

# Onyinyechi Anne Chima

FINANCE AND CAPITAL MARKETS LAWYER

## Employment History

### Executive Associate, Alliance Law Firm, Lagos, Nigeria.

APRIL 2022 — PRESENT

Key member of the team which advised Royal Exchange Healthcare Limited, a national health maintenance organisation duly registered under the National Health Insurance Scheme on its acquisition by Dot Ensure Limited.

Advising the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria on the debt restructuring of a leading local telecommunications company through its acquisition of a majority stake in the company.

Advised TLG Capital, a foreign private equity company on the provision of an additional USD566,000 secured facility to the Express Pharmacy Group, a local based group of pharmaceutical companies for the purpose of expanding the business.

Core member of the capital markets team which provided legal advisory to Issuers and Trustees in the establishment of multi-billion naira corporate and government bonds in Nigeria, including one of the largest corporate bonds in Nigeria by Dangote Industry Limited; a subsidiary of Dangote Cement PLC.

Member of the team which advised as solicitors to the issue on the NGN50 Billion Bond issuance programme by Nigerian energy and logistics company, GPC Energy and Logistics and its subsequent NGN20 Billion Series 1 issuance.

Advised the trustees on the NGN3.5 Billion Series 2 Bond issuance of Eat and Go SPV Plc under its NGN15 Billion Programme.

Member of the team which acted as solicitors to Leadway Assurance Company Limited, the Lenders on the USD500,000 Loan Notes issued by Green Africa Airways, a subsidiary of Green White Group Limited.

### Associate Lawyer, Sefton Fross, Lagos, Nigeria.

APRIL 2021 — APRIL 2022

Key member of the team which advised in a cross border transaction for Conex Petroleum Group on its 100% acquisition of the shares of the French oil giant, Total and the financing of the acquisition through a USD60 million facility advanced to Conex by Africa Finance Corporation, in both Liberia and Sierra Leone.

Advised the Asset Management Corporation of Nigeria on its purchase of a non-performing loan from a foremost Nigerian financial institution in the sum of USD718,000,000 to be repaid from the proceeds of Oil Mining Lease 120.

Drafting, reviewing and negotiating terms in transactional documents including but not limited to facility agreements, share purchase agreements, shareholders' agreements, joint venture agreements, intercreditor and security sharing agreements and other documentation and implementing key corporate finance strategies.

Sub-lead on the capital markets team providing legal advisory to Issuers and Trustees in the establishment of multi-billion naira corporate and

## Details

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## Skills

Legal Due Diligence

Corporate Law

Corporate Finance

Microsoft Office Suite

Contract Negotiation

Legal Research

Document Drafting

Legal Writing

Client Communication

Leadership and Teamwork

## Languages

English



Igbo



French



government bonds in Nigeria, including the largest corporate bond in Nigeria by Dangote Cement PLC.

Advising foreign private equity firms, finance institutions and federal government agencies on advancing credit facilities, alternative financing structures and securities.

Negotiating complex regulatory compliance opinions for proposed acquisitions and providing general corporate and regulatory compliance advisory.

Providing legal advisory on mergers and acquisitions, external restructuring, corporate restructuring, divestments and other forms of business combinations including an ongoing implementation of a non-operating holding company structure by a leading Insurance Company in Nigeria.

Providing regularly updated legal opinions advising Societe Generale Bank on the legal treatment of derivatives in Nigeria.

Conducting extensive and limited legal due diligence and developing key finding reports for M&A transactions, bond issuances and corporate restructuring.

Providing general legal advisory and company secretarial services to companies across various sectors.

### **Associate Lawyer, Ezem Chris and Associates (Barristers, Solicitors and Legal Consultants), Lagos, Nigeria.**

JUNE 2020 — FEBRUARY 2021

Drafted legal opinions and advised the Firm's clientele to guide their actions, operations and policies, and provided bespoke solutions to matters of concern to those clients, in compliance with applicable law.

Represented the interests of clients in negotiations with external parties and stakeholders, including regulators, external counsel and public authorities.

Represented clients in Court to watch briefs and subsequently, drafted comprehensive summaries.

Prepared and reviewed a plethora of commercial contracts, agreements and other legal documentation, of diverse kinds and description for clients.

Handled matters such as the incorporation of companies, directors and shareholders rights, articles of association, board meetings and secretarial issues.

### **NYSC Trainee Lawyer, Delphi Law Advisory, Lagos, Nigeria.**

JANUARY 2018 — NOVEMBER 2018

Drafted and filed court processes for proceedings at the Trial and Appellate Courts including but not limited to pleadings (statements of claim, defence and reply), briefs of argument and final written addresses and demand letters.

Worked in a team of lawyers who appeared, argued and won several civil cases on behalf of clients in the State High Court and Federal High Courts.

Performed and carried out the role and functions of a company secretary for corporate clients of the firm and effected corporate compliance with the relevant regulatory agencies of the government.

Prepared and proffered extensively researched and well-detailed legal opinions on significant recent developments in Nigerian business law

practice advising corporate organisations, government ministries and parastatals, to guide their operations and policies.

## Education

### **Master of Laws in International Commercial Law with International Corporate Finance, University of Reading, Reading, United Kingdom.**

JANUARY 2019 — JULY 2020

Graduated with Distinction.

Relevant Courses- International Corporate Finance and the Law, International Investment Law, Risk Management in Financial Services, Legal Aspects of Corporate Rescue, Legal Aspects of International Mergers, Acquisitions and Takeovers.

### **Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, Nigerian Law School, Augustine Nnamani Campus, Enugu, Nigeria.**

NOVEMBER 2016 — NOVEMBER 2017

Graduated with Second Class Upper.

### **Bachelor of Laws, University of Lagos, Lagos, Nigeria.**

AUGUST 2011 — NOVEMBER 2016

Graduated with Second Class Honours.

### **WASSCE including Maths and English, Topgrade Secondary School, Lagos, Nigeria.**

SEPTEMBER 2005 — JULY 2011

## Courses

### **Introduction to Arbitration Entry Course, The Chartered Institute of Arbitrators.**

JUNE 2016

## Internships

### **Law School Extern at Akin Adesomoju and Co., Lagos, Nigeria.**

JUNE 2017 — JULY 2017

Reduced the litigation team's workload by over 25% by carrying out legal research and writing legal opinions.

Strategized with teammates to bring about a win in several cases before the State High Court.

## Extra-curricular activities

### **Volunteer at Committee for the Defence of Human Rights, Lagos, Nigeria.**

AUGUST 2014 — AUGUST 2016

Successfully initiated the investigation and subsequent litigation of 8 cases of human rights infringements for indigent people in Lagos State.

Led a team of 10 colleagues who advocated for the release of vehicles unjustly seized from transporters.

### **Student Member at University of Reading Student Union, Reading, United Kingdom.**

OCTOBER 2019 — JUNE 2020