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PROFILE

Nigerian Qualified Lawyer, with LL. M in Commercial and Corporate Law from Queen Mary University of London (part of the Russell Group)

Legal experience performing tasks including drafting legal opinions in debt recovery, admiralty and oil and gas matters, drafting commercial and property law agreements, winding up petitions, and client counselling. Corporate law practice internship experience at Kakawa Discount House, a financial services company, performing tasks including research, report writing and a review of a finance agreement.

EDUCATIONAL BACKGROUND

(LL. M.) Queen Mary University of London (Merit)

Modules: Multinational Enterprises and the Law, Legal Aspects of International Finance, Secured Financing in Commercial Transactions and Corporate Finance (Audited)

Dissertation: Central Counterparty Reform Post Financial Crisis: An Implementation of the CPSS IOSCO PFMI

(BL.) Nigerian Law School, Lagos (2013), (LL. B.) University of Lagos (2:1) (December 2012)

Dissertation: The Digitisation of Music files under Nigerian Copyright Law (Distinction)

WASSCE, 8 Distinctions, including Mathematics, English and French, International School, University of Lagos (July 2007)

Legal Counsel / Administrative Trainee

Eyimofe Atake SAN & Co/ Equitable Marine Services

Lagos, Nigeria

(July 2018-present)

- Conducted due diligence and drafted a report with respect to 5 agritech companies for a client and provided legal advice to guide their investment decisions
- Currently part of the legal team representing Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited in a high value dollar law suit with regard to a breach of the terms of an engineering contract
- Drafted a question and answer styled paper on syndicated lending in Nigeria and an article with regard to syndicated loan agreements post covid 19, with particular focus on documentation
- Drafted a legal opinion on the laws and regulations applying to ports and ships post Covid 19
- Conducted legal research on revocation of certificates of occupancy, and other land related issues
- Wrote a Legal Opinion on the propriety of a motion to relist an appeal that was withdrawn at the Supreme Court
- Functioned as a team member to negotiate and obtain the settlement of a claim for cost of damages on behalf of Cosco Shipping Lines
- Conducted research and participated in drafting legal opinions for an oil spill matter for Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited
- Came up with strong arguments for a patent case involving Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited
- Drafted a legal opinion with regard to an anticipated arrest of a ship for a near collision, initiating matters at the Federal High Court, the payment of bank guarantees etc.
- Participated in the drafting of bills of charges for legal clients and came up with plans for rejection of charges
- Drafted minutes of meetings at Mobil Producing Nigeria Unlimited
- Studied Survey Reports as regards the collision of ships and came up with an effective plan to ensure payment for indemnity
- Collated 100+ law reports in the preparation of bills of charges
- Acting for clients in company incorporation and the registration of business names
- Regularly conducting research on the management of ships and the running of a marine service company

Legal Counsel

Thomas Orogan & Co

Lagos, Nigeria

(July 2017- June 2018)

- Advised WFO Roedel and Acendis GMBH as regards the risks involved in a debt recovery matter and its position as a foreign company to litigate
- Advised a client on debt recovery risks and obtained debt through garnishee proceedings against Union Homes Plc, and acted against Stanbic IBTC in a motion to set aside the garnishee order absolute
- Advised and represented Finnu International Production Limited in a debt recovery matter instituted by AMCON
- Advised D O Professional Services in a debt recovery matter against Jotna Group of Companies
- Drafted minutes of meetings and model notices, drafted search reports from findings at the Land Registry, and conducted due diligence on clients' counterparties

- Drafted pleadings for and appeared in a land matter (in the appellate and substantive suits) in Ogun State, gave legal opinions in an employment matter at the National Industrial Court and appeared as Counsel in a mediation matter
- Studied the Ernst and Young Global Oil and Gas Tax Guide for Nigeria, sukuk bonds and Islamic mortgages
- Drafted an article on starting an equipment leasing business in Nigeria and a report on the laws governing equipment leasing in Nigeria
- Drafted reports on Nigeria Personal Income Tax law and Due Diligence in Mergers and Acquisitions for clients
- Drafted hire purchase, bill of sale and project finance model agreements, and an article on the tax implications of starting a business in Nigeria
- Appeared as second line counsel in a mediation matter for tenancy
- Functioned as a key consultant in the firm for legal research on various areas of law
- Drafted appeal processes for matrimonial causes and matters involving breach of contract
- Drafted lease agreements and deeds of assignment and drafted tenancy reports to clients
- Wrote a report on Employment Law and Trade Disputes in Nigeria
- Mentored an intern and updated the syllabus for legal interns

Idowu Sofola SAN & Co.

Legal Counsel

Lagos, Nigeria

(April –June 2017)

- Drafted different processes including written address, motions, warning in letters of administration etc.
- Was co-counsel to Prestige Assurance Plc in insurance claim action
- Found authorities for legal questions relating to letters of administration, amendment of pleadings etc.
- Conducted research on mergers and acquisitions, using a case study of the Federal High Court sanction of the Merger of Lever Brothers and Cheeseborough Ponds Industries
- Sharpened oratory, body language and communications skills by practising with colleagues
- Supervised the filing of originating processes at the High Court
- Acted as counsel for a client in a tenancy matter
- Carried out research on various areas of law including a land matter involving compensation against Lafarge Plc

Guaranty Trust Bank (UK)

Legal/ Payments Officer

London, England

(September-November 2016)

- Was promoted from customer services to the Funds Transfer unit
- Monitored and ensured the accuracy of fund transfers through and to banks and researched on the capitalisation of the largest banks in the world
- Carried out research on anti-money laundering laws and read an article comparing the laws of the US, the UK and Nigeria
- Advised clients against seemingly fraudulent transactions
- Underwent in-house trainings on financial modeling and data protection
- Liaised with compliance and customer service departments as regards complaints from customers and UK government requirements as regards funds transfers and opening accounts
- Was in charge of procuring office supplies for my department
- Liaised with human resources as regards the complaints and needs of the department

Research Assistant to G. A. Walker

Queen Mary, University of London

London, England

(Nov 2015- April 2016)

- Collected and analysed sovereign GDPs, debts and surpluses, as well as derivative, foreign exchange, central counterparty and trade repository market sizes for 2015 on MS PowerPoint

Participant, Multinational Enterprises Seminar

Queen Mary and SOAS, University of London

London, England

(January -March 2016)

- Refined writing skills by delivering an article on the 'Corporate Accountability and Disclosure Reform Post Enron', which examined the lack of risk management by Enron, among other things
- Participated in discussions investigating the taxation of multinational enterprises and the use of tax havens

Participant, GIPMC Moot Competition

Queen Mary, University of London

London, England

(Oct 2015-April 2016)

- Sharpened oratory skills WTO co-counsel finalists for both sides at the Global Intellectual Property Moot Competition
- Delivered excellent moot arguments, receiving the Best Memorandum Award as a team and individual commendation from members of the WTO panel
- Worked closely under the supervision of a sound coach in memorial drafting and oral presentations
- Researched on the promise utility doctrine, investments, arbitration, WTO panel dispute resolution
- Helped fellow counsel to keep to time by sliding cardboard time notifications at requisite intervals, and vice versa
- Cultivated social and language skills in the course of research, memorandum drafting, oratory practice and

interactions

Participant Factoring Presentation

Queen Mary, University of London

London, England

(February -March 2016)

- Conducted research and gathered experience on limited/ non-recourse lending and non-assignment clauses
- Refined oratory and communication skills, working with team members to create and present slides
- Generated ideas for team excellence by thinking up responses to questions posed by assessor, proof reading slides, and obtaining extra research materials
- Created and contributed to the management of communication lines for the team

Legal Counsel

Thomas Orogan & Co

Lagos, Nigeria

(February- August 2015)

- Worked on strategy to obtain debt through winding up proceedings against Union Homes Savings and Loans Plc and obtained ₦5 million out of an ₦11 million debt
- Carried out due diligence as regards a client's counterparty, a chocolate company in a cocoa investment deal and drafted a memorandum of understanding between them
- Drafted a memorandum of understanding between an engineer and the firm's clients claiming unilateral liability incurred in the course of a scaffolding assignment
- Advised a client company against the breach of a term in an agreement, by Airtel Nigeria
- Slashed probate costs by negotiating a reduction in a probate fee
- Drafted motions, statements of claim and defence for commercial disputes including one involving the supply of a wrong set of goods
- Sharpened drafting skills at the Commercial Law Development Services workshop on Pleadings, Written Addresses and Legal Opinions
- Carried out research on each case, including 'no case' submissions, winding up proceedings, etc.
- Prepared cross examination questions for witnesses in a matter involving theft of an ATM card
- Created a two week syllabus for legal interns, which consisted of case analysis, career discussions and court visitation, and supervised one toward the successful completion of the programme

Legal Trainee (National Youth Service Corps)

College of Medicine Legal and Administrative Department

Lagos, Nigeria

(March -August 2014)

- Conducted research as on formation of companies in Nigeria, including profit and non-profit organisations as well as object clauses
- Drafted minutes, notices, letters and internal memoranda and studied the company organogram and tactfully gave suggestions for effectiveness
- Offered legal advice with respect to Memoranda of Understanding and other agreements that the CMUL was a party
- Resolved office conflict by opening up communication lines and utilising appropriate body language
- Undertook administrative duties, including filing/procuring office supplies and organised equipment repairs

Legal Intern

Kakawa Discount House (Legal Department)

Lagos, Nigeria

(August-September 2013)

- Reviewed a financing agreement between Diamond Bank and Enageed Limited, which the company intended to co-finance
- Conducted research on financial statements and audit reports, made presentations and summarised a company book
- Followed and analysed in an essay the collapse of Consolidated Discounts Limited
- Conducted research and wrote a report on the duties of the functions of every department
- Filled incorporation forms for filing at the Corporate Affairs Commission
- Drafted and circulated internal notices
- Studied Steven Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective People and participated in an in house training on it, receiving commendations for my excellent contributions.

Interests and Achievements

- Initiated the Celebrating Women Campaign to celebrate accomplished women who have overcome extraordinary challenges in their careers via interviews and seminars in order to inspire and motivate other women to achieve similar feats (2017)
- Founded a leadership academy which mentors teenagers on effective leadership in schools, homes and the nation. One of such students was elected to be Assistant Class Captain and was the best in Civic Education in his class (November 2014 till date)
- Underwent a negotiation training seminar at Norton Rose Fulbright LP (2016)
- Was awarded a certificate in Cross Cultural Business Skills for International Lawyers at Queen Mary, University of London (2015)
- Carried out Ebola Awareness and Sensitisation Programme as project for the National Youth Service Corps (2014)

- Was a member LEX GEMOT (the Moot and Debate Society, Faculty of Law, University of Lagos) which is focused on building law students' legal skills by participating in mock trials, debates, moot competitions and client counselling. Was financial secretary for the 2009/2010 session.
- Was a prominent writer for an online project called 'Young African Research Arena', whose articles focus on law, policy and government, written by its members (2011-2012)
- Was a member of the Oputa Students Chamber, an association of students focused on refining the legal skills of law students. —
- Raised ₦100, 000 above the required quota of ₦20,000 for an undergraduate fundraising committee (2011)

HOBBIES: Reading memoirs, autobiographies and personal development books, and playing scrabble

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