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PERSONAL INFORMATION

Gender: Male

D.O.B.: 21 October, 1987

Marital Status: Married

WORK OBJECTIVE

To work with respected professionals in an intellectually tasking work environment that affords ample opportunities for career development.

ACADEMIC CERTIFICATES

- ❖ **LLM**, – University of Lagos Akoka, Lagos State Nigeria –2018
- ❖ **B.L**, (Hons) (Second Class Upper Division) – Nigerian Law School Lagos Campus 2013
- ❖ **LLB**, (Hons) (Second Class Lower Division) – Madonna University Anambra State 2010

PROFESSIONAL & OTHER CERTIFICATES

- ❖ **ACIS** –Associate Chartered Institute of Secretaries (in view)
- ❖ **MCI Arb** –Member Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK) Nigeria Branch –2017
- ❖ **WIPO CERTIFICATE** – General Course on Intellectual Property Law –2017
- ❖ **NYSC CERTIFICATE** – National Youth Service Corps

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

✓ **ASSOCIATE**

OLAJIDE OYEWOLE LLP (a member of DLA PIPER)

Plot 5 Block 14 Bashorun Okusanya Street, Lekki Peninsular Scheme 1, Lagos State

❖ **Copyright**

- Part of the team that acted for WEA International Inc. (Warner), a multinational entertainment and media company and record label, in its investment in one of Nigeria's leading record labels, Chocolate City Group ("CCG"). The value of the deal is \$1,800,000.
- Liaised with the publishers of Fela Anikulapo Kuti towards the licensing of the song Eko Ile as background music for the Felabration promotional video uploaded on all media platforms;
- Part of the team that reviewed and renewed the management agreement between Femi Anikulapo-kuti and Chocolate City

- Negotiated and licensed Fela's song, water no get enemy, to ABI Technology Limited for its animated explainer video for a new payment platform called STEP.
- Advising on all copyright and other related intellectual property (IP) issues as and when they arise; and
- Consistently liaising with the publishers of Fela Anikulapo Kuti and the Estate of Fela Anikulapo towards negotiating and licensing requests from across the world.
- Part of the team that negotiated and drafted the agreement for the retrieval of Femi Kuti's Master Recording from the publisher.
- Part of the team that reviewed the Agreement for the use of Femi Kuti's song, *Scatter your Head*, in the film *The Set Up*.
- Reviewing and updating the consent and release forms for the performing artists at Felabration/
- Drafting of Television Host & Co-producer Agreement and Soundtrack Recording Agreement for a client's film production series.
- Reviewed and advised the client, a producer, on the producer agreement for Burna Boy's song *Different Lies*.
- Advised and drafted content license and broadcast license agreements for a client initiating a new blog.

❖ **Trademark & Brand protection**

- Monitoring the applications for registration of the Felabration trademark in Nigeria and the renewal of the registration of Felabration as a trademark in the European Union, United States of America and a few more jurisdictions to ensure it does not expire and or that no attempt is made to register a similar trademark.
- Liaising with Olajide Oyewole LLP's (OOLL) agent at Abuja towards the registration and renewal of trademarks for clients and continuous engagement with client and update on the status of their trademarks registration and renewal.
- Working with externals towards monitoring all social network and electronic platforms for infringing content and unauthorised use of the clients' brand around the world
- Whenever any unauthorised content or use of clients' brand is spotted, advising the client on management techniques and implementation thereof;
- Where necessary, liaising directly with any unauthorised users for the purposes of explaining the legalities of ownership and negotiating terms for a license arrangement and securing same;
- Reviewed the standard Felabration Brand Use License to ensure that same was up to date and properly secured; processing brand use requests; and negotiating the issuance brand use Licenses;
- Preparing and filing notice of opposition and other processes against trademark applications advertised in trademark journals that is infringing on OOLL's clients' trademark.
- Part of the team that advised FoodCo on potential infringement matters, to secure trademark protection for FoodCo's brands in relation to retail stores, fast moving consumer goods and monitor the local market for potential infringement by competitors in Nigeria.
- Receiving merchandising request from partners, Advising the clients', and negotiating merchandising licenses; Preparing the merchandising agreement and

forwarding same for the execution of the licensee and the client.

❖ **Employment and Global Mobility Roles**

- Conducted research and advised clients on Employment laws, Immigration laws, policies and issues that arose in the course of the employment or utilization of expatriate and other employees services in Nigeria;
- Drafted and reviewed Employment Agreements and advised on contract for service relationships;
- Liaised with field agent towards processing Expatriate Quota (EQ) (fresh, additional, renewal), change of employment and renewal of CERPAC.
- Reviewed instructions and represented clients with respect to employment and industrial disputes, reviewed facts and processes, conducted research, and provided the requisite legal opinion;
- Prepared court processes to be filed in court with respect to employment and industrial disputes; attended court to represent clients on such disputes;

❖ **Others**

- Drafted the sponsorship agreement for the sponsorship of Oxymoron of Kenny Blaq' and sponsorship agreements of all other events sponsored by Rite Foods Limited.
- Reviewed the activity waiver and release document for wrestlers in a wrestling competition organized by a client.
- Advised and drafted Terms of Use and Privacy Policy for a client's website.
- Prepared and forwarded a legal opinion to Pfizer on the NAFDAC's Localization Policy"
- Advised and drafted contracts on Entertainment and Sports industry.

