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## PROFILE SUMMARY

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Adesola is a licensed legal practitioner with a bias for corporate-commercial and transactions practice. She has the experience and practical knowledge of Legal Research, Legal Due Diligence, Evidence-Based Decision Making; Bespoke Legal Advisory; Negotiation and Legal Drafting; Legal and Regulatory Compliance, and Arbitration. Adesola is an analytical and detail-oriented professional who excels at critical thinking and strategic planning. She possesses excellent interpersonal skills that help to maintain healthy stakeholder relationship while ensuring adherence to best practice.

## SKILLS AND COMPETENCES

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- **Excellent Communication Skills:** I have a good command of the English Language and communicate effectively and accurately both orally and especially in written form.
- **Good Interpersonal Skills:** My excellent communication skills help me relate well with people from various backgrounds, which has helped foster good relationships with colleagues and clients.
- **Team Work:** My good interpersonal skills help to work effectively in any capacity in a team.
- **IT Skills:** Appreciable proficiency in Microsoft Office Software and an ability to surf the Internet for relevant information.
- **Legal Research and Legal Drafting Skills:** Gained from years of experience as a student and as a legal practitioner, I can do comprehensive research, both traditionally and with the help of information technology, and the ability to transfer my findings into viable and complete reports.
- **Client Interviewing Skills:** My excellent communication, good interpersonal and analytical skills help me effectively interview clients and ultimately retrieve important information necessary for rendering bespoke services.
- **Problem Solving Skills:** I have an uncanny ability to proffer solutions to seemingly difficult problems, and in some instances, temporary improvisations till a far-fetched permanent solution is proffered.
- **Due Diligence:** I have an eye for details that help me spot minute information essential for making commercially prudent business decisions.
- **Technical Report Writing:** After every research, due diligence and analysis, necessarily comes comprehensive reports in the form of legal opinions; agreements or due diligence reports. My years of experience have helped me perfect my ability to write such technical reports in most self-explanatory ways.
- **Analytical Reasoning:** I can analyse information and issues to draw logical conclusions that are tailored to achieving client satisfaction.

## WORK EXPERIENCE

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- **Auxano Law** **Present**  
**Position Held:** Associate Counsel/Special Assistant to the Managing Counsel  
**Core Area:** *Corporate Commercial/Litigation*
- **Tokunbo Orimobi LP** **2019**  
**Position Held:** Legal Intern (2013); Associate (2019)  
**Team:** Enterprise and Specialised Practice

## **Core Area: *Project Finance and Infrastructure/Private Wealth Services***

- **Ekwueme, Ekwueme & Ekwueme** **2018**  
**Position Held:** Junior Associate  
**Core Area:** *Corporate Commercial/Litigation*
  
- **Indent Consulting and Solicitors** **2017**  
**Position Held:** NYSC Associate  
**Core Area:** *Legal Consultancy and Legislative Drafting*
  
- **Noble Associates** **2016**  
**Position Held:** Legal Extern
  
- **Lagos Multi Door Courthouse** **2013**  
**Position Held:** Legal Intern

## **BROAD EXPERIENCE**

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### **Transactions/Deals List**

- Member of Team representing and advising Client on a Loan Refinancing Deal of about Ten Million Dollars involving Africa Export and Import Bank and a Nigerian Bank.
- Reviewed and proffered legal advice to Client on its rights and liabilities as are available subject to a Vessel Finance Facility Agreement; a Vessel Mortgage Deed; Deed of Bank Account Charge; and Assignment of Receivables;
- Drafted and Negotiated a Construction Agreement for the construction of a Dredging Equipment;
- Drafted and Negotiated a Collaborators Agreement between two Business Enterprises for the execution of a Joint Project, and Reviewed and proffered legal advice on several agreements and documents;
- Led a team that advised on the proposed financing of a Road Infrastructure Development Project under the Companies Income (Road Infrastructure Development and Refurbishment Tax Credit Scheme) Order, 2019 which was signed by the President of Nigeria on January 25, 2019;
- Led a team that advised on the proposed acquisition of equity worth \$30,000,000.00 (Thirty Million Dollars)] in a telecommunications company;
- Led the team that provided legal advisory services to a major insurance company in Nigeria;
- Led a team that advised on the floatation of an Air Transport Business in Nigeria;
- Led a team that advised an expatriate client on Nigerian Immigration laws especially as it pertains to the different kinds of Visa and the most appropriate for entry into the country; Applied for and obtained Visa-on-Arrival for Clients and ensured compliance with relevant immigration regulations;
- Led the ***Private Wealth Services*** team that advised clients on setting up offshore companies in offshore Jurisdictions like Mauritius and the Cayman Islands; Facilitated the registration of offshore companies as well as the opening of bank accounts in Mauritius and conducted due diligence exercise on existing offshore companies;
- A key member of the team that advised China Export and Import Bank on proposed funding of circa \$2,000,000,000.00 (Two Billion Dollars) Light Rail Project in Kano State Nigeria;
- A vital member of the team that advised an investment company on proposed funding of an oil exploration project for the acquisition, processing, interpretation and integration of Stress Field Detection in the Nigerian Inland Basins involving a Federal Government Agency and a Private Company;

