State is both a wonder of nature and a wonder of literature. The scenic forest inspired the popular novels of D. O. Fagunwa, 'Ogboju Ode Ninu Igbo Irunmole' and 'Igbo Olodumare' meaning 'forest of a thousand demons: a hunter's saga & the forest of God'.



NATIONAL ANTHEM

Arise, O compatriots,
Nigeria's call obey
To serve our fatherland
With love and strength and faith
The labour of our heroes past
Shall never be in vain
To serve with heart and might
One nation bound in freedom
Peace and unity.

O God of creation
Direct our noble cause
Guide our leaders right
Help our youth the truth to know
In love and honesty to grow
And living just and true
Great lofty heights attain
To build a nation where peace
And justice shall reign.

THE PLEDGE

I pledge to Nigeria my country
To be faithful, loyal and honest
To serve Nigeria with all my strength
To defend her unity
And uphold her honour and glory
So help me God.

THE NBA PRAYER

Almighty God our Creator, we pray you to be with us in all our deliberations and to direct our endeavors so that we shall continue in all humility to glorify thy name and do that which is right and just for our profession, its members, our fellow men and our country.

Amen



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2020 AWARDEES

On the 14th of December, 2020 the following distinguished members of the Premier Branch were conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria

Prof. Joseph Abugu, SAN

Mahmud Kola Adeshina, SAN

Oladapo Akande Akinosun, SAN

F. Boma Ayomide Alabi, OON, SAN

Lawrence Fubara Anga, SAN

Jean Chiazor Anishere, SAN

Uzoma Henry Azikwe, SAN

Oluwatoyin Ajoke Bashorun, SAN

Fatai Ajibola Dalley, SAN

Robert Egwono Emukpoeruo, SAN

Osayaba Omorodion Giwa-Osagie, SAN

Chukwuka Ikwuazom, SAN

Yusuf Asamah Kadiri, SAN

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Babatunde John K. Ogala, SAN

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Taiye Abimbola Babajide Oladipo, SAN

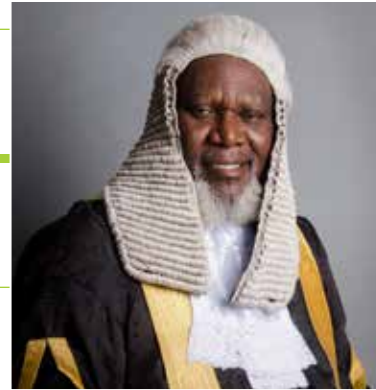
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PROFESSOR JOSEPH E. O. ABUGU

LL.B (Hons) (UNN); B.L (Hons); LL.M (Lagos); Ph.D (Lagos); MNIM, FCI Arb. (UK).
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Prof. Joseph E. O. Abugu, Ph.D, SAN, MNIM, FCI Arb. (UK) is a specialist in Corporate and Securities Law. He graduated from the University of Nigeria Nsukka in 1988 with a Second Class Honours (Upper Division) in Law (LL.B) and was Called to the Nigerian Bar in 1989. He was admitted to the Degree of Masters of Laws (LL.M) at the University of Lagos, Nigeria in 1991 and to his PhD degree in 2003. He was admitted into the Inner bar as Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2020.

He had his early practice years in the renowned firm of Abdulai, Taiwo & Co. Solicitors, Lagos. Thereafter, he worked briefly in the banking industry before he joined the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos in 1995. He teaches undergraduate and post graduate courses in Company Law, Comparative Company Law, Industrial Law and Industrial Relations, Comparative Labour Law, the Law of Banking and Negotiable Instruments. His special interest is in Company and Securities law in which he obtained the degree of Doctor of Philosophy (Commercial & Industrial Law). He is the first Nigerian Professor specializing in Company Securities. Between 2013 and 2017, he served as the Head of the Department of Commercial and Industrial Law. Professor Abugu has been a member of the Senate of the University since 2006 and has served in several Committees and Panels of the Senate. He is widely traveled and knowledgeable in the mechanics of the financial markets.

Professor Abugu also serves as Principal Consulting Counsel in the firm of ABUGU & CO., SOLICITORS, which he founded in 1995, now registered as PROF JOE ABUGU, SAN & CO. The firm practices mainly Corporate and Industrial Law, Securities Law, Banking and Real Estate Securitizations.

In 1999, Prof. Abugu was a Rotary International Exchange ambassador to the State of Arizona, USA. In 2002, he was a Fulbright Scholar nominated by the Institute of International Education under the auspices of the American State Department. He attended the Centre for Law and Financial Markets of the Chicago-Kent College of Law, IIT, Chicago Illinois during this scholarship. In 2007, he was granted an ILO Fellowship on International Labour Standards for Judges, Lawyers and Legal Educators, at the ILO Training Centre, Turin, Italy.

Professor Abugu is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, the Nigerian Law Teachers Association as well as the Nigerian Institute of Management. He became a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK in 2021. He has several publications to his credit in local and international journals.

He is the author of the pioneer text on Nigerian Securities law titled: COMPANY SECURITIES: LAW & PRACTICE (2005) University of Lagos Press.



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MAHMUD KOLA ADESINA Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Mahmud Kola Adesina, SAN obtained his LLB from Usman Dan Fodio University, Sokoto and his LLM from the University of Lagos.

He was called to the Nigerian Bar in the year 2003 and has been in active practice ever since.

His areas of specialisation include litigation, labour law, property law, banking law, aviation and criminal law.

Mahmud Kola Adesina, SAN is lead Senior Counsel and head of chambers at Mahmud K. Adesina & Associates. He is a renowned and seasoned legal practitioner. He was the Legal Adviser, NACOMYO, Lagos State chapter, the Legal Adviser of Fadlas, Lagos, Legal Adviser of Ifon Progressive Union, Osun State, Head of Islamic Welfare Trust Fund, Lagos to mention but a few. As an unrelenting scholar, he distinguished himself in the legal profession and has therefore participated in the settlement of and the arguments for the number of cases in the Supreme Court of Nigeria, and the same was reported in Nigerian Law Reports. As a legal scholar, he wrote the well-read book on "The Legal Regulation of Environmental Pollution in Nigeria" He is currently working on another book. Mahmud Kola Adesina, SAN is not only a lawyer, he was also appointed Notary Public by former Chief Justice of Nigeria, Justice Mahmud Muhammed (GCON)

OLADAPO AKANDE AKINOSUN
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



For the past 30 years, Dapo Akinosun SAN has been involved in quite a number of interesting and challenging legal and managerial responsibilities. From advising diverse corporations to articulate or defend their interests; to advising governments, formulate policy and introduce legislation; representing the vulnerable; representing not-for-profit organisations with an educational, cultural or purely social purpose, Dapo has become considerably acquainted with relevant strategies, expertise and the lawyering skills required to project a balanced view of the legal spectrum and its attendant socio-economic context.

Specifically, Dapo has had the opportunity to provide advice on the development of legislation for competition law, consumer protection and debt management. Dapo has also participated in the transitioning of Nigeria's mixed economy through privatization and other Private Sector Participation (PSP) initiatives specifically in the Power Sector. Additionally, He considers his experience in formulating structures for raising and organizing debt or equity capital for both corporations and governmental bodies, extensive. Regarding dispute resolution, He has represented clients in some very intricate matters relating to oil sector (upstream/downstream) contractual disputes, nationwide product liability, shareholder disputes, joint ventures, investment & divestment, securitization, and primary/secondary capital market trading. In this regard, Dapo has garnered an expansive skill base in pre-litigation, litigation and Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) measures that may be deployed as necessary. Dapo has also helped to stabilize the corporate structure of Nigeria's gas aggregator.

He has undertaken a number of professional activities as an active member of both the Section of Business Law of the Nigerian Bar Association and the Rocky Mountain Mineral Law Foundation. As managing partner at SimmonsCooper Partners (SCP), Dapo has overseen strategic planning of the continuous process of making firm-wide business/entrepreneurial decisions; long-term planning of practice development, recruitment and training policies and work-product quality control; and firm brand development and marketing planning. He has also served on the boards of corporations where he had to deploy a blend of management and legal skills to in the decision-making process.

In all, Dapo appreciates that there is an inexorable link between law, development and the general socio-economic exchange. A personal career objective is to continue to explore, as far as he can, how the law can be used in a meaningful way to bring quick, positive and practical solutions to his immediate sphere of influence. This would apply to clients, workplace, family, friends and society at large. As such, Dapo's focus daily is to obtain more significant exposure that advances this objective.



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F. BOMA AYOMIDE ALABI, OON
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Boma Alabi, OON, SAN is a founding Partner of Primera Africa Legal (PAL). She leads PAL's International Commercial Law/Corporate Governance practice.

In addition to being an experienced Arbitrator and accredited Civil and Commercial Mediator, Boma specializes in International Tax Law, Maritime Law, Mergers & Acquisitions and Capital Market Transactions. She has advised on some of Nigeria's leading commercial deals in a number of sectors including real estate and infrastructure, manufacturing, banking, hospitality, telecommunications, maritime, energy, project funding and development. She served as the President of the Commonwealth Lawyers Association 2011- 2013, the first woman President in the over 50 year history of this association of lawyers from 54 countries. She was a Council Member of the Board of the Royal Commonwealth Society and also served as the Chairwoman of the Association of Women Solicitors of England and Wales between 2005/2006.

She serves as Chairman of the Board of Just Commerce Vehicles Ltd, IED on a number of Boards and on the advisory board of WISCAR, a not for profit structured mentoring organization.

Awards and Recognitions

- Women Entrepreneur of the Year 2007 – London Borough of Southwark
- Distinguished Trail Blazers Award 2012 -NBA Women's Forum's
- Award for Distinguished Service to the Legal Profession 2012- NBA Lagos Branch
- Human Rights Award – Open Society Foundations, National Human Rights Commission, Pan African Lawyers
- Union, Nigeria Bar Association

Publications/Papers/Presentations

- "Survival Manual for New Wigs" Published by Odade Lexis Nexis© 2010
- "Sisters in Law – Career choices for Nigerian women lawyers" Published by PZ Publishers © 2006

LAWRENCE FUBARA ANGA
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Lawrence Fubara Anga, SAN is one of the founding partners in the law firm of ALEX, Legal Practitioners & Arbitrators and heads the firm's Banking, Financial Services and Transportation Practices.

He is a chartered tax practitioner (FCTI) and an experienced Arbitrator. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1984 and is also qualified to practice law in England and Wales and Ghana.

He has a strong multi-disciplinary background in Law, Economics, Management and Fiscal Policy. He advises on financial, corporate, commercial and fiscal issues that affect projects and companies in the oil and gas, electricity, aviation, telecommunications, maritime, and financial services sectors. He has been involved in complex commercial litigation and arbitration matters in various industry sectors.

He was until recently the Chairman, Board of Trustees of Investors' Protection Fund of the Nigerian Stock Exchange and is the current Chair of the Law and Taxation Committee of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce and Industry. He is on the board of the Lagos Chamber of Commerce International Arbitration Centre. He is a former chairman of the Capital Markets Solicitors Association and was also the chairman of the Central Bank of Nigeria Small and Medium Enterprises Equity Investment Scheme (SMIES) policy guidelines review committee. He chaired the legal sub-committees of both the SEC's National Committee on Capital Markets Structure and Process and the Capital Markets Masterplan. He is a member of the Council of Legal Education and has served pro bono on several government and private sector industry committees.

He was educated at King's College Lagos, Yale University, London School of Economics and Cambridge University. He holds an advanced certification in Arbitration from California State University Sacramento, in venture capital from the Venture Capital Institute (US), in project finance from the CLDP and Eximbank (US), and in entrepreneurial development from the United Nations Centre for Transnational Corporations. Fubara has authored several articles and has been cited as an authority in the Nigerian Financial Services, Transportation and Energy industries.

Fubara is recognised both a Global and National Leader in various practice areas by Who's Who Legal and ranked as a Leading Individual by Legal 500, Chambers Global and IFLR1000. He holds the traditional title of Olu Isokun, Oyo Empire and is a Knight of St Mulumba



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JEAN CHIAZOR ANISHERE

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Jean Chiazor Anishere, SAN is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria and one of Nigeria's most prominent Maritime lawyers and a successful author, having already written five volumes of Essays in Admiralty – a comprehensive collection of essays and learned papers focused on maritime law. Jean is the Editor-In-Chief of Admiralty Law Reports of Nigeria, volumes 1 – 20 (A compendium of Judgments on Admiralty Matters in Nigeria, through the Federal High Courts to the Supreme Court of Nigeria) with a comprehensive index of cases published so far.

Holds a Bachelor of Laws Degree (LLB) from Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife, 1985; Master of Laws; LLM-University of Lagos and Master in Transport Management-Ladoke Akintola University. Certificate of Merit in Shipping, (Anatomy of Shipping) from the Cambridge Academy of Transport, UK. Called to the Nigerian Bar in 1986, and sworn Notary Public, in 1990.

Awarded International Women of the Year (1997-1998) by the International Biographical Centre of Cambridge, in recognition of her services to law, and the International Professional of the Year 2005, for her excellent practice in the field of law.

Maritime Legal Consultant to the Nigerian House of Representatives' Committee on Marine; trained the first set of the Cabotage enforcement officers for NIMASA. Founding member of the Committee of the Nigerian Shippers' Council, in collaboration with the National Judicial Institute on the bi-annual Maritime Seminar for Judges. Jean also presided as co-Chair of the Nigerian Admiralty Law and Procedure Reform Committee, 2020.

Member: International Bar Association; The Nigerian Bar Association; Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK); Maritime Arbitrators Association of Nigeria; Nigerian Maritime Law Association; Immediate Past President, WISTA-Nigeria; past Continental President, African Women in Maritime Organization (WIMAFRICA)



UZOMA AZIKIWE
Senior Advocate of Nigeria

Uzoma Azikiwe, SAN is a Partner and the head of the firm's litigation, arbitration and alternative dispute resolution team. He has over 34 years' experience in legal practice. He provides advice in maritime, aviation, employment and energy matters, and his specialisations include advising multinationals on oil, gas and environmental matters, the provision, manning and maintenance of vessels, cabotage issues, telecommunications, construction, administrative and constitutional law.

He trained as an International Commercial Arbitrator with several Nigerian and international arbitration organisations including the ICC Institute of World Business Law, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in the UK, Chartered Institute of Arbitration (Nigeria), and Chartered Institute of Mediation and Conciliation. He obtained a Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration at St. Anne's College, Oxford, United Kingdom and has benefitted from PIDA training in International Commercial Arbitration, PIDA training in International Commercial Contracts and training by the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

Uzoma makes presentations, presents depositions and gives evidence as a legal expert on Nigerian law before various foreign courts. Most recently, he appeared in this capacity before the High Court of Justice in England (in the 2009 case of Dornoch Limited & Others -v- Westminster International BV & Others) and in the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware, USA in the case of Harry A. Akande -v- TransAmerica Airlines Inc & Others.

He has published articles on commercial law including "The Doctrine of Undisclosed Agency Revisited", environmental law and arbitration. He presents papers at and conducts seminars for various major service companies in the oil industry in Nigeria on employment and labour matters.



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FATAI AJIBOLA DALLEY, FCI Arb.
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Fatai Ajibola Dalley, SAN, FCI Arb. focuses his practice on Banking and Finance, Transportation, Oil and Gas.

He has key experience in advising banks, financial institutions, oil companies and airlines in relation to contentious issues arising from complex finance transactions as well as restructuring, insolvency and corporate distress situations, especially those with a cross-border element.

Ajibola has extensive experience in major litigation and arbitration and continues to advise large co-operations, airlines and Governments.

Apart from being a senior advocate of Nigeria, he is also a fellow of the chartered institute of arbitrators (UK) and an honorary member of the Africa committee of the commercial bar association of England and Wales.

OSAYABA GIWA-OSAGIE,

LL.B (HONS) WARWICK, B.L., NOTARY PUBLIC
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



OSAYABA GIWA-OSAGIE, SAN is the Senior/founding Partner of Giwa-Osagie & Co. He holds a bachelor's degree in law from the University of Warwick, England, where he graduated in 1985. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1986. In 2020, he was conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria.

He has presented papers at various seminars, amongst which are papers titled "Contract Variation" at a national seminar and another paper titled "Credit Risk, Securitization and Loan Guarantees in Nigeria" at a seminar organized by the United Nations Centre on Transnational Corporations. Mr. Giwa-Osagie has co-authored several articles which include; "Privatization in Nigeria" published in the International Privatization Review by Euromoney in the 2000/2001 edition, an article on "Financing options in the Oil and Gas Sector in Nigeria" published in the Journal of Energy & Natural Resources Law, 2015.

Mr. Giwa - Osagie has vast experience in civil litigation, banking laws, foreign investment laws, mergers and acquisitions, telecommunications, arbitration and aviation laws.

He is a member of the International Bar Association, Nigerian Maritime Law Association, the Nigerian Institute of International Affairs and a Notary Public.

He is the Honorary Chairman and Legal Adviser to the Nigeria-South Africa Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of the Joint Ministerial Advisory Council Between Nigeria and South Africa.

He was a Member of President Umaru Musa Yar Adua's (GCON) then President, Federal Republic of Nigeria delegation on a state visit to Paris, France in June 2008.

He was also a Member of President Goodluck Jonathan's (GCON) then President, Federal Republic of Nigeria delegation on a state visit to South Africa in 2014.

He was also a Member of President Muhammadu Buhari (GCON) President Federal Republic of Nigeria delegation on a state visit to South Africa in 2019.

He is also the Chairman of various foreign owned Companies operating in Nigeria.

In 2009 Chambers Global wrote this about Mr Giwa-Osagie.

"Clients are impressed by the work of this small boutique firm where "the helpful and friendly lawyers are exceptionally responsive and proactive, and have excellent knowledge of the market." The group provides a fully-fledged commercial practice with particular expertise in the telecoms, construction and banking sector, where the three partners provide "solid and reliable advice." A significant highlight for the team has been its role as legal adviser to Lafarge on a USD273 million expansion project. This transaction was headed by the "extremely astute and intelligent" Osayaba Giwa-Osagie. Clients are impressed with his "considerable commercial acumen" and understanding of the "needs of foreign investors by always keeping the client up to date with new laws..."

- (Chambers Global 2009 edition)

He is married with a daughter and son.



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The Otamiri Blue River in Imo State is one of the major rivers in the state which flows through Rivers State and into the Atlantic Ocean. It takes its name from the deity "Ota miri", a deity who owns all the waters called by his name. The river's sands are ideal for glass making.



GEMBU TEA PLANTATION

A tea plantation in Gembu, Mambilla Plateau, Taraba State. The plateau is the highest plateau in Nigeria, making it the best location for growing tea.





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CHUKWUKA IKWUAZOM, FCTI
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Chukwuka Ikwuazom, SAN, FCTI is a partner in the Disputes practice of Aluko & Oyebo. He is an important member of the firm's Oil and Gas practice and heads the firm's Taxation practice.

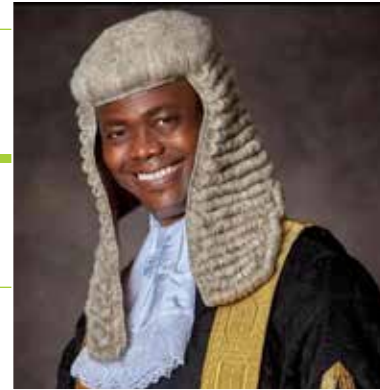
Chukwuka holds a law degree from the University of Nigeria and an LLM from Columbia University, New York where he received the Harlan Fiske Stone Prize (for academic excellence) and the Judith R. and Michael E. Thoyer scholarship (for LL.M. students with outstanding academic credentials). He is admitted to both the Nigerian and New York State Bars. He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria.

Chukwuka specialises in commercial litigation and arbitration. He has conducted litigation, at trial and appellate levels, on an extensive range of issues, including those pertaining to oil and gas, taxation, maritime, intellectual property, telecommunications, finance and banking, receiverships and insolvency. He was elevated to the prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in December 2020.

He has successfully litigated a number of landmark oil and gas taxation cases in which important legal principles have been established. He is currently representing a number of international oil companies in different tax disputes against Nigeria's Federal Inland Revenue Service before the Tax Appeal Tribunal, the Federal High Court, the Court of Appeal and the Supreme Court. He provides ongoing advice to Aluko & Oyebo's clients in the oil and gas sector (comprising virtually all international oil companies operating in Nigeria) on taxation and other matters.

Chukwuka was elected the Chairman of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Lagos Branch in July 2017 for a two-year term that terminated in July 2019. He was a member of the National Executive Committee of the NBA from 2017 to 2021.

YUSUF ASAMAH KADIRI
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Yusuf Asamah Kadiri, FCI Arb. (UK) is a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN), and a Partner in Jackson, Etti & Edu, a leading Nigerian full-service international law firm. He holds an LL.B Law degree from the University of Benin, Benin City, Nigeria; a BL (Barrister-at-Law) Practice Certificate from the Nigerian Law School, Council of Legal Education; an LL.M in International Business Law from the Boston University School of Law, Boston, Massachusetts, United States of America; an advanced practice Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration (DipICarb.) jointly from the Keeble College, Oxford University, United Kingdom and the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom; coupled with several other professional qualifications, including, Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom (FCI Arb.); Accredited Mediator of the Centre for Effective Dispute Resolution (CEDR), United Kingdom; Fellow of the Institute of Chartered Mediators and Conciliators (FICMC); Fellow of the Business Rescue and Insolvency Practitioners' Association of Nigeria (FBR - BRIPAN); amongst others.

He is a consummate Commercial Lawyer with extensive experience and expertise in diverse aspects of civil and commercial litigation, commercial arbitration, mediation, and other alternative dispute resolution mechanisms, as well as regulatory and compliance, insolvency and corporate rescue, mergers and acquisitions, international trade, amongst others. He has acted as Lead Counsel in several high-profile litigation matters cutting across all spheres of the Nigerian Courts and systems of justice administration, including High Courts of the States, Federal High Court, National Industrial Court, Court of Appeal, and the Supreme Court of Nigeria. He also has vast experience and skills in representing parties at Statutory Regulatory Bodies, Quasi-Judicial Tribunals, Executive and Administrative Investigative Panels, Legislative Investigative Panels, Judicial Commissions of Inquiry, etc.

He is also a practicing Arbitrator and Mediator. His practice in the field of Arbitration and Mediation includes providing legal representation as Counsel to disputing parties in Arbitration proceedings and Mediation sessions, as well as sitting as an Arbitrator or Co-Arbitrator over arbitral proceedings, and as a Mediator or Co-Mediator in Mediation sessions. His vast experience in Arbitration and ADR cuts across domestic and international arbitration as well as ad-hoc and institutional arbitration. He has acted for several international and local high-profile corporate clientele operating in diverse sectors of the economy, including the Construction and Infrastructure, Real Estate, Energy and Power, Petrochemicals and Oil Services, Automobiles, Financial Services, Health and Pharmaceuticals, Agro-allied, Industrial Electrical and Electronics, Information Technology, Automation Solutions, Telecommunications, Aviation, Shipping, and Fast Moving-Consumer-Goods (FMCG) sectors of the economy, amongst others.

He is an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association; Chairman of the Arbitration & ADR Committee of the Section on Business Law of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA-SBL); Member of the International Bar Association; Council Member of BRIPAN; Member of INSOL International (the leading International Association of Restructuring, Insolvency & Bankruptcy Professionals); Member of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (United Kingdom and Nigeria); Member of CEDR Solve (leading global network of International Mediators); Member of Association of CEDR (UK) Accredited Mediators of Nigeria (ACAMON); Member of the Institute of Energy Law (a division of the Centre for American & International Law); Member of Association for International Arbitration; Member of African Arbitration Association; a pioneer member of the Panel of Neutrals Page 2 of 2 of the Lagos Multi-Door Court-House (the Lagos High Court annexed ADR Centre); a Capital Market Consultant accredited by the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC); amongst others.

He has been ranked by Chambers & Partners Global Legal Review as a leading Commercial Litigation and Dispute Resolution Lawyer in Nigeria, every year since 2011 till date. He has also been recognized by Legal 500 as a "leading Commercial Litigation Lawyer"; as well as ranked by IFLR 100, Who's Who Legal, and CorporateINTL, amongst others. He holds the Royal Princely title of Yerima of Auchì Kingdom, in Edo State, Nigeria.



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BABATUNDE JOHN K. OGALA

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Babatunde John Kwame Ogala, SAN, FNIM, Fbr, FIMC was born to the illustrious Ogala family in Lagos State on the 15th of July, 1961. He began his Elementary education in Lagos at the Holy Cross School from 1967-73 and proceeded to St. George's College, from 1974-79 for his Secondary education. Upon completion of his studies, he enrolled at the University of Jos, where he studied Law from 1980 to 1985 after graduating with Honors from the University, he went on to the Nigerian Law School where he graduated and was called to Nigerian Bar in 1986.

He started his career with the Fonzy Associates Limited, Lagos, continued in the law firm of Chief Fola Akinrinsola & Co, Lagos; Femi Okunnu (SAN) & Co. (Solicitors) and G.M. Ibru & Co., Lagos to mention a few where he distinguished himself as a brilliant Legal Practitioner. He was also the General Counsel (Legal Adviser) of Guardian Press Limited. In 1997, he established the Law Firm of Babatunde K. Ogala (rebranded and named Babatunde Ogala & Co. in 2011) which grew in reputation over the years.

In 2007 he ventured into politics and was elected a member of the Lagos State House of Assembly. He was also the Chairman of the House Committee on Judiciary, Member of the Finance Committee; Committee on Public Accounts; Committee on Ethics, Protocol and Privileges; Committee on Human Rights and Public Petition; Committee on Infrastructure as well as several adhoc Committees a position he held till 2011. In 2014, Mr. Ogala was the Consultant to the Lagos State House of Assembly and Conference of speakers. He has also been a Resource person to the Houses of Assembly of Lagos and Kogi State on Constitutional matters. In 2018, Mr. Ogala returned into Politics and became the National legal Adviser of the All Progressives Congress; a position he held till June, 2020.

Babatunde John Kwame Ogala is a Senior Legal Practitioner, Insolvency Practitioner and Former Legislator with 36 years hands on experience. He is a well-trained Legislator and Solicitor who has attended several training courses and seminar on related matters at the World Bank and International Law Institute, both in Washington USA, USAID, UNDP, British Council, Centre for Management Development, DFID, SAVI and Human Development Initiative.

He is a member of the National Council of State Legislatures in the USA and has attended all its Legislative Summits from 2007 to date in New Orleans, Philadelphia, Louisville Kentucky and San Antonio Texas, in the USA. He also attended several International Bar Association Conferences and Seminars as well as Regional Fora on the Court Systems and Judicial Administration. Mr. Ogala has worked and consulted for International Agencies on Law Review and Reforms. He is also a Securities and Exchange Commission Registered Capital Market Consultants. He was honoured by the Senate and House of Representatives respectively of the State of Kentucky, USA.

Mr. Ogala is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, African Bar Association, International Bar Association and the American Bar Association, Section on International Law as well as Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria and Capital Market Solicitors Association of Nigeria. He is a member of several professional and social organisations.

He is Married to a virtuous woman who is a judge of the High Court of Lagos State and blessed with 3 Children.

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LOTANNA CHUKA OKOLI
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Lotanna Chuka Okoli, SAN is a Partner with Jurislaw where he heads the Dispute Resolution Team. He has over the past three decades been involved in providing legal support to clients in dispute resolution and commercial matters. He has litigated at all levels of courts in Nigeria and in various tribunals. His arbitration practice has been both as counsel and as arbitrator in local and international arbitration.

Lotanna advises public and private sector clients on complex legal and business matters bothering on diverse areas of the law. His areas of expertise include information and communication technology law, intellectual property law, energy law, aviation law and tax law. He employs his skills and experience in the representation of Jurislaw's diverse clientele in dispute management and commercial transactions.

Lotanna has advised on major power station projects in Nigeria and has been involved in litigating disputes arising therefrom.. He also provided legal advice to the consortium of banks and technology companies that set up the first payment switch in Nigeria, which pioneered the current revolution in electronic commerce and banking in Nigeria.

He is an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association where he has served on various committees. He is also a member of other professional associations including the Nigerian Institute of Chartered Arbitrators, the Chartered Institute of Taxation, the Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria, and the Business Recovery and Insolvency Practitioners Association of Nigeria.

He is an alumni of the University of Benin where he obtained his LL.B and Kings College, the University of London where he obtained his LL.M in Corporate Commercial Law. He was elevated to the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in December 2020.



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T.A.B. OLADIPO
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



T. A. B. Oladipo has over thirty-six (36) years' post-call experience acquired in the public service (public prosecution, civil litigation and legal draughtsmanship) and private legal practice.

He is the managing partner of Babajide Oladipo & Co. and an associate editor for Lawbreed Limited (publishers of the Supreme Court Reports). He was appointed a Notary Public of Nigeria in 2016.

His core practice areas include constitutional and administrative law; corporate and commercial legal service; family law, probate and administration; real estate and recovery of land; banking, finance and insolvency; labour and employment, civil tort, telecommunications and corporate governance.

He also advises clients, including public-sector clients, on a wide range of legal and regulatory issues.

Most significantly, although T. A. B. enjoys advocacy, he is more delighted when the client is satisfied more particularly as a result of expedited resolution of dispute.

He has delivered several seminal papers at various fora, and he preparing to write a book based on his vast experience working for a regulator of Deposit Money Banks and Financial Institutions in Nigeria.

He holds a Bachelor of Laws degree (LLB) with honours from the University of Jos, 1985; Master of Laws degree (LLM) from the Obafemi Awolowo University, 1991; Diploma in International Commercial Arbitration, 2009; and is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

T. A. B. enjoys mentoring young lawyers, and reading non-fiction, playing table tennis and scrabble in his spare time.

UKACHI FREDERICK ONUOBIA

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Called to the Nigerian Bar in 1992, Fred Onuobia, SAN is a graduate of the University of Nigeria and University College London.

Fred is the Managing Partner of G. Elias & Co., a pre-eminent Nigerian business law firm active in the “cutting edge” of Nigerian law and legal practice. Fred leads G. Elias & Co.’s banking and finance practices. With over 27 years practical legal experience, Fred’s practice covers banking and finance, projects, project finance, securities regulation and disputes resolution.

Fred has consistently been recognized as a Leading Lawyer and a Highly Regarded Lawyer in several globally-recognized international directories of lawyers such as IFLR, Chambers Global and Legal 500. Fred acts on a range of pioneering, complex and socially-impactful financings including for several global banks and has been in the forefront of providing legal advice for the burgeoning Nigerian derivatives market.

Fred has advised on numerous banking and finance transactions. He advised the African Export-Import Bank on its €1 billion financing to the Bank of Industry (the largest financing ever of a foreign development financial institution to a Nigerian development financial institution) and its US\$650 million financing to the Nigerian private sponsor of the largest ever new-build refinery respectively. In the oil and gas sector, he advised the lenders on the US\$1.5 billion pre-export forward sale transaction to finance the NNPC, Shell Petroleum and Total oilfield developments for the Nigerian national gas-to-power programme. In the structured finance sector, he has advised several leading international banks on swaps, repos and securities lending transactions with Nigerian counterparties.

Other notable transactions of his include advising a syndicate of lenders on the project financing and restructuring of the construction and rehabilitation of Lekki-Epe Toll Road (Nigeria’s pioneering toll road concession), advising the lenders on the Lagos Airport Terminal (MMA2) development concession (Nigeria’s pioneering private airport terminal), advising on the non-recourse financing for the development of the Calabar International Airport to Tinapa monorail facilities, and advising MTN Nigeria Communications Plc. on the over US\$1.1 billion sale of its tower assets to IHS.

Fred Onuobia is “very responsive and direct with his solutions to issues”, say sources, who describe him as “very responsive”. Chambers and Partners 2021.

Fred was conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in December 2020.



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PROFESSOR BOLAJI OWASANOYE

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Prof. Bolaji Owasanoye, SAN is Chairman of the Independent Corrupt Practices and Other Related Offences Commission, the first and pioneer anti-corruption and integrity institution in Nigeria. He is Taslim Elias Distinguished Professor of Law at the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators of Nigeria and a Senior Advocate of Nigeria the equivalent of Britain's Queens Counsel. Prof. Owasanoye has served as Executive Secretary of the Presidential Advisory Committee Against Corruption 2015-2019. In this capacity, he coordinated advisory and strategic work, and led the preparation of key policy and anti-corruption strategy interventions of the government including the asset recovery policy, whistleblower policy and framework for management of recovered assets.

He chaired the ECOWAS Committees on Drafting of the Community Investment Code and Community Investment Policy. He has also served as a Member of the African Union Committee on the Draft of the Pan African Investment Code. He prepared the framework for draft of the Common African Position on Asset Recovery and was part of the team that facilitated its adoption at the AU in 2019. He is a member of the UN High Level Panel on International Financial Accountability, Transparency and Integrity for achieving the 2030 Agenda set up by President of the General Assembly and the President of the Economic and Social Council in 2020. He was Professorial Research Associate, School of Oriental and African Studies University of London 2011-2013; Visiting Professor, University of Pretoria 2015-2017; Member of Council, Criminal Law Committee of the International Bar Association 2011-2013; Member, International Bar Association Presidential Task Force on Human Trafficking 2015-2016; Senior Special Fellow, United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) since 2000. He prepared the draft law establishing the Debt Management Office of Nigeria in 2002 and the law establishing the Office of the Public Defender in Lagos State in 2006.

He has consulted for United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR), UNICEF, DFiD, USAID, World Bank, World Bank Institute, International Labor Organization, Ford Foundation, ECOWAS, African Union, West African Institute for Finance and Economic Management (WAIFEM); Federal and state Ministries, Departments and Agencies (MDAs) in Nigeria. He is co-founder of Human Development Initiatives (HDI), a not for profit and consulting organization. Together with other leading organizations, HDI implemented the Stop Impunity Nigeria Campaign focusing on eliminating impunity in public finance management. Mr. Owasanoye holds a Bachelor of Laws degree from the University of Ife; Master of Laws from the University of Lagos; Certificate in Legislative Drafting from the Royal Institute of Public Administration UK and Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, 1992; Certificate in Negotiating and Drafting International Trade Agreements from the International Law Institute, Washington DC 1993; Certificate 2 in Managing Development Projects from IMA Associates, UK, 2000 and Executive Education Certificate in Applying Behavioral Insight to Design of Public Policy from Harvard Kennedy School of Government 2016.

ADEDAPO TUNDE-OLOWU Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Adedapo Tunde-Olowu, SAN is a partner at AELEX. His practice focuses on the resolution of disputes relating to Foreign Direct Investment, Tax, Transportation, Mining, Banking and Finance matters. He has many years' experience in commercial litigation and arbitration and has acted as counsel or as arbitrator in several arbitral proceedings. He has practised extensively before all the superior courts of record in Nigeria.

He advises clients from around the world on direct or portfolio foreign investment and legal issues relating to insolvency, labour law, receivership and corporate liquidation. He also represents international flag carriers in matters ranging from passenger, cargo and baggage claims to insurance disputes.

He is recognised by the Legal 500 EMEA (2015) as having "extensive experience in commercial litigation and arbitration." He is one of the 31 litigators highlighted in the 2021 edition of Who's Who Legal Nigeria for their outstanding work in the field of handling disputes. Who's Who Legal named him as a National Leader in Litigation described him as "highly praised for his 'outstanding intellect' and his extensive experience handling complex disputes relating to tax, transportation, banking and finance."

Dapo is from Lagos State. He graduated from the University of Benin in 1987 and holds a Masters of Laws Degree (LL.M) from the University of Lagos (2003). He is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK), the Chartered Institute of Taxation and the Institute of Construction Industry Arbitrators.

