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ABOUT

I am a lawyer with a keen interest in corporate and commercial law, particularly mergers and acquisitions, and corporate finance. Having gained hands-on experience of risk management, contracting and regulatory compliance as Legal Counsel within the Legal department of a top-tier multinational, I am seeking an opportunity to apply my skills and experience in order to create value at a modern, commercially focused law firm. Prior to my current role, I completed the Legal Practice Course and obtained a master's degree in the United Kingdom and subsequently practised as a Trainee Solicitor with extensive responsibilities.



EDUCATION

NIGERIAN LAW SCHOOL

2018 – 2019

Called to the Nigerian Bar, admitted to practice as a Barrister and Solicitor

M.Sc & LPC | UNIVERSITY OF LAW, GUILDFORD, UK

2015 – 2016

M.Sc. in Business & Management and Legal Practice Course (Obtained a Commendation – 2:1)

LLB Law | UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX, UK

2012 – 2015

Bachelor of Laws | Obtained Upper Second Class Honours (2:1)



WORK EXPERIENCE

Graduate Legal Counsel | UNILEVER NIGERIA PLC

JANUARY 2020 - DATE

Advising cross-functional business partners on complex legal issues spanning intellectual property, regulatory and compliance matters, e-commerce, data protection, consumer protection etc.

Key achievements:

- Drafted, negotiated and reviewed contracts of significant contracts of high value including major distribution agreements and third-party manufacturing agreements.
- Identified and mitigated legal risks posed to the business by the unforeseen COVID-19 pandemic; briefed business partners on appropriate responses to the changes in circumstances.
- Identified and recommended key opportunities for innovation in the conduct of the AGM and delivered an invaluable guide that was subsequently adopted by the Board to steer the delivery of an unprecedented AGM format.

Legal Intern | BANWO & IGHODALO

JUNE 2019 - JULY 2019

OCTOBER 2018 – NOVEMBER 2018

Supported Associates and Partners within the firm's Practice Groups with a wide array of tasks mainly including contractual drafting, drafting of correspondence and legal research.

Key Achievements:

- Recommended innovative inclusions to a corporate finance contract for an aviation operator that enhanced the client's position significantly.

Trainee Solicitor | TOLTOPS SOLICITORS, GREENWICH

JANUARY 2017 – MARCH 2018

Managed a varied caseload of Immigration, Housing, Family and Social Security matters. Provided advice, represented clients and drafted pleadings in these matters.

Key Achievements:

- Rapidly earned the confidence and trust of my superiors and therefore began representing clients alone in court and tribunal hearings.
- Increased the client base of the firm by taking the initiative to develop connections with pro-bono advice centres who later referred clients to the firm.
- Developed a knack for overturning immigration decisions before reaching the protracted tribunal appeal stage, thereby saving clients' time and money.



OTHER EXPERIENCE

Editorial Adviser | OBITER PODCAST

I create content and moderate discussions on a podcast that is centred on law-related issues.

Adviser | LEGAL ADVICE CENTRE, UNIVERSITY OF LAW

OCTOBER 2015 – DECEMBER 2015

Conducted client interviews, carried out legal research and drafted detailed advice letters to clients under minimal supervision.

Legal Intern | DMH STALLARD LLP, CRAWLEY, WEST SUSSEX

JUNE 2014 - JULY 2014

Undertook legal research, drafted and amended contracts in relation to intellectual property and commercial sales agreements.

International Student Ambassador | UNIVERSITY OF SUSSEX

JANUARY 2013 - AUGUST 2015

- Developed pitching skills by communicating primarily to sell the university to prospective students.
- Delivered presentations to audiences of students, parents and principal officers; developing public speaking and interpersonal skills.
- Represented the University at educational fairs across the UK.



KEY COMPETENCIES

- Legal Research
- Effective presentation delivery
- Microsoft Office Proficiency
- Self-driven and effective team player
- Stakeholder management
- Attention to detail
- Drafting & Legal writing
- Keen commercial interest and awareness
- Advocacy
- Legal Technology (WestLaw, Lexis, Practical Law etc.)
- Effective oral and written communication