- A key member of the team that advised on the proposed financing of the construction of an Events Arena in Lagos, Nigeria.
- A key member of the team that advised an infrastructure investment company on its Dollar Denominated Infrastructure Fund to be established in Luxembourg;
- Advised on setting up an Infrastructure Fund with the Nigerian Securities and Exchange Commission;
- Drafted and reviewed transaction documents including Seed Capital Investment Agreement, Brokerage Service Agreement, Investment Agreement, Non-Disclosure Agreement, Joint Operating/Venture Agreement, Employment Contracts etc.;
- Proffered legal opinion on issues ranging from Software Licensing Agreement, Worldwide Patent registration, employment contract, corporate governance, debt conversion, foreign-denominated loans, amongst others;
- Carried out corporate search and prepared search reports on companies in the Cayman Islands, the British Virgin Islands, New Zealand and Singapore;
- Conducted legal due diligence on the corporate existence and regulatory compliance of Nigerian corporate entities to help potential investors make viable investment decisions;
- Drafted and Prepared incorporation documents for registration of new companies; made post-incorporation filings at the Corporate Affairs Commission; and ensure regulatory compliance by local and foreign investors in Nigeria;
- Facilitated the registration of Trademarks
- Proffered advice to clients on Corporate Governance and Compliance.

### **Dispute Resolution/Litigation**

- Member of ADR Team handling Arbitration on behalf of Client for the Recovery of One Million, Seventy-Eight Thousand Dollars owed our Client under a Time Charter Party Agreement.
- Member of Team handling Arbitration on behalf of Client in respect of a dispute that arose from a Vehicle Supply Facilitation Agreement worth Two Billion Naira;
- The primary drafter of Brief of Argument and Member of team appealing to the Supreme Court, a judgment of the Court of Appeal upholding a death sentence against our Client;
- Legal researcher and draftsman of several court processes;
- Handled several cases at Trial Courts across the country and in the Court of Appeal on several matters ranging from commercial disputes to criminal matters;
- As part of an Alternative Dispute Resolution Team, negotiated amicable settlement of disputes between clients and third parties;
- Proffered legal opinions on matters ranging from: Trusteeship; Real Property; Appointment of Guardians;

### **Other Experiences**

- Member of the team that drafted the Ministerial Regulation on Nigeria Oil and Gas Industry (Further Growth of Indigenous Capacity) Regulations, 2017.
- Member of the team that reviewed and expanded on what is now the Katsina State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules, which commenced from December 8, 2017.
- Member of the team that conducted training on the new Katsina State High Court (Civil Procedure) Rules for members of the Bench and Bar concerned;
- Member of Auxano Law Journal Editorial Team and Member of the Auxano Law Website, Branding and Marketing Team;
- Head of the administrative team packaging the application for the privilege of Senior Advocate of Nigeria on behalf of the firm's head.

## EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS

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<b>Masters of Law (LL.M)</b>   University of Lagos	<b> Ongoing</b>
<b>Barrister at Law (BL)</b>   Nigerian Law School, Bwari Abuja (2 <sup>nd</sup> class upper division)	<b> 2015 – 2016</b>
<b>Bachelor's Degree in Law (LL. B)</b>   University of Lagos (2 <sup>nd</sup> class upper division)	<b> 2011 – 2015</b>
<b>Diploma-in-Law</b>   University of Lagos (2 <sup>nd</sup> class upper division)	<b> 2010 – 2011</b>
<b>SSCE</b>   Ijebu Anglican Diocesan College (Best Graduating Student)	<b> 2005 – 2010</b>

## CERTIFICATIONS

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- **IESE Business School via Coursera** | Corporate Finance Essentials **|In view**
- **Corporate Finance Institute**
  - ✓ Introduction to Corporate Finance **|2020**
  - ✓ Reading Financial Statements **|2020**
- **Centre for Human Rights, University of Pretoria** | MOOC workshop on 'The International and African Legal Framework on Freedom of Expression, Access to Information and Safety of Journalists' **|2017**
- **Skills Edge Consulting Limited, Abuja**
  - ✓ Certificate in Project Management **|2017**
  - ✓ Certificate in Human Resource Management **|2017**
  - ✓ Certificate in Customer Service and Relationship Management **| 2017**

## PUBLICATIONS

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- Fundamental Rights Enforcement Procedure Rules, 2009 – Reforming the Reformer; Seminar Paper presented at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos (2019) now published at <https://auxanolaw.com/auxano-law-journal-fundamental-rights-enforcement-procedure-rule-2009-reforming-the-reformer/>
- Examination of the Duties of Directors across Jurisdictions – Duty of Care and Skill. Seminar Paper presented at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos (2019).
- Security Aspects of Ship and Maritime Financing. Co-Authored Seminar Paper presented at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos (2019).
- Understanding Joint Ventures and the Memorandum of Understanding in Nigeria's Oil and Gas Industry – An appraisal of Policy, Legal and Administrative Framework. Co-Authored Seminar Paper presented at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos (2019).
- Multinational Oil Companies and the Nigerian Oil Industry: A Critical Perspective. Co-Authored Seminar Paper presented at the Faculty of Law, University of Lagos (2019).
- State Government External Borrowing – Requirements and Procedures. Co-Authored (Pending Publication).

## REFEREES

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Available on Request

**Baruwa Adesola Adetutu**