He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, the International Bar Association, the London Court of International Arbitration (African Users' Council) and the Law Society of England and Wales. He is on the Kigali International Arbitration Centre's panel of international arbitrators. He was admitted to practise law in Nigeria in 1988, and in England and Wales in 2009. He was appointed a Notary Public in 2006. He also attained the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria in 2020.

He regularly contributes to the growth and development of the Nigeria Bar Association at the branch level. He is passionate about the development of Nigeria's legal jurisprudence and heads the editorial team that produced the Aviation Law Reports of Nigeria (AVLRN), a specialised report covering judgments of the Supreme Court, the Court of Appeal and the Federal High Court on aviation matters.



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Ogbunike Cave in Anambra State is one of the most visited tourist sites in Nigeria. It is said to have been a hideout from slave raiding parties during the slave trade era.



Okposi Salt Lake in Ebonyi State is a pool of salt water that never dries, regardless of the length of a dry season. The lake is believed to have health benefits. It is also a source of livelihood for many women of the area who process salt from it.





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SPECIAL AWARD

Honourable
SABITIU OLASUMBO O. GOODLUCK
Justice of the Court of Appeal



Honourable Justice Sabitiu Olasumbo O. Goodluck was born in Lagos. Her parents are the Late Mohammad Salisu Mobolaji Alli-Balogun Esq. and Alhaja Khadijat Kubrat Alli Balogun (Nee Pacheco-Pedro). She started her education at Corona School, Apapa, Lagos. In January 1970, She proceeded to Saint Anne's School, Molete, Ibadan.

Thereafter, in 1974 She attended Methodist Girls High School, Yaba for her Higher School Certificate, HSC programme. There, she was listed on the MGHS Honours List 1975/ 76 and passed out as the best Arts Student.

Sabitiu Olasumbo obtained her LL.B Hons from the University of Lagos in 1976 having completed the Law Degree Course. Whilst there, She was the Secretary of the Muslim Students Association, MSS, Unilag Branch.

Sabitiu Olasumbo was called to the Nigerian Bar in July 1980 upon completion of her mandatory one year programme for law graduates at the Nigerian Law School. She was engaged as counsel in the Law Firm of Alao Aka Bashorun & Co. and later in 1986 She worked at Burke & Co.

In 1990 Sabitiu Olasumbo joined the partnership of Messrs Carew, Elemide & Goodluck.

On the 17 December, 2003, She was elevated to the Higher Bench as a Judge of the High Court of the Federal Capital Territory where She served meritoriously and received diverse awards for diligence and distinguished performance as a judicial officer. In June, 2021, Her Lordship was sworn in as a Justice of the Court of Appeal.

Over the years, She has commendably held diverse responsibilities, whilst in private practice, She was the Secretary, Nigeria Bar Association, Lagos Branch, as a Judge She was appointed Chairman of the Apo Six Killings Panel of Inquiry, pioneer ADR Judge of the High Court of the FCT.

Justice Sabitiu Olasumbo Goodluck was twice appointed as the Amira Hajj of the FCT for the Hajj delegation to Saudi Arabia in 2015 and 2016. She is currently the 2nd Vice President of the Jamat Ul Islamiyya of Nigeria and Overseas.

Her Lordship is a member of several professional associations. She is an Accredited CEDR Mediator, Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, UK. Hon Justice Goodluck has presented several papers locally and Internationally at Workshops and Conferences.

Her Lordship is happily married to Dr. Wakeel Babatunde Goodluck and are blessed with Children and Grandchildren.

Her hobbies are engaging in philanthropic activities, watching documentaries and gardening.



GOODWILL MESSAGE TO (NBA) LAGOS BRANCH

JOE-KYARI GADZAMA, OFR, MFR, SAN, FCI Arb, C.Arb.

Chairman, Mentoring Committee of the Body of Benchers for Young Lawyers

Pioneer Chairman, NBA-SPIDEL (2006-2010)

Chairman, NBA, Abuja Branch (2002-2004)

I deeply facilitate with the NBA Lagos Branch on your monthly meeting. As usual, the essence of this meeting is not just to drink and eat but to make a meaningful contribution towards the development and improvement of the legal profession.

As ministers of the temple of justice, the mandate of every member of the NBA is clear and simple, to be a voice to the common man out there and to uphold the rule of law and its principles. These gathering also serves as a platform for lawyers to network and build professional camaraderie amongst themselves and I urge all lawyers of the branch to attend, as the opportunities open to lawyers at these meetings cannot be overemphasized.

I wish you successful deliberations as we all continue to work towards the goal of taking the bar to greater heights.

As you have a pleasant evening, please be assured of my best wishes and support always.

Thank you and God bless.



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SPECIAL AWARD

Honourable
TAIWO O. TAIWO
Judge of the Federal High Court of Nigeria
Chairman, NBA Lagos Branch (2011 - 2013)



His Lordship attended the University of Ife (now Obafemi Awolowo University) where he obtained Bachelors of Arts in History/ Political Science in 1980. He served in the compulsory National Youth Service program at Nigerian Defence Academy, Kaduna as an instructor in International Affairs from 1980 to 1981. He bagged the Bachelor of Laws degree in 1985 from the University of Ibadan and was called to the Nigerian Bar as a Solicitor and Barrister in 1986.

Hon. Justice Taiwo worked in the law firms of Ogunsanya & Ogunsanya and Prof. C. O. Olawoye & Co. before he established his own law firm, Taiwo O. Taiwo & Co. in 1991. He was in active legal practice as a lawyer and he was involved in many cases at all levels of the courts until in 2015 when he was appointed and sworn in as a Judge of the Federal High Court of Nigeria.

He was the President of the Law Students Society, University of Ibadan as a student. He was also very active in the Nigerian Bar Association when he was in practice. He was at one time the Chairman NBA (Lagos branch), Secretary NBA (Lagos branch), 2nd Vice Chairman NBA (Lagos branch) member Electoral Committee(Lagos Branch) and later the National 2nd Vice President of the NBA. He was a member of the National Executive Committee of the NBA for many years and was appointed member Law Reform and Welfare Committee and the Human Rights Institute of the Nigerian Bar Association.

He represented the NBA at the 600 years anniversary of the signing of the Magna Carta “the Bill of Rights” in 2014 in London, United Kingdom. He was the NBA representative on the Governing Board of the National Orientation Agency from 2013 until he was appointed a judge. He is currently a member of the Nigerian Judicial Expert Group on Law and Religious Studies for the International Center for Law and Religion. He is a member of the International Bar Association and has attended seminars and conferences at home and abroad and has to his credit papers delivered at some of these seminars and conferences.

He is happily married to Hon. Justice Oluwatoyin Abosede Taiwo of the High Court of Lagos State since 1981. They are blessed with children, two of whom are lawyers and in practice. He is a grandfather who loves traveling, reading, watching documentaries, music and walking.

SPECIAL AWARD

PAUL USORO, SAN
President, Nigerian Bar Association
(2018 - 2020)



Paul Usoro, SAN is the immediate past President of the Nigerian Bar Association (“NBA”) having been elected to the office in 2018 for a two-year term that terminated in August 2020. By virtue of his office as the NBA President, he also served as a member in the Body of Benchers, National Judicial Council, Council of Legal Education and the Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies. Paul served on several standing and ad-hoc Committees of these bodies and in some of them, he served as the Chairman. His membership of the National Judicial Council and Body of Benchers was renewed after his tenure and he remains a member of those bodies. He is also a member of the Presidential Implementation Committee on Autonomy of the State Legislature and Judiciary that was constituted in 2018 by President Muhammadu Buhari, GCON to work out modalities for ensuring the autonomy of the States’ Legislatures and Judiciaries.

As President of the NBA, Paul introduced wide-ranging and far-reaching governance innovations and processes in and for the management and administration of the Association. It was in his time as President that the NBA introduced a sustained publication to its members of the Association’s Quarterly Financial Statements, prepared by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Some of these transformational governance provisions were incorporated into the Constitution of the Nigerian Bar Association, 2015 (as amended) during the Association’s Annual General Meeting that was held in Lagos, Nigeria on 29 August 2019. Paul inherited zero funds in the Association’s accounts and was indeed faced with liabilities amounting to N908,423,094.00. Through careful husbanding and management of the Association’s funds, he liquidated almost all these liabilities and a credit balance of N676,713,776.00 in the NBA’s Practicing and Admin Accounts – the Association’s two operations accounts – a feat never achieved in the history of NBA.

Paul’s outstanding tenure as NBA President was not limited to conserving funds; he spent wisely on enduring projects. He completed the construction of the NBA Secretariat in Abuja and pioneered the free subscription of the Law Pavilion for all Young Lawyers who had paid their practicing fees for year 2020 at a time that COVID19 ravaged the country and made law practice quite challenging. His administration resuscitated the life insurance scheme for lawyers and ensured that the Branches were promptly paid their share of the practicing fees paid by members. Talking about COVID-19, Paul’s administration tabled the issue of technology for justice administration in a well-constructed memo that was tabled before and adopted by the NJC in the wake of the COVID-induced national lockdown. That NBA memo led to the constitution of the NJC Committee that came up with the COVID-19 Guidelines for all Courts in the country which resulted in the introduction of virtual hearing facilities in several courts in the land.

On the law practice front, Paul is the Founding Partner of Paul Usoro & Co (“PUC”), a full-service Nigerian Commercial Law Firm. Apart from earning his stripes as a seasoned and exceptionally skilled advocate, Paul is an experienced transactional lawyer whose records and accomplishments include



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the world-acclaimed, first-ever and all-round successful Nigerian Digital Mobile Spectrum Auction that was conducted in 2000 which fetched the Federal Government of Nigeria US\$855,000,000.00. Paul is indeed generally acknowledged as Nigeria's leading telecommunications lawyer. On his advocacy skills, international and Nigerian bluechip companies and individuals routinely seek Paul's litigation support and experience.

Paul serves and has served on the Board of several corporate organizations. He serves as a director of Access Bank Plc, Nigeria's leading financial institution, having been appointed to the board of the Bank in 2014. He is the Chairman of the Board's Human Resources and Sustainability Committee and Technical Committee on Retail Expansion. He also serves as a member of the Board's Audit Committee, Governance, Nomination & Remuneration Committee, Risk Management Committee and the Credit & Finance Committee. Paul is also a director of PZ Cussons Plc, having been appointed to the Board of the Company in 2011; he chairs the Governance & People Committee of the Board.

Paul was a pioneer director of Airtel Nigeria Limited, Nigeria's leading mobile telephone company, having been appointed to the Company's Board in 2001 and retired therefrom in 2018. At inception, the company was known as Econet Networks Limited; over the years, the company underwent major ownership and structural changes prior to its acquisition by Bharti Airtel of India in 2010. Prior to the Bharti Airtel acquisition, the major shareholder of the company was Celtel BV, which acquired the company in a 2006 deal that was valued at about US\$1bn. Paul was the lead negotiator of that transaction, representing the then Nigerian shareholders. As at 2018 when he retired from the Board of the Company, Paul was the only surviving pioneer director of the company and had headed the Board's Audit Committee since the acquisition by Bharti Airtel.

The erstwhile President of Nigeria, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, GCFR, appointed Paul in 2011 as one of the pioneer directors of the Nigerian Bulk Electricity Trading Plc. ("NBET") – Nigeria's sole power trading organization, fully-owned by the Federal Government of Nigeria. NBET occupies a niche position in Nigeria's power reform roadmap and has a special mention in Nigeria's Electric Power Sector Reform Act, 2005, Cap E7 Laws of the Federation of Nigeria, 2004. Nigeria's Minister of Finance chaired the NBET Board and the Minister of Power was a member. Up till the dissolution of the Boards of all Federal Government-owned companies in July 2015, Paul served as the Chairman of NBET's Board Audit Committee.

Between 2008 and 2014, Paul served as a director on the Board of Premium Pensions Limited, a leading Nigerian pension funds administrator and was, during that period, the Chairman of the Board's Audit Committee. Paul served also on the Board of Credit Registry Services (Credit Bureau) Plc, Nigeria's credit-rating organization, having been appointed thereto as the representative of Zenith Bank Plc, one of Nigeria's leading banks. Paul served on the Board of Marina Securities Limited since 2011 and was the Chairman of the Company until his retirement in 2016.

Paul was educated at the University of Ife, Ile-Ife in Nigeria where he obtained his Bachelor of Laws degree (with Honors) in 1981. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1982 and was elevated to the Inner Bar as a Senior Advocate of Nigeria (equivalent of Queen's Counsel in the United Kingdom) in 2003. Paul routinely delivers legal related papers at workshops, seminars, training and lecture sessions. He is married to Mfon Ekong Usoro, Nigeria's leading maritime lawyer and they are blessed with children.

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Nigeria is home to seven percent (7%) of the total languages spoken on earth. Taraba State alone has more languages than 30 African countries.

The Jos Plateau Indigobird, a small reddish-brown bird, is found nowhere else on the planet but Plateau state, Nigeria.

The Anambra waxbill, a small bird of many beautiful colours, is found only in Southern Nigeria and nowhere else on earth.

Nigeria, with 521 languages has the fourth highest number of languages in the world. This includes 510 living languages, two second languages without native speakers and 9 extinct languages.

The Walls of Benin (800-1400AD) in present day Edo State, are the longest ancient earthworks in the world, and probably the largest man-made structure on earth. They enclose 6500 square kilometres of community lands that connected about 500 communities. At over 16000km long, it was thought to be twice the length of the Great Wall of China, until it was announced in 2012 (after five years of meticulous measurement by Chinese surveyors) that the Great Wall is about 21,000km long.

The Yoruba tribe has the highest rate of twin births in the world. Igbo-Ora, a little town in Oyo state, has been nicknamed Twin capital of the World because of its unusually high rate of twins that is put as high as 158 twins per 1000 births.



In March 2021, CNN Travel rated Banga Soup as No 1 of 20 of the world's best soups

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Drill monkeys are an endangered species and can only be found in Cameroun and Nigeria at the Afi Mountain Ranch Sanctuary in Calabar

Nigeria's national flower is the *costus spectabilis*, commonly known as the yellow trumpet. It grows all over Nigeria and symbolises the beauty of the nation, its uniqueness, and prosperity.

The Niger Delta (which is the second largest delta on the planet), has the highest concentration of monotypic fish families in the world, and is also home to sixty percent of Nigeria's mangrove forests. Nigeria's mangrove forests are the largest in Africa and third largest on earth.

Sarki Muhammad Kanta the Great of Kebbi, was the only ruler who resisted control by Songhai, West Africa's greatest empire at that time. He founded and ruled the Hausa city-state of Kebbi around 1600 A.D and built Surame its capital, a planned city which was almost impossible to penetrate during war. UNESCO describes Surame as "one of the wonders of human history, creativity and ingenuity", and probably the most massive stone-walled construction in West Africa. Sarki Muhammad Kanta is listed in Robin Walker's 50 Greatest Africans.

According to the World Resources Institute, Nigeria is home to 4,715 different types of plant species, and over 550 species of breeding birds and mammals, making it one of the most ecologically vibrant places on earth.

The oldest discovered boat in Africa, and 3rd oldest on the world, the 8500-year-old Dufuna canoe was discovered by a Fulani herdsman in 1987 in Dufuna village, Fune LGA.





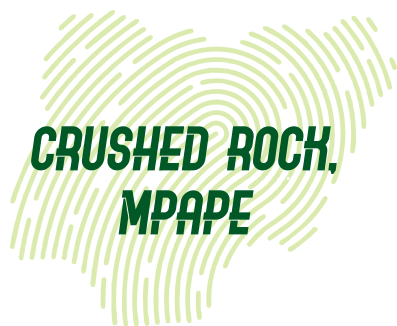
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PALACE OF THE EMIR OF DUTSE

The Emir of Dutse's palace in Hadeija, Jigawa State. It reflects the intricate traditional architecture and artistry of the region.

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Crushed Rock, Mpape is a beautiful tourist site on the outskirts of Abuja.





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2021 AWARDEES

On the 8th of December, 2021 the following distinguished members of the Premier Branch were conferred with the rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria

Sir Olukayode Oluwole Adeluola, SAN

Adeleke Olaniyi Agbola, SAN

Olaotan Olusegun Ajose-Adeogun, SAN

James Akingbola Akinola, SAN

Matthew Gwar Burkaa, SAN

Chijoke Ogugua Precious Emeka, SAN

Afolabi Fatai Kuti, SAN

Charles Dumbiri Mekwunye, SAN

Mark Okebuinor Mordi, SAN

Ikenna Okoli, SAN

Ayo Abraham Olorunfemi, SAN

Prof. Abiola Olaitan Sanni, SAN

Prof. Bankole Akintoye Sodipo, SAN

Ndubuisi Umeh, SAN

OLUKAYODE OLUWOLE ADELUOLA Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Olukayode Oluwole Adeluola, SAN was born on the 20th day of April 1961 in Lagos. He is from Abeokuta, Ogun State.

He attended Igbobi College Yaba Lagos and Federal Government College Ijanikin.

He attended the University of Lagos from 1980 to 1983 where he graduated with a B.A Hons degree in History.

He went through the compulsory N.Y.S.C Programme in Imo State from 1983 to 1984

He attended the University of Lagos again between 1984 and 1987 where he received his training in Law and obtained the LL.B Hons degree in Law.

He was called to bar in 1988.

LEGAL PRACTICE AND PUPILLAGE

OLUKAYODE practised Law with the firm of Barristers – AYANLAJA & ADESANYA from 1988 until the year 1990, having received early exposure to Court practice, decorum, presentation, dignity, candour and a proper approach to drafting and articulate advocacy.

In 1990 he joined the Law firm of YOMI OSHIKOYA & CO., where he gained expertise in Aviation Law under the direction of the Late Otunba Yomi Oshikoya. He worked there until 1995.

Olukayode was one of the founding partners of the firm COKER & ADELUOLA established in the year 1995 to carry on practice as Barristers and Solicitors.

Olukayode has remained a consummate Barrister and has remained largely in the Court room.

Olukayode Adeluola applied for the rank of SAN in 2020 and again in 2021, when he was found qualified for the rank by the LPPC.

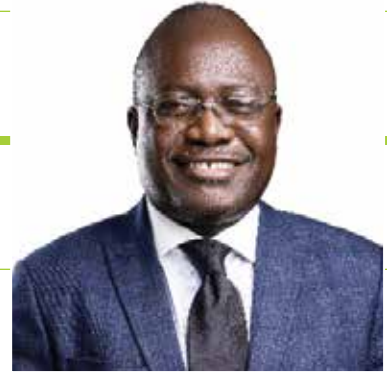
Olukayode is a committed member of the NBA and has apart from paying statutory and mandatory dues, has committed time, energy and finance in the sponsorship of activities and meetings of the NBA Lagos Branch. He was a member of the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee of the NBA Lagos Branch.

Olukayode has been married to DR. MRS ABIMBOLA MASAN ADELUOLA, a Dental Practitioner with Lagos State Health Service Commission for 26 years. They have four sons.



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ADELEKE OLANIYI AGBOLA, FCI Arb.
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Adeleke Agbola, SAN attended Iwoye Ijesa Grammar School, Iwoye Ijesa from 1976 to 1981. Proceeded to Ilesha Grammar School in 1981 for HSC between 1981 and 1982.

He was admitted to University of Ife (now OAU) in 1982 and was a member of the Dean's Brigade and a University Scholar and graduated with honours from the University in 1986 and proceeded to the Nigeria Law School.

He was called to the Bar on 22nd October 1987. At the Nigerian Law School, he won the following academic Awards:

- i. Chief Richard Akinjide Prize in the Law of Evidence
- ii. Hon. Justice Atanda Fatayi-Williams Prize in the Law of Evidence:
- iii. Hon. Justice Jacob Sofolahan Prize in General Paper.

He did his NYSC at the Legal Department of First Bank of Nigeria Enugu.

He is an experienced legal practitioner with a demonstrated history of working in the law practice industry.

Skilled in Legal Writing, Corporate Governance, Appeals, International Law, Commercial Arbitration and Criminal Law. Has served as Arbitrator in resolving major disputes and has also acted as Counsel in major international arbitration. Has passion for Alumni development and volunteering for charitable causes.



OLAOTAN AJOSE-ADEOGUN

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Olaotan Ajose-Adeogun, SAN, FCARB. was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1984 has been the principal in chamber of Olaotan Ajose-Adeogun & Co. since 1991. The law firm located on Ajose-Adeogun Street in Victoria Island, Lagos' central business district, has experience in numerous areas including but not limited to Energy and Petroleum Law, Corporate and Commercial Law, Banking and Insurance and Representation of Foreign Investors in respect to Investment in Nigeria.

Apart from being a member of the Nigerian Bar Association and Nigerian Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, he is also a member of The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in the UK.

Olaotan has also used his legal expertise outside the legal profession, as he was the legal advisor to the Victoria Garden City Property Owner's and Residence Association and a member of the Financial Committee of the Cathedral of St. Jude, Ebute-Metta Lagos.



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CHIEF JAMES AKINGBOLA AKINOLA, FCIArb.
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



CHIEF J. AKINGBOLA AKINOLA, SAN, FCIArb. graduated Bachelor of Laws (LLB) with honours from the University of Lagos in 1986 after obtaining a B.Sc. with honours in Political Science from the University of Ibadan in 1982. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in 1987 and admitted to practice as a Solicitor and Barrister of the Supreme Court of Nigeria.

He was a State Counsel in the Civil Litigation Department of the Federal Ministry of Justice, that is, in the Attorney general's Chambers and later became the Special Assistant to the Solicitor General of the Federation of Nigeria between 1987 and 1988.

He joined the Corporate and Commercial law practice of George Etomi & Partners in January 1989 and became the Head, Litigation Department of the firm (1989-1992), where after he established his private practice Gbola Akinola & Co, in 1992. Prior to Gbola Akinola & Co's merger with four other practices forming THE LAW UNION in May 1998, he developed a specialty in Corporate and Commercial law litigation, Arbitration, Oil and Gas Law, general Maritime and Aviation practice and Environmental issues.

He is a Legal Practitioner with cognate experience in Corporate and Commercial Law practice and a highly skilled advocate with extensive commercial legal advisory experience. He has acted on several occasions for Oil and Gas Companies, ship owners, charterers, shippers and marine insurers including P&I Clubs. Provided advice on several aspects of shipping law including ship arrests cargo loss and damage, ship sale and purchase, disputes arising out of bills of lading, charter parties, collisions, insurance and other marine related matters.

He has also focused on Oil and Gas, Energy Law, Aviation, Environmental Law, Civil and Commercial Litigation and Alternate Dispute Resolution (ADR). He has acquired considerable experience in negotiation and concluding commercial contracts bordering on acquisition and disposition of Aviation and Shipping equipment. His contacts are extensive in the Aviation, Shipping, Oil and Gas Industry, operational, regulatory, support service and corporate finance business within Nigeria and abroad.

He has experience of and continues to seek new challenges in the growing field of Environmental law and practice, waste management, industrial and marine pollution, green issues both within and outside Nigeria. He has advised clients across the full range of environmental issues, from industrial and marine pollution through waste management and product liability to development control.

J. Akingbola Akinola was appointed a Notary Public in May 1998, admitted as an Associate of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in November 1999, elected a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in February 2001 and became listed as a member of the Institute's Panel of Chartered Arbitrators in August 2006.



MATTHEW GWAR BURKAA
Senior Advocate of Nigeria

Matthew Burkaa, SAN was born on the 3rd day of August 1979 to family of Sergeant and Mrs Burkaa Gwar both of Nasarawa State in North Central Nigeria.

His formal education took him through the Government College, Obi Nasarawa state and the prestigious Ahmadu Bello University Zaria where he graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Law and later the Nigerian Law School, Lagos Campus. He was admitted to the Nigerian Bar in 2006 after he graduated from both institutions with a Second Class (Upper) degree.

In his insatiable quest for more knowledge he obtained a Master's of Law Degree (LL.M) from the University of Lagos in 2014.

He is a Notary Public of Nigeria and a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitration (UK)

He has over 15 years of varied experience in litigation and advocacy. He commenced his career as a pupil Counsel at the Chambers of the Attorney General, Ministry of Justice, Yobe State. He also worked as a draftsman at the Yobe State House of Assembly before joining the firm of S.M Also & Co in Damaturu, Yobe State, and thereafter the law firm of Tayo Oyetibo & Co in Lagos, Nigeria where he served as a Senior Counsel for about 7 years and honed his skills in litigation and advocacy. He has also attended extensive training and development courses both in Nigeria and abroad on skill enhancement in core areas such as Oil and Energy law, Labour Law, Family Law, Bankruptcy Law, etc.

Matthew Burkaa's greatest skills are in litigation and advocacy where he has acted for clients, settled briefs of arguments and appeared in very high profile civil and criminal matters from the lowest court to the Supreme Court in Nigeria. He is also very skilled in negotiating complex deals for clients with favourable outcomes.

Matthew Burkaa, SAN has a multi-disciplinary background in diverse areas of Corporate Governance Law and is an astute Arbitrator.

He is an active member of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), the International Bar Association (IBA) and a volunteer member of Amnesty International.

On the 21st day of October 2021, he was conferred with the prestigious rank of Senior Advocate of Nigeria (SAN) by the Legal Practitioners Privileges Committee(LPPC) and his investiture into the rank the Chief Justice of Nigeria was formally celebrated the 8th day of December 2021.

He is currently the Managing Partner of the Law Firm of Matthew Burkaa &Co. Situate at Lekki, Lagos State.



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The Ado-Awaye Suspended Lake near Iseyin in Oyo State, is the only suspended lake in Africa and one of only two in the whole world.



RIVER NIGER AND RIVER BENUE CONFLUENCE POINT

An aerial view of the confluence point where the River Niger and the River Benue meet at Lokoja, Kogi State. River Niger is the 3rd longest river in Africa after the Nile and the Congo. It flows through four countries starting from the Fouta Djallon Mountains in Guinea, passing through Mali, Niger and Nigeria, where it discharges into the Atlantic Ocean through the Niger Delta. The River Niger is 4,200km long and joins with its main tributary, the River Benue, at Lokoja.





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CHIJIJOKE OGUGUA PRECIOUS EMEKA,
FICMC; MCI Arb. (UK)
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Chijioke Ogugua Precious Emeka, SAN obtained his LL.B. degree from Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka, in 1999 after a two-year stint in Mass Communication. He attended the Nigerian Law School, Bwari, FCT in 2000, with the last single-campus set before the introduction of multi-campus system. He was called to the Nigerian Bar in January 2001. C. O. P. (as he is known among his colleagues) worked with Mike Ozekhome's Chambers and Olisa Agbakoba & Associates, respectively. He was at the cutting-edge of practice at those leading law firms. He was later appointed Partner (Litigation) in the latter. In 2013, he founded Auxano Law; a multi-service law firm with offices in Lagos and Abuja.

Chijioke sees law as a tool for social justice, social engineering and social change. This reflects in his brand of advocacy generally. His public interest advocacy in Suit No: FHC/L/CS/941/2010, Olisa Agbakoba, SAN v National Assembly & Anor. helped to resolve the standoff between the National Assembly and the then president, Dr. Goodluck Jonathan, over presidential assent to constitution amendment. His advocacy also saw to the setting aside of five death sentences by the Court of Appeal within a period of three years. They are *Awelle v People of Lagos State* (2016) LPELR-41395; *Okon v State* (2017) LPELR-42639; *Mendrick v State* (2018) LPELR-45549, *Kayode v State* (2018) LPELR-50108 and *Zebulon v State* (2019) 11 NWLR (Part 1684) 383.

He argued the leading case of *Zhiya v State* (2016) LPELR-40562 on the legal effect of a confessional statement obtained without video evidence contrary to Section 9(3), Administration of Criminal Justice Law 2011, Lagos State. His point that such confession is legally impotent and ought not to ground a conviction was upheld by the Court of Appeal, and has been applied in *Awelle v People of Lagos State* (2016) LPELR-41395 and *Eneche v People of Lagos State* (2018) LPELR-45826, both of which he also argued.

His advocacy in *Ihenacho & 4 Ors. v NPF & 2 Ors.* (2017) 12 NWLR (Part 1580) 424 helped to put to rest the vexed issue of the extent of the jurisdiction of the Federal High Court in Fundamental Rights Enforcement applications with regards to its shared jurisdiction with the State High Court. Also, in *Kolo v NPF & 3 Ors.* (2018) LPELR-43635, a Full Court empanelled by the President of the Court of Appeal on the issue, unanimously upheld his position and reaffirmed the earlier decision, which has remained the law on the issue.

Chijioke has represented several blue-chip organizations in resolving complex commercial disputes through litigation and ADR. This includes disputes in the downstream oil and gas sector, maritime/shipping sector and general business/commercial issues. His passion for law practice has resulted in remarkable contributions to the study and practice of law through advocacy and juridical articles on diverse legal issues.

FOLABI KUTI
Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Folabi Kuti, SAN graduated with an LL.B (Upper Division) from the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife. Upon being called to the Bar, he subsequently obtained an LL.M (Masters of Law) from the University of Lagos.

Folabi Kuti is the supervising partner of Perchstone & Graeys' employment law, company law and litigation desks. Folabi has a keen interest in the development of Nigerian law as well as those of other jurisdictions. His resourcefulness has contributed immensely to deepening the corporate and commercial advocacy practice of the firm.

A prolific writer, Folabi is widely published on a vast range of subjects such as commercial litigation, civil procedure and literary criticism. He is also a contributing editor to the widely acclaimed UK-based publication, The Employment Law Review (as a co-contributor to the Nigerian chapter); a member of the editorial board of the Electricity Law Reports.

Folabi brings to his work penetrating insights accrued over several years of experience in core litigation, and practice areas - Corporate Commercial Litigation, Alternative Dispute Resolution, Intellectual Property Law, Insolvency and Secured Credit Transactions and Labour & Employment matters.

Folabi is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association, and the International Bar Association. He is a Notary Public and is registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission to practise in the Nigerian capital market.

Folabi is a regular Speaker/Facilitator/Resource person at conferences and seminars, particularly those dealing with the evolving 'world of work' and related legal issues involved.



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MARK MORDI

Senior Advocate of Nigeria

Mark Mordi, FCI.Arb. heads the firm's Maritime, Shipping and Aviation practice and advises on all aspects of Maritime, Shipping and Admiralty law. He also heads the Firm's Intellectual Property Litigation Practice and he has advised on all aspects of these sectors.

He is a seasoned litigator who has successfully carved a niche for himself in Maritime Enforcement matters, as well as negotiating out of Court settlements in favour of his clients in this area.

His areas of specialization include Commercial Litigation and Arbitration, Maritime & Shipping, Oil and Gas, Admiralty, Construction, Aviation, Franchising, Debt Recovery Disputes, as well as general civil litigation matters both at the trial and appellate levels. Mark advises on all aspects of the Nigerian Litigation practice and procedure.

Mark's expertise is well recognized in the public domain, some of which include publications such as Who's Who Legal Nigeria 2012, where he was described as a legal practitioner with an "astute legal mind". The Intellectual Market Place Analysis 2013 describes him as an "Excellent negotiator" and a "Formidable Litigator".

Mark has a sound understanding of the Maritime & Shipping practice. His very pragmatic approach to dispute resolution and strategy as well as resolute commitment to the best interest of his clients in transactions and the inevitable attendant success makes him an invaluable member of the team. He is a thorough professional.

He is a member of the Nigerian Bar Association; International Bar Association; and he is a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK and a Certified Mediator of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.

Membership in Professional societies

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators UK
- Certified Mediator, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators
- Member, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria Branch
- Member, Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- Member, Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law (NBA-SBL)
- Member, Anti-Counterfeiting Committee of the International Trademarks Association.

Education

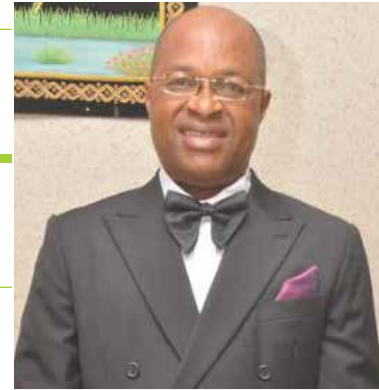
- 1989 Called to the Nigerian Bar
- 1988 University of Benin, LL.B. (Hons)

Employment Record

- Partner, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos, Nigeria: 2003 to date
- Senior Associate, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos, Nigeria: 2000-2003
- Associate, Aluko & Oyeboode, Lagos, Nigeria: 1996-1999.

AYO ABRAHAM OLORUNFEMI

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Olorunfemi holds an LL.B. Degree with honours from Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria, in 1988 and a B.L. Honours, Nigerian Law School Lagos, 1989. He did his compulsory National Youth Service (NYSC) with the Nigerian Legal Aid Council, Ibadan from 1989 – 1990 where his duty included providing legal aid services and visiting the Maximum-Security Prison, Ilesha (now Osun State) on a monthly basis and recommending indigent prisoners for pro bono services. He also holds a Masters in Law from the University of Lagos, where he majored in Law of the Seas, International Economics Law, Conflict of Laws and Human Rights Law. He was the Director of Litigation and Corporate Affairs, Ibrahim Buba & Company, Kaduna between 1990 and 1992, and Managing Partner of the JO Ajewole & Company, Ilorin, 1992 - 1995.

He joined David Jemibewon & Company, 1995 - 1997 as an Associate. He later joined the reputable law firm of Femi Atoyebi & Company in 1997 as joint head of Chambers. He is also well versed in the law of secured credit transactions.

He is a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute of Management (Chartered) and a Notary Public for Nigeria. He became a partner in the law firm of Femi Atoyebi & Co. in 2003, and is currently the Managing Partner of the Firm (a position he occupied since 2006). Mr. Olorunfemi was inducted into the Hall of Fame for Admiralty and Maritime Law by the American Biographical Institute in March, 2009. Mr. Olorunfemi hails from Ayetoro Gbede, Ijumu L.G.A, Kogi State.

His practice areas include Arbitration, Shipping and Aviation, Human Rights Law, Energy Resources Law, Commercial and Banking Law and Advisory.

Some of his legal writings include:

- Rights and Obligations of a Mortgagee in Possession (2006).
- An Overview of Discretionary Basis of Judicial Jurisdiction – (Co-Authored) (2006).
- Registration and Enforcement of Foreign Judgments: A comparative study (2007).
- The Status of Registration & enforcement of foreign judgments and Arbitral Awards under Nigerian law (2010).
- Does the filing of an action Keep the Running of Time in Abeyance for the purposes of Limitation Law? – A Critical Review of the Supreme Court Decision in Sifax (Nig) Ltd v Migfo Nig. Ltd. (Co-Authored) (2021).

He has been recognized by the International WHO's WHO LEGAL (WWL) Nigeria in their 2015 and 2016 Edition as "a Talented Litigator and 'superb' lawyer who advises across the full range of shipping and maritime law matters and receives praise for his exceptional client service."

Mr Olorunfemi is a lover of God and people and has received several awards from his Community Associations and Church in recognition of his outstanding commitment to Partnership, great contribution to the growth and development of his community and Associations. He was a onetime Legal Adviser to Ijumu Development Movement (the highest umbrella body of Ijumu people in Ijumu LGA of Kogi State. He once represented his people at the Census Tribunal, Abuja. He plays table tennis and soccer, and he loves writing, reading and music.

He is married with 3 children.



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PROFESSOR ABIOLA OLAITAN SANNI

Senior Advocate of Nigeria

Abiola Sanni, SAN is Professor of Law with specialization in Tax Law in the University of Lagos. He started his teaching career in Obafemi Awolowo University in 1991 and transferred his service to University of Lagos in 1999. In 2003, he won the prestigious Fulbright Fellowship did a 10-month Fellowship at the International Tax Programme of Beasley School of Law, Temple University, Philadelphia, USA where he was also appointed a Research Fellow of the Institute of International Law and Policy.

Sanni is a thoroughbred professional with multidisciplinary background. He is a member the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), International Bar Association (IBA), a Fellow of the Chartered Institute of Taxation of Nigeria (CITN) a Fellow of the Nigerian Institute Chartered Arbitration (NICARB) and a life member of the Nigerian Society of International Law (NSIL).

He is the Editor of Introduction to Nigerian Legal Methods which has earned the sobriquet “The Blue Bible” in Nigerian universities. He is also the author of Introduction to Nigerian Business Law, the founder and Editor of the Nigerian Revenue Law Reports (NRLR) and African Tax Law Reports (ATLR), the first law reports on tax cases in Nigeria and Africa.

He served as the Chairman of the National Tax Policy Implementation Committee (NTPIC) in 2016 and subsequently as the Chairman of the National Tax Policy Implementation Committee (NTPIC) in 2017 to implement the key recommendations of the Revised National Tax Policy, a member of Federal Government Fiscal Reform Committee and Tax Advisory Committee 2020-2021 a Committee responsible for incubating Finance Acts.

He is the founder of The Tax Club, a vibrant student advocacy group, a Trustee and the first Chairman of “Tax Academician Association of Nigeria” (TaxAAN) a corporate platform for teachers of taxation in Faculties of law, Departments of Accounting and Economics in tertiary institutions in Nigeria.

On the international landscape, he is a member of the Advisory Group of the International Centre for Tax and Development (ICTD), a global policy research network funded by the UK Department for International Development and the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation. He has been a reviewer for the Journal of African Law published by School of African and Oriental Studies (SOAS) University of London, an examiner to University of Cape Town, South Africa and University of Legon, Ghana.

He maintains work life balance through social and sporting activities. He is a member of FS Club, Octagon 90, Ikoyi Club 1938, Ife Recreation Club and Staff Club University of Lagos. He is in a blessed union with Princess Olusola Amoke Sanni.

PROFESSOR BANKOLE AKINTOYE SODIPO

Senior Advocate of Nigeria



Bankole Adekunle Akintoye Sodipo, SAN a former Dean of Law at Babcock University, where he has taught for more than 10 years. He was called to the Nigeria Bar in 1986 after obtaining his LL.B (Hons.) from the University of Ife (now OAU). He got his LL.M from the University of Lagos in 1988 and his Ph.D from the University of London in 1995 where he was a tutor in Patent Law whilst doing his doctoral research. Bankole combines pre-eminence in the teaching, writing and litigation of Intellectual Property Law.

He introduced the teaching of Intellectual Property Law at the Nigerian Law School where he was a visiting guest lecturer for 3 years, 1989, 1990 and 1991. He was a visiting guest lecturer to the University College, London, for 3 years contributing to the LL.M Transfer of Technology course. For 5 years, Bankole was an Adjunct Research Fellow at Queen Mary University of London. He has been an adjunct lecturer at the Pan Atlantic University's Media School and the Lagos Business School.

He is the founder and former President of the Intellectual Property Law Association of Nigeria, (IPLAN) an association of leading law firms and holders of Intellectual Property Rights that have been at the fore of canvassing for reforms in Intellectual Property Law in Nigeria. He is the founder and current co-chair of the African Intellectual Property Group (AIPG) that is a voice on Intellectual Property for African right holders and users of Intellectual Property. He is the current president of the Nigerian International Franchise Association (NIFA). He has been a Visiting Scholar at Queen Mary University of London, a Visiting Fellow at the British Institute of International and Comparative Law. He also has approval to be Visiting Scholar at the University of Cambridge.

His most notable publications are Piracy and Counterfeiting: GATT TRIPS and Developing Countries published by Kluwer Law International (1997) and Copyright: Principles, Practice & Procedure 2nd ed. (2017). His ground breaking work provided background material for the growing body of now known as traditional knowledge. His works and teaching have given insight to many and inspired a number of Ph.Ds and leading lights in academia and in the practice of law. He has contributed to the drafting of several Bills, regulations and policies especially in intellectual property and allied rights including the Copyright Act 1988 and the Copyright Bill, 2015. He is a WIPO Consultant on the formulation of Nigeria's proposed Intellectual Property Strategy.

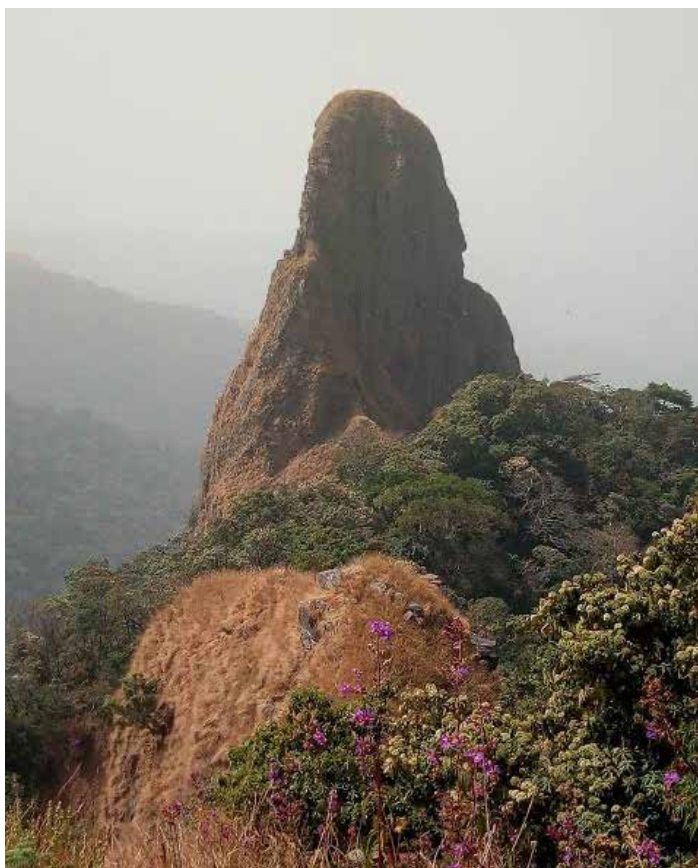
He has been described by the WHO is WHO of Lawyers as the Dean of Intellectual Property in Nigeria. He has litigated on the cutting-edge patents, designs, trade marks, copyright, confidential information, sports, entertainment law and allied rights in Nigeria and he is regularly consulted on the most complex contentious or non-contentious cases and transactions. He pioneered litigation interpreting and enforcing section 30 of the Companies and Allied Matters Act (CAMA) on company names and trade marks. He retrieved the CITI name for the exclusive use of Citi Bank despite Citi's arguably statute bar hurdle. He blocked the over 200 years-old Honeywell International's use of the HONEYWELL as a company name in Nigeria, leaving Honeywell Nigeria Plc to enjoy that exclusivity.

He has been involved in several judiciary capacity programs run by the National Judicial Institute.

Bankole is married to Uhunoma Osaro Olusegun Sodipo aka Auntie Noma of the children's television series: STORY TIME WITH AUNTIE NOMA and they have three lovely children.



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CHAPPAL WADDI MOUNTAIN

Chappal Waddi Mountain is the highest point in Nigeria. It is located in Taraba State near the border with Cameroun and stands 2419m above sea level.

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“Proudly Nigerian! Proud of the Premier Bar!”

- From Fortress Solicitors to the NBA Lagos Branch on this Special Occasion

We at Fortress Solicitors heartily congratulate the Chairman of the oldest and foremost branch of the Nigerian Bar Association, the Premier Bar, Mr. Ikechukwu Uwanna, the Executive Committee of the branch, the branch Dinner Committee, Learned Senior Advocates of Nigeria, and the distinguished membership of our beloved branch on yet another momentous celebration of the Annual Bar Dinner of the NBA, Lagos Branch! We are indeed grateful to God for the grace of this occasion, the benefit of being a part of it and the opportunity of life itself.

This year's theme is quite bold. To positively proclaim pride in a nation such as ours at a time such as this, speaks more to the hope that fuels our faith for a brighter future than the bleak and persecutory present. It is at once prophetic in its proclamation, as it is persistent in the context of the present. It could only have been conceived from a sense of settled stubbornness in the face of searing tribulations, rather than a reckless refusal to reconcile with reality. It is a theme with which all changemakers should agree, a philosophy that defies despondency and reaches across the cavernous darkness of despair to grasp the sliver of salvation that lies just beyond it. It is the mantra of George Bernard Shaw's unreasonable man, who, in persisting to adapt the world to himself, becomes the owner of all change. It is the nature of the Lagos Bar. It is the reason we are proud of the Premier Bar!

Let us celebrate with hope for a future freed from fear. Let us rejoice in the victory of distances covered, in the precious gift of our coming together and with a grateful heart for our presence in the mix!

Congratulations and happy celebrations!

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It is with gladness that the Partners and the entire members of law firm of Alliance Legal, Lekki I, Lagos heartily congratulate our Branch Chairman, the Executive Committee and the Dinner Committee for putting together this very important professional bonding and unwinding event, especially at this is time of social malaise; thanks to Covid 19 and the biting economy.

As colleagues and important invitees interact and enjoy all the alluring offerings of the 2021 Dinner, I have no doubt that the goodtime we are going to have, will encourage one and all to continue to support our branch leadership in delivering on their mandate to the branch and the profession at large.

As I wish all attendees and stakeholders an enjoyable dinner; this is also an auspicious moment for me to frontload my best wishes to you all for a merry Christmas and wondrously blessed 2022 in advance.

Thank you.

Olalekan Bade-John, Esq.

Managing Partner,
Alliance Legal
Lekki I, Lagos.





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Here's wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New year.

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Goodwill Message

"The staff and Partners of Tayo Oyetibo LP wish all members of NBA, Lagos Branch, a Merry Christmas and prosperous 2022.

As we have our branch Law Dinner today to celebrate an eventful year, this is an opportunity for us to re-dedicate ourselves once again to the noble institutional goals and objectives of the premier branch; particularly promotion and protection of the rule of law, maintenance and defence of the integrity and independence of the Bar and the Judiciary; and timely and affordable access to Justice."





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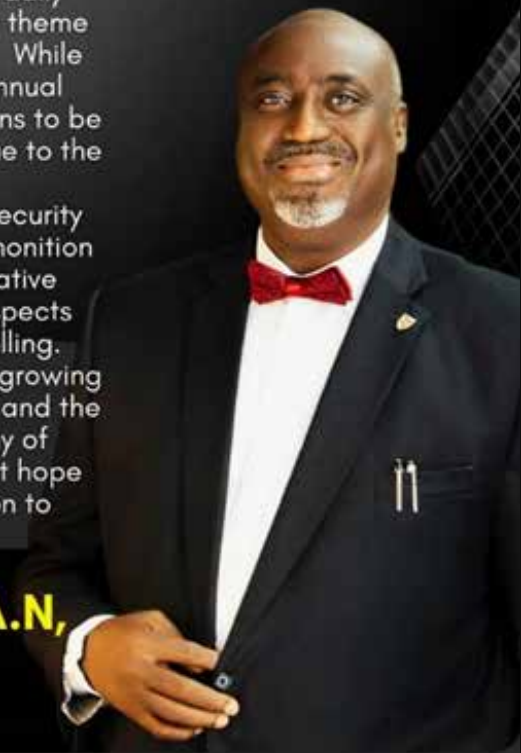
BY Y.C MAIKYAU S.A.N ON THE OCCASION
OF THE NBA LAGOS BRANCH
ANNUAL LAW DINNER 2021



I am delighted to be granted the opportunity to say a few words at this year's Annual Dinner of the NBA Lagos Branch (The Premier Branch !!!). My commendation goes especially to the Branch Chairman, other elected officials and the Bar Dinner Committee for the diligence and organisational skill demonstrated in putting together this colourful event. The importance of Bar Dinners such as this cannot be overstated as same provides a unique opportunity for us as colleagues to network and enjoy the finest cuisine under a very relaxed atmosphere outside the extremely formal setting of our daily professional calling. I am also particularly elated by the theme of this year's dinner aptly captioned "Proudly Nigerian". While we in the spirit of camaraderie, wine and dine at this annual dinner, I urge us to reflect on the need for us as Nigerians to be proud of our rich heritage which is often disparaged due to the myriad of challenges facing our dear nation such as corruption, snail paced infrastructural development, insecurity and failing educational system amongst others. My admonition to us all, is to take up the challenge to change this negative narrative about our great nation. As we have several aspects of our commonwealth and national heritage worth extolling. Particularly our rich cultural heritage, our exponentially growing entertainment industry, diverse and rich human capital, and the sports sector amongst other aspects are indeed worthy of commendation and national pride. There is for me great hope in the Nigerian project only if we show the determination to make it work. Thank you for listening and bon-appétit.

Yakubu Chonoko Maikyau, S.A.N, FCI Arb (UK)

Principal Partner, Y.C Maikyau & CO
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A GOODWILL MESSAGE TO THE
MEMBERS AND EXECUTIVES OF THE
LAGOS BRANCH OF THE
NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION
AT THE ANNUAL DINNER HOLDING ON
FRIDAY DECEMBER 10, 2021

It is my pleasure to congratulate all the members and executives of the Lagos Branch of the Nigerian Bar Association for a successful year 2021, considering the hiccups and challenges that besought the practice of law globally in the year 2020.

We are proud to be affiliated with this prestigious group of individuals that have stemmed the tide of the global pandemic and arrived the shores of the year with much bravery, innovation and collective unity.

As a firm, **Wigwe & Partners** is a beneficiary of the pioneering approaches adopted in the year under review, that have equipped us to extend the frontiers of our practice into more sophisticated and technology driven concepts.

We look forward to more branch activities that would involve the various Law Firms whose members are in the various branches, including webinars on various Legal subjects, Corporate Social Responsibility events and others.

It is our hope that the NBA would encourage more of these collaborations in the coming year, to broaden the scope of participants in branch activities and double down on the pioneering trend of innovation and inclusivity.

Finally, as we celebrate the close of a good year, let us be reminded to uphold our core values of justice and equity, and to maintain the quest for knowledge that has distinguished the legal profession over the years.


From all of us at **Wigwe & Partners**, we wish you a merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year. Have a wonderful festive season and we look forward to working beside you again in the new year.

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We are confident that with the strong leadership and devoted membership, NBA Lagos will continue to attain new heights and achieve greater milestones in all spheres in the years to come. Congratulations!

Sofunde Osakwe Ogundipe & Belgore *legal practitioners*

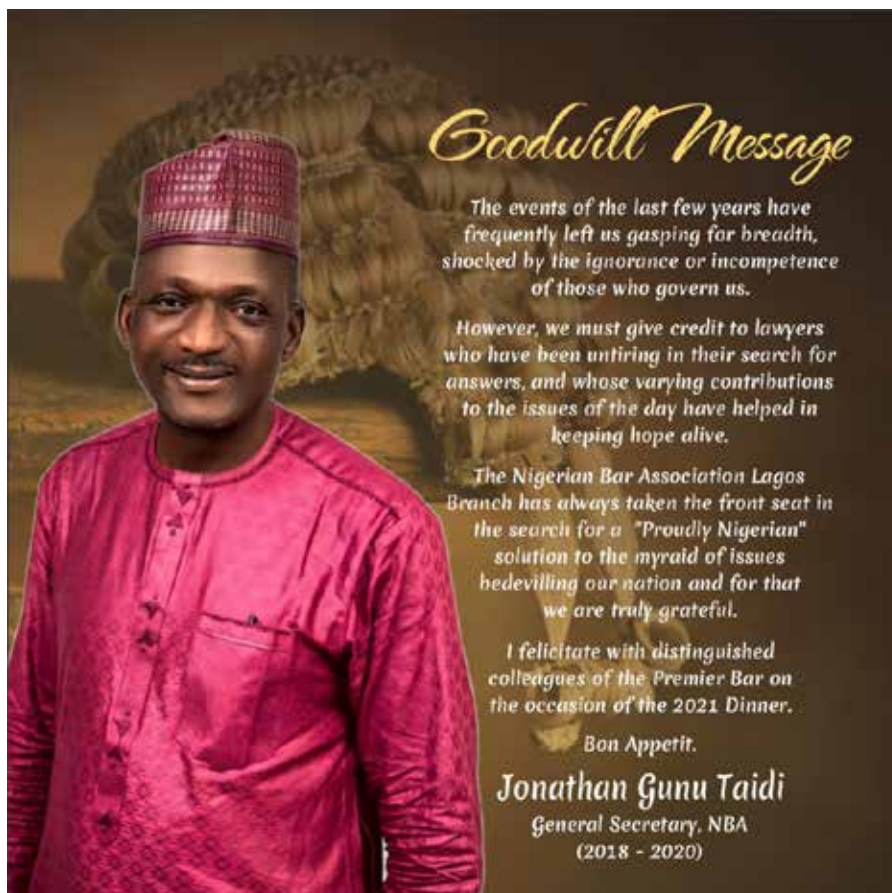
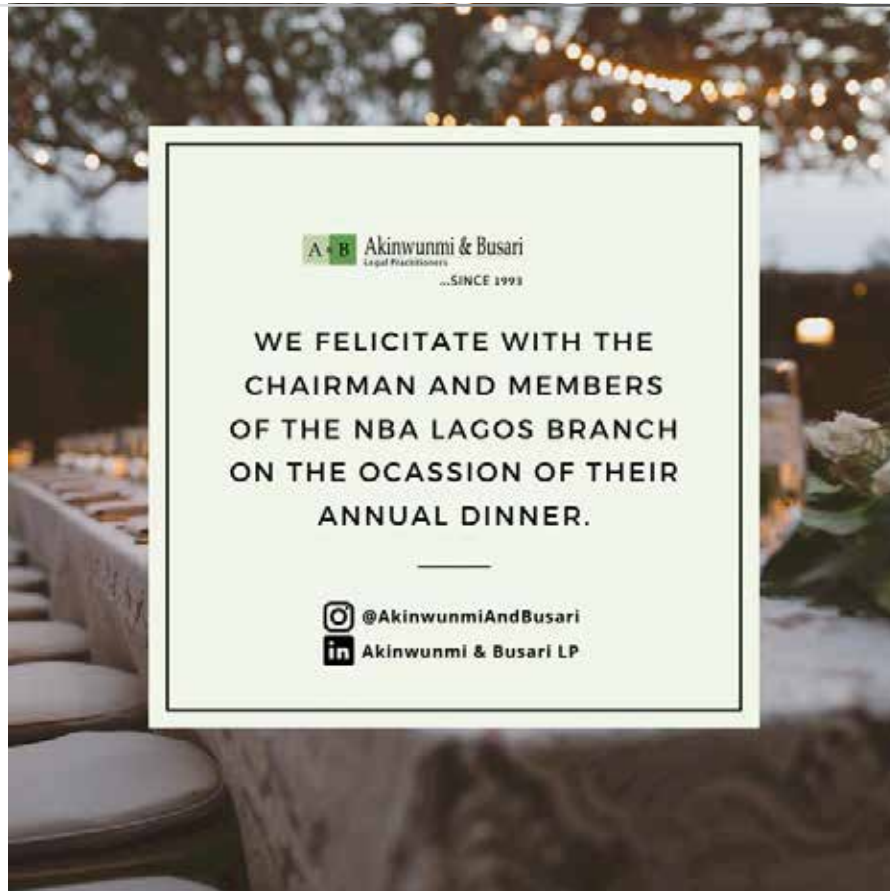
We have the great pleasure in sending, on this occasion, heartiest congratulations and best wishes to the Executive Committee and the entire members of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) Lagos Branch (The Premier Bar) on this occasion.

We congratulate the Association's leadership on the achievement of the past year particularly in maintaining the "Premier" status of the branch in all aspects of the profession and even in Sports where the branch won the football competition at the concluded AGC.

The branch has become a paragon of accountability, professionalism, diligence and ethics under your watch.

While we commend your tenacity for quality leadership, we urge you to keep up the good work in the coming year and further deliver a stronger and better bar so that the labors of our heroes past shall not be in vain.

Once again, we say hearty congratulations to the Premier Branch.





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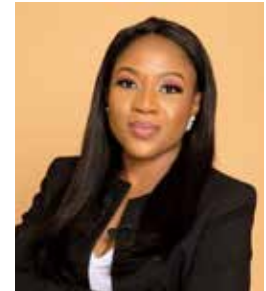
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ABDULAI, TAIWO & CO, Solicitors hereby felicitate with the Chairman, Members of the Nigerian Bar Association, Lagos Branch and the organizing committee of the 2021 NBA Lagos dinner.

Wishing you a successful dinner as we deliberate on issues that would help gear us towards a greater Nigeria.

Akin Osinbajo, SAN
Joint Managing Partner
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TO THE NIGERIAN BAR ASSOCIATION, LAGOS BRANCH, ON THE OCCASION OF HER 2021 END OF YEAR BAR DINNER.

I congratulate the Branch Chairman, the Branch Officers, the astute Bar Leaders and the entire members of NBA Lagos Branch (The Premier Bar) on the auspicious occasion of this year's Annual Bar Dinner.

I have been privileged to attend the Branch Dinners which had recently become an annual ritual since its introduction a few years ago. It is indisputable that the Lagos Bar Dinner enjoys the reputation of not only being one of the most prestigious Bar Dinners in the country, it prides itself as arguably the most grandeur and exquisite.

The past two years had been plagued by the Covid-19 Pandemic which had severely battered the global economy with debilitating impact on the legal practice. It is therefore important that after all the negatives, we come around in fellowship, relax and unwind even as we observed the prescribed Covid-19 protocol.

Congratulations and many hearty Cheers to the Premier Bar!!!

Adesina Adegbite, FICMC (AA)
Past National Welfare Secretary, NBA



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SPECIAL AWARD

GODWIN OLADEINDE ODUNLAMI. JP.
1986 Centenary Chairman



GODWIN was born in Lagos at No. 2, Dabara Street, Olowogbowo, Marina, Lagos on the 12th of February 1935. He attended Methodist School, and later, King's College, Lagos' LL.B degree., London University and called to the unique Nigerian Bar in 1972.

Godwin had his first stint as a Legal Practitioner in the Law Chambers of H. A. Lardner, SAN. (now late).

Later in the Chambers of Gbajabiamiila & Chief G. O. Shodipo and later joined the Cheakey Chambers, as a partner with Aliyi Ekineh, Donald Babatunde Coker and Alhaji MIR Seriki and others.

Godwin served as a member of the National Executive Committee of the Nigerian Bar Association (NBA) in 1977 for 15 years) till 1992.

An intellectual, Godwin was a special lecturer at the Nigerian Law School on the "VALIDITY AND ADMINISTRATION OF WILLS AND INSTETACIES" 1985+1987

GODWIN also had the honour of serving as Chairman of the Centenary Committee of the Lagos Branch of the NBA "Celebration in 1986 of 100 Years of Legal Profession in Nigeria. Before then in 1985, he had served as a member of the JUSTICE AGORO's Committee on the REVISION OF HIGH COURT OF LAGOS CIVIL PROCEDURE RULES'

GODWIN is a Life Member of both the prestigious ISLAND CLUB and the YMCA.

On 7th September 1961 got married to Miss Flora Ayodele Thompson at Tinubu Methodist Church, ..4 children & 13 grandchildren (still counting).

In fine SENIOR MEMBER AWARD at Annual Bar Conference in Abuja 2016. Spoke glowingly of his MENTORS, Particularly, SIR. HON. JUSTICE DURO ADEBIYI, OON, MR. EZEKIEL ADENIRAN ODUNLAMI , & HON. COMMISSIONER, HAIRAT BALOGUN, SAN.

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