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Partner, Insignes Attorneys

Summary

I am a result-oriented and highly motivated Legal practitioner with cognate experience in Corporate/ Commercial practice, Alternative Dispute Resolution and Litigation. Over the years in legal practice, I have developed an interest and key competence in property law, information technology law, labour law and corporate law practice and I have continued to improve myself in these areas.

Work experience

03/2019 –
till date

Partner

Insignes Attorneys - Onikan,
Lagos

Responsibilities and work done.

- Head of Commercial/Tech Law group of the firm responsible for managing members of the group to ensure effectiveness of the group's activities.
- Advise foreign clients on the national and international legal implications of investing in Nigeria and assist clients in setting up investments in Nigeria.
- Handle trial preparation which includes drafting and review of processes and documents for litigation and arbitration.
- Negotiate, draft and review contracts on behalf of clients from various sectors including financial services, FMCG, courier, entertainment, real estate, media, labor and technology.
- Act as company secretary for Small and Medium sized businesses.
- Review and analyze Court judgment or Arbitral award and advise clients on the next legal step to enforce or challenge the Judgment.
- Responsible for preparing and arguing briefs before all superior and inferior Courts in Nigeria.

- Render legal advisory services to clients. Advise clients on statutory licensing requirements for their various businesses, tax obligations and regulatory compliance.
- Represent clients at Alternative Dispute Resolution Sessions.
- Review and analysis of evidence, including documents and correspondences, to provide advice on the strengths and weaknesses of a client's case.
- Register companies and other legal entities with the Corporate Affairs Commission, and handle post incorporation matters/filings for clients.
- Review of new laws and preparation of legal opinion and advice on the implication of the laws.
- Contribute legal and business articles for publication on the firm's newsletter and currently overseeing the firm's publication. Advise banks on complex mortgage transactions, prepare mortgage deeds and handle title perfection process at the Lands Bureau.
- Responsible for legal researching on various questions of law and novel areas of law practice.
- Conduct legal research on questions bothering on national and international law.
- Interface with various clients drawn from different sectors and industries, take their briefs and advised them accordingly.
- Handle pre-incorporation, incorporation and post incorporation matters for small, medium and large enterprises.
- Responsible for employment and overseeing of firm's legal staff.
- Responsible for the firm's online campaign for clients, including social media outreaches.
- Manage assigned cases and oversee other lawyers in the firm.

03/2016 –
03/2019

Associate Counsel

Rudy Ezeani & Co - Ikoyi, Lagos

Responsibilities and work done:

- Handle trial preparation in litigation and Arbitration proceedings including formulating trial techniques.
- Responsible for arguing briefs before all superior and inferior Courts.
- Represented clients before the Labour and Tax Tribunals.

- Review and analysis of judgments of courts or arbitral awards for appeal or challenge.
- Advising and facilitating business restructuring like Mergers and acquisitions and company winding up.
- Negotiate, draft and review simple and complex contracts including tenancy agreements, Real estate joint venture agreements, technology transfer agreements, employment agreements, Contract for sale of Land, Share Investment agreement, Share purchase agreement, etc.
- Represent law firm as company secretary in client's Board meetings and Member's General Meetings.
- Advised and represented clients in human rights claims, personal injury claims, and trespass to person claims.
- Advise clients on business licensing requirements, tax obligations and regulatory compliance.
- Assisted clients with tax issues including preparation and filing of tax documents and representation at tax appeal tribunals.
- Represent clients at Alternative Dispute Resolution Sessions like Mediation and Conciliation, and draft, review and negotiate settlement terms.
- Review and analyze evidence, including documents and correspondences, provided by client to advise client on the on the strengths and weaknesses of a client's case or that of client's opponent.
- Review of new bills before enactment and proffering legal opinion on the propriety or otherwise of the bill's provisions to Legislators. Also, review of enacted laws and proffering legal opinion and advice to clients on the implication of the laws.
- Contribute legal and business articles for publication on the firm's newsletter
- Handled pre-incorporation, incorporation and post incorporation matters for clients.
- Advice banks on complex mortgage transactions, prepare mortgage deeds and handle the process of perfection of title in mortgage deeds for the banks.
- Assisting clients with real estate acquisition, from purchase to perfection of title.
- Seconded to act as company secretary to a client private limited company.

- Handle debt recovery actions for banks and other financial institutions.
- Responsible for managing clients' landed properties.
- Responsible for legal researching on various questions of law and novel areas of law practice.
- Conduct legal research on questions bothering on national and international law.
- Prepared wills, obtained Letters of Administration and Letters of Probate, and handled litigation matters arising from inheritance and administration of estate.
- Advised the firm on growth and development tactics.
- Interface with various clients drawn from different sectors and industries, take their briefs and advised them accordingly.
- Handled pre-incorporation, incorporation and post incorporation matters for small, medium and large enterprises.
- Interface with the Principal Partner of the firm in respect of various legal questions raised by clients.
- Manage assigned cases and oversee one pupil lawyer in the firm.

11/2014 –
10/2015

Associate Counsel
Liman, Liman & Co - Lafiq, Nasarawa

- Responsibilities and work done:
- Responsible for the preparation and argument of briefs before the, Federal and State High Courts, Election Petition tribunals, Magistrate courts and Area courts.
- Took part in evidence discovery and inspection proceedings for Election petitions.
- Reviewed Court judgments and wrote an opinion to the firm on the propriety of the judgment and strategy in response to the judgment.
- Attended and participated, on behalf of clients, in several successful Alternative Dispute Resolution sessions and prepared settlement agreements required.
- Responsible for negotiation and drafting of various types of agreements such as sale of land agreements, tenancy agreements and other contract documents.
- Responsible for legal researching.

06/2014

Intern

Equity Law Office

- Responsible for creating and handling clients' files and accounts, proper bookkeeping and other secretarial duties.
- Responsible for Legal researching and assisting the Principal partner in preparation for legal matters.

EDUCATION

DEGREE/QUALIFICATION

DATE

- Certificate of call to the Nigerian bar (BL)
Nigerian Law School
2013 – 2014
- Bachelor of Laws (LLB)
Nnamdi Azikiwe University, Awka
2008 – 2013

CERTIFICATES

DATE

- General Course on Intellectual Property
World Intellectual Property Organization
2/2018 – 4/2018
- CopyrightX
Harvard Law School
3/ 2018 – 6/2018
- IP PANORAMA
Korean Intellectual Property Office
3/2019 – 5/2019
- Advanced International Certificate Course on
IP Asset Management for business success
Korean Intellectual Property Office
3/2019 – 8/2019

VOLUNTEERING WORK

- Member, Seminar planning subcommittee of NBA SBL (Employment and Industrial Relations Committee).
- Member, Conference planning committee of the Young Lawyers Forum, African Bar Association (AFBA) 2017.
- Rapporteur, AFBA annual conference 2017.
- President, St. Anthony's Hostel, Awka.
- Secretary-General, Legal Aid CDS group.
- Chairman, Constitution Drafting Committee Legal Aid CDS group.
- Pro bono Legal Adviser, Redeemed Christian Church of God, Zone 66, Area 13, Nigeria.
- Pro bono Legal Adviser, Legacy Homes Project

- Pro bono Legal Adviser, Bright Future Health Services.

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION
MEMEBERSHIP/ACCREDITATION

- Nigerian Bar Association (NBA)
- African Bar Association (AFBA)
- Trademark agent
- Corporate Affairs Commission (CAC)
- Nigerian Bar Association Section on Business Law. (NBA SBL)

INTERESTS/CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- Researching
- Writing
- Traveling.