✓ **ASSOCIATE**

THE LAW UNION

Barristers, Solicitors, Arbitrators & Notaries Public, Plot 35 Block 93, Awkuzu Street, Lekki

Peninsular Scheme 1, Lagos State.

August, 2014 – December 2018

❖ **Dispute Resolution:**

- Prepared all originating and allied documents for the commencement of action at the Magistrate Court, Federal and State High Courts, National Industrial Court and Investment and Security Tribunal.
- Prepared and filed Applications and Briefs of Argument at the Court of Appeal and at the Supreme Court of Nigeria.
- Handled trials, contentious applications, and settlements talks in several jurisdictions, Lagos State, Enugu State, Anambra State, Edo State and Federal Capital Territory.
- Solely conducted trials at the High Court and argued contentious applications (application for stay of proceedings) at the Court of Appeal.
- Represented several major financial institutions in Nigeria with regards to their debt recovery matters within Nigeria.
- Prepared the requisite Documents and Processes filed at the Federal High Court and worked with the Litigation Partner in the recovery of Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria's debt of N913, 093, 360.72 by way of Receivership.

- In the team that represented Addax Petroleum Development Nigeria Limited at the Court of Appeal and got judgment in the sum of N3,850,000,000.00.
- Commenced Garnishee Proceedings in recovery of the said debt sum of N3,850,000,000.00 in favour of Addax Petroleum Development Nigeria Limited.
- Prepared and filed a suit under the Admiralty Jurisdiction of the Federal High Court for damages arising from the dredging of the Lagos shoreline in furtherance of Eko Atlantic City Project.
- Prepared processes at the Federal High Court that successfully restrained a foreign debtor Company from moving its Drilling Ship out of Jurisdiction of the Federal High Court.
- Engaged and advised in series of mediation sessions and successfully elicited favourable terms for clients
- Prepared process for the prosecution of Arbitration Proceedings before the International Court of Arbitration.
- Involved in the execution of a judgment sum in excess of N800m against a leading financial institution.
- Prepared, filed and argued an Originating Summons for the recovery of the sum of the loan sum of N868, 112, 224.00
- Prepared and filed a Receivership action at the Federal High Court, Lagos.
- Filed the requisite process and had the Court Appoint an Arbitrator in an admiralty dispute.
- Prepared and filed and argued a petition to wind up a debtor Company on the grounds that the Company is unable to pay its debt.
- Prepared processes and appeared at National Industrial Court in defence of Downen College, Lagos against pension claims brought by National Pension Commission.

❖ **Project Financing, Regulatory Compliance & Due Diligence**

- Attended Board and General Meetings, ensured procedural compliance and recorded the minutes of Meetings.
- Part of the team that successfully completed a high profile Share Purchase Agreement involving the sale of Airtel Shares.
- Advised and successfully prepared a Joint Venture and Shareholders Agreement on the transaction between Mac Tay Consulting and Learning Organizations companies situate in Nigeria and Ghana respectively.
- Advised Total Health Trust Limited on Compliance with Employment Laws in Nigeria vis-à-vis it's Employment Regulations.
- Advised Total Health Trust Limited on National Health Insurance Scheme and Corporate Affairs Commission Regulatory Compliance,
- Involved in the drafting and reviewing of various Facility and Management Contracts for leading property and management companies in Nigeria.

✓ **ASSOCIATE**

BOLAJI ONILENLA & CO

Barristers, Solicitors, 124 Commercial Avenue Sabo Yaba, Lagos
State January, 2014 – July, 2014

✓ **LEGAL OFFICER**

**NYSC NATIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION
(NPC)**

Plot 421 Constitution Avenue Central Business District F.C.T Abuja,

SKILLS

- **Analytical** -Analytical thinker with demonstrated talent for solving complex work process.
- **Communication** –a good listener, effectively conveys information verbally and in writing.
- **Computer Literacy**- MS Word, Power Point, Excel, Corel Draw etc.
- **Flexible and Adaptability**- Very Resourceful and a Flexible team player

AWARDS & RECOGNITION

- **ESQ Awards-Media and Entertainment Team of the Year 2019**
- **Associate of the year 2017** – presented by The Law Union.
- **Team Leader -The Law Union** – Dispute Resolution team

PUBLICATIONS AND INTERESTS

- Overview of the Legal and Regulatory Regime of Public Private Partnership in Nigeria: LLM Dissertation
- The Defense of Provocation in Nigeria: Project Work Madonna University Okija, Anambra State.
- The Aroma Within (Anthology of Poetry)
- A Dying Father: a short story published in the Diamond Dreams Magazine (1st edition)
- Spent Life | Life Meets Death | Left Behind | all poems published online via www.Poetry.com
- The Roles of Legal Practitioners in entertainment industry published online via the Nigerian lawyer and several sites:
- Interested in Travelling, Writing, Music, Poetry, Football, Tennis.

REFEREES

- To be supplied on request.