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EDUCATIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- ✱ 1997 - 1998 LL.M. Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife.
(Obtained Ph. D grade)
- ✱ 1990 - 1991 B.L. 2nd Class Upper Division, Nigerian Law School, Lagos
- ✱ 1987 - 1990 LL.B. (Hons) University of Ibadan, Ibadan.
- ✱ 1982 - 1986 B.A.(ED) English (2nd Class Upper Division)
Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo
(Overall Best Graduating Student)

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

2011- Present Managing Partner, Afe Babalola & Co. The firm is one of the largest law firms in Nigeria with offices in Lagos, Ibadan, Abuja and Port Harcourt.
The Firm has had successful and enviable practice in the fields of arbitration, oil and gas, banking and commercial practice.
The firm has in its long list of

clientele almost all major oil companies in Nigeria and several multi-national corporations.

The firm has three Senior Advocates of Nigeria. Apart from the Senior Advocates, there are about 30 other lawyers in the firm, most of whom rank among the best minds in the profession.

Mr Adebayo Adenipekun, SAN, as the Managing Partner of the firm coordinates the activities of the lawyers in all the branches of the firm.

- 2006 - 2011** Head of Chambers, Afe Babalola & Co.
- 2000 - 2006** Head of Administration and Deputy Head of Chambers of Afe Babalola & Co.
- 1996 – 2000** Senior Associate, Afe Babalola & Co.
- 1991 – 1996** Associate, Afe Babalola & Co.

MEMBERSHIP OF PROFESSIONAL INSTITUTIONS

- ❖ Member, Nigerian Bar Association
- ❖ Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, United Kingdom
- ❖ Member, Lagos Court of Arbitration
- ❖ Member, African Users Council, London Court of International Arbitration
- ❖ Member, International Bar Association
- ❖ Member, Arbitration Committee, International Bar Association
- ❖ Member, Permanent Court of Arbitration, The Hague, Netherlands

CONFERENCES ATTENDED OVER THE PAST 8 YEARS

- 2010 - International Bar Association 2010 Annual Conference at Vancouver, 3rd to 8th October, 2010
- 2011 - Section on Business Law, Nigerian Bar Association Conference, Lagos
- 2012 - International Bar Association 2012 Annual Conference at Dublin, 30th September to 5th October, 2012
- 2013 - London Court of International Arbitration Symposium in Boston, United States of America 2013, 6th October, 2013

- 2013 - International Bar Association 2013 Annual Conference at Boston 2013, 6th to 11th October, 2013
- 2013 - Dispute Appointment Service Convention, United Kingdom
- 2013 - Lagos Court of Arbitration Conference, Lagos
- 2014 - London Court of International Arbitration Symