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PROFILE

A dual qualified attorney (Nigeria and New York) with career interests in international development, human rights, corporate and commercial law, energy and oil and gas law, banking and finance, Fintech, Securities law, international trade and corporate litigation and advocacy.

CORE COMPETENCIES

- Excellent self-management skills, demonstrating ethics and integrity and displaying due regards for internal control of rules, delegations and transparency.
- Excellent legal research, legal advice, information sourcing skills and drafting skills.
- Ability to communicate with impact, clearly and concisely in a succinct and organized manner.
- Ability to set effective goals and targets for self, others and the work unit.
- Ability to plan, organize, and control resources, procedures and protocols to achieve goals.

WORK EXPERIENCE

➤ ***Open Society Foundations Justice initiative, Manhattan, New York.***

Legal Research fellow, Civic space, prosecutorial and judicial independence, February 2020 – August 2020.

- To assist the justice initiative's newly joined up team civic space, judicial and prosecutorial independence (CS/JPI) team on issues relating to civic space, corporate law and international trade.
- Assisting the civic space team in preparing an amicus brief to the Supreme Court in Brazil on academic freedom and freedom of expression for students and academicians in Brazilian higher and tertiary institutions.
- Assisting the civic space team in researching on the relationship between child and slave labour, the deforestation in the Amazon and the beef industry in Brazil.

➤ ***Defence for Children International, Freetown, Sierra Leone.***

International Law and Human Rights Fellow, August 2019 - December 2019.

- Working as an international law and human rights fellow to assist the organization in ensuring justice for children by providing direct socio-legal assistance to children in conflict and focusing

on ending gender-based violence and empowering girls and young women to enhance their economic inclusion.

- As an International Law and Human Rights intern at the DCI-SL, the nature of my work was to conduct an intensive research using a combination of qualitative and quantitative data collection, online and empirical research in the four districts of Sierra Leone, to conduct semi-structured interviews with a cross section of stakeholders involved in the administration of juvenile justice to prepare a report of the availability of legal aid to children in Sierra Leone. The 30-page report submitted at the end of my fellowship was titled "*Access to Justice: An analysis of the availability of legal aid to children in Sierra Leone.*"

➤ **Aluko & Oyebode, Lagos, Nigeria.**

(One of Nigeria's foremost top tier commercial law firm)

Associate, March 2017 – July 2018.

Litigation and Dispute Resolution department;

- Working as part of a team representing a major International Airline in litigation in respect of claims relating to aviation related matters, which include loss of baggage and cargo, cancellation and delay of flights, denied boarding and check-in.
- Advising various clients on the viability of suits instituted by or against them.
- Involved in the litigation audit exercise on behalf of the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria.
- Drafting and reviewing various letters of demand, contract documents relating to employment and collective agreements.
- Representing three major Nigerian Multi-national Banks (Access Bank Plc, Citibank Nigeria Limited and Standard Chartered Bank of Nigeria) in various garnishee proceedings before different courts in Nigeria.
- Representing a major International Airline in mediation proceedings instituted against it at the Lagos Multi Door Court House
- Representing the Assets Management Corporation of Nigeria in a winding up proceedings against a multinational Nigerian Oil Company and an Ivory Coast Oil Company for debt recovery to the tune of ₦139,517,167,173.95 (One Hundred and Thirty-Nine Billion, Five Hundred and Seventeen Million, One Hundred and Sixty-Seven Thousand, One Hundred and Seventy-Three Naira. Ninety-Five Kobo).

Activities: Nominated, Law Digest Africa Awards, Rising Star of the Year 2018.

➤ **Synergy Attorneys, Lagos, Nigeria.**

Associate, November 2016- March 2017.

- Drafting of court processes, client representation, writing legal opinions and court appearances.

➤ **Ministry of Justice, Nasarawa State, Nigeria.**

Pupil State Counsel, October 2015- October 2016

- Criminal prosecution, legal drafting, legal research, writing legal opinions/advice and court appearances.

➤ **Chukwuma- Machukwu-Ume & Co**, Abuja, Nigeria

Extern, January 2015 – February 2015

- Legal research and editing of draft processes for filing in court.

➤ **Madyan Legal Consult**, Abuja, Nigeria.

Intern, November 2013 – January 2014

- Conducted legal research on various legal issues to aid in the preparation of briefs for filing in court.

EDUCATION/QUALIFICATIONS

- **New York University, School of Law, New York**
LLM Corporate law, May 2019.

***Scholarships:** Kogi State Government full tuition scholarship to the overall best student at the Nigerian Law School, April 2014/2015 set.*

New York University, Dean's Graduate Award.

***Concentrations:** Corporations, Banking, Corporate Finance, Securities Law, Cross Border Mergers & Acquisitions.*

***Fellowship:** 2018/2019 International Law and Human Rights Fellow, Centre for Human Rights and Global Justice.*

- **Nigerian Law School, Abuja, Nigeria**
Barrister-at-Law (B.L), 2015

Honors: First Class; Ranked 1 out of about 3600 bar aspirants;

Activity: Actively Participated in the Annual Moot Court competition, 2015.

Awards:

- Sir Adetokunbo Ademola K.B.E, G.C.O.N Award for Best Student of the year (1st Prize) 2014/2015.
- Dr. Taslim Elias G.C.O.N, SAN Award for Best Student of the Year (1st Prize) 2014/2015.
- Honourable Justice Atanda Fatayi – Williams G.C.O.N Award for Best Student of the Year (1st Prize) 2014/2015.
- Director General Nigerian Law School Prize for 1st Class Students.
- Council of Legal Education Star Prize donated by the Council of Legal Education.

- Chief Adegboyega Awomolo C.F.R, SAN Award for 3rd Best Student in Corporate Law Practice.
 - National Association of Women Judges Award for Best Overall Female Student of the year 2014/2015.
 - Mrs Oluwatoyin Doherty, Former Director of Academics, Nigerian Law School Award for Best Female student in Criminal Litigation 2014/2015.
 - Chief Joe – Kyari Gadzama OFR, MFR, SAN Award for Best Student in Civil and Criminal Litigation 2014/2015.
 - Boinime Jackson Lott Foundation Award for Overall Best Female Student 2014/2015.
- **University of Abuja, Abuja, Nigeria**
LL.B, 2014
Honors: Second Class (Upper Division) Ranked among top 5%;
Dissertation: *Termination of Contract of Employment and Grounds of Dismissal of Employee from work under the Nigerian Industrial Law (unpublished LLB research project).*
Activities:
 - Member, Justice Chambers, University of Abuja.
 - **University of Jos, Plateau, Nigeria.**
Diploma – in – Law, 2005- 2007
Honors: Second Class (Upper Division).

LICENSES

- Licensed to practice law in Nigeria. (**Supreme Court Number: SCN 099189**)
- Licensed to practice law in the State of New York. (**Attorney Registration: 5778576**)

PERSONAL DETAILS

Date of Birth: June 24, 1989.

Sex: Female

Marital Status: Single

Nationality: Nigerian.

Languages: English (fluent), Ebira, Hausa (working knowledge).

Interests: Arts, history, travelling.

Other Interests: **Member**, Legal Aid Community Development Services
October 2015 – October 2016

Activities: Represent indigent accused persons pro bono in court and sensitize members of the public on their basic fundamental human rights.

Member, Human Rights Research and Advocacy Forum.

October 2015 – present.

Activities: Advancing the cause of fundamental human rights, freedom of religion and worship, the rights of women and girl-child and the rights of children.

REFERENCES

Available upon request.