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CORPORATE ATTORNEY



PROFILE

Corporate Attorney acknowledged for delivering win-win outcomes in corporate litigation and arbitration matters. History of successfully negotiating settlements based upon sound and resourceful pretrial strategies. Very passionate about the Corporate Finance industry.

Dedicated, energetic and passionate, I am possessed with a knack for excellence and exceptional service delivery. I constantly maximize opportunities to contribute to landmark legal proceedings. Further, in my practice, I am conversant with the exceptional drafting of contracts and agreements spanning various continents and jurisdictions. My knowledge spans the oil and gas, banking and finance, technology and construction and infrastructure sectors of the economy. Internet savvy and well versed in using technology to perform extensive legal research, I am certain I would be a perfect fit for the role of Legal Counsel at your organization.



WORK HISTORY

ASSOCIATE

CASTLEFIELD ATTORNEYS, LAGOS

[January 2020 - Present]

- Working as a central part of the firm’s dispute resolution team, in preparing necessary court papers in representing some of Nigeria’s largest indigenous companies in various sectors of the economy such as oil and gas, finance, infrastructure and construction particularly in disputes arising from property transactions, interpretation of agreements, contractual conflicts, amongst others.
 - Advised the Borrower and provided opinions, reviewed the facility documents and handled regulatory compliance issues with respect to a \$382,000,000,000 Facility to finance the execution of the Borrower’s Turnaround Strategy.
 - Acted as Borrower’s Counsel on a Six Hundred and Forty Million United States Dollars (\$640,000,000) Senior Medium-Term Facility from a consortium of Local and International Banks.
 - Advised the Borrower and provided opinions, reviewed the Facility documents and handled regulatory compliance issues with respect to a ₦100,000,000,000 Sukuk Financing Issue.
 - Advising a tier one Bank in Nigeria on an aircraft mortgage facility of \$9,170,000 to a Borrower, I drafted the Facility document; personally, interfaced with the regulatory authorities.
 - Advising an indigenous oil and gas company on its financing structure of One Billion Eight Hundred Million United States Dollars (\$1,800,000,000) Facility for the optimization of an Oil Mining Lease (OML).
 - Carrying out a comprehensive legal due Diligence of an Airline in connection with its proposed recapitalization; I advised on how the Company can provide building blocks for optimal performance and efficiency in its processes.
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- Conducting due diligence and transaction advisory for a Guarantee Company Limited which seeks to guarantee a transportation and logistics company that has operated in the South-Western region of Nigeria over the past decade to the tune of ₦20,000,000,000 (Twenty Billion Naira).
- Learning and operating specialized legal software such as LawPavilion and NextCounsel
- Conducting legal research and conferred with colleagues with subject matter expertise to develop strategies and arguments in preparation for presentation of cases.
- Development of corporate growth strategy to evolve a completely new structure for the law firm subsequent to consolidation – Reviewed the global and local legal services industry landscape to understand the emerging trends – Spearheaded the digital revolution of the law firm
- Developing transaction documents such as investment teaser, information memorandum, NDAs and other marketing documents
- Advising extensively on commercial transactions spanning into multi-million-dollar territory
- Represented various clients in key trademark disputes.
- Broke new ground in the firm and led the foray into emerging areas of Law Practice (Drone Law, Technology Law to name a few)
- Serving as Team Lead in various ADR settlements with a view to "zero litigation" policy for corporate clients
- Carrying out due diligence for regulatory compliance
- I have led key transactions spanning M&A, restructuring, winding-up, project finance and transaction advisory

**A.S. OYEWALE-FREEMAN &
CO.
LAGOS**

[October 2018 – December 2019]

NYSC ASSOCIATE

- Conducted legal research, drafted motions and pleadings and attended court hearings to present legal arguments and advance the client's cause
- Entered appearance in Courts of Record on behalf of clients
- Participated in interviewing witnesses, taking witness statements, searching public records, and compiling evidence to present in court and accurately recording all details, information and instruction gathered in meetings.
- Maintained client case information to ensure that client databases and files are up to date, neatly arranged and readily accessible and correspond with clients as the need arises to take necessary instruction for representation.
- Provided legal advice to enquiries from private and corporate clients with minimal or no supervision by senior counsel.
- Prepared Court processes at various stages of dispute resolution
- Prepared timely and necessary legal advice to clients.
- Engaged in research work on various fields of law practice



EDUCATION

Bachelor of Laws (B.L)

Nigerian Law School, Enugu Campus [2017 - 2019]

- Called to the Nigerian Bar in May 2019
- Participated as Counsel in Annual Moot and Mock Trial.

LL. B (Hons) LAW

Osun State University, Osogbo [September 2012 – August 2017]

- Graduated magna cum laude (**Second Class Upper Division**)
- Coursework in Banking Law, International Law, Energy Law and Capital Market Law
- Elected to President/Lord Advocate for Equity & Justice Chambers [2016]
- Recipient, Vice-Chancellor's Prize for Excellence [Osun State University, 2016]
- 1st Place Winner, Olusegun Obasanjo Presidential Library Debate [March 2017]
- 1st Runner-up, All-Nigerian Universities Quiz Challenge (2015)
- 1st Runner Up, Equity Chambers Moot and Mock Trials (UNILORIN, 2015, 2016)
- Best Speaker, Osun State University Debating Competition

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Facilitated the firm's smooth transition to a paperless system.
- Key part of the team that worked with the NCAA to draft the Pioneer legislation regulating the use of Unmanned Aerial Vehicles in Nigeria
- Led the Project Finance team in several international transactions
- Successfully drove a zero-litigation policy for a select group of clients to minimize escalation of issues and maximize efficiency
- Led the digital transformation of the firm via optimal use of cloud computing and Artificial Intelligence software
- Secured several ADR awards in favour of corporate and private clients
- In my role as Team Led of Mergers & Acquisitions (M&A), I have engaged prospective investors such as PE firms and DFIs; conducted restructuring of companies & winding up proceedings; and reviewed existing corporate strategy documents

SKILLS

- ★★★★★ Oral and written communication
- ★★★★★ Analytical and logical reasoning
- ★★★★★ Legal Research
- ★★★★★ Technology Skills
- ★★★★☆ Knowledge of Substantive Law and Legal Procedure
- ★★★★☆ Time Management
- ★★★★☆ Teamwork

AFFILIATIONS

- Member, Nigerian Bar Association
- YIAG Member, London Court of International Arbitration
- Young ICCA, International Council of Commercial Arbitration
- Associate, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK)
- Associate Member, African Data Engineering and Science Association

COURSES/CERTIFICATIONS

- Advanced Valuation and Strategy - M&A, Private Equity, And Venture Capital [Erasmus University, Rotterdam] - June 2020
- Dispute Management in Africa Infrastructure Projects, [Linklaters] - October 2020
- Corporate Finance Essentials [IESE Business School] - November 2020
- General Course on Intellectual Property [World Intellectual Property Organization] - March 2021
- Lean Six Sigma White Belt Certification [Management & Strategy Institute] - March 2021
- Critical Thinking for Self-Development [Metropolitan School of Business & Management, UK] - April 2021
- Introduction to Corporate Finance [Corporate Finance Institute] - May 2021
- The Laws of Digital Data, Content and Artificial Intelligence (AI) [The University of Law] - May 2021
- AI For Legal Professionals: Law and Policy [National Chiao Tung University] - May 2021

REFERENCES

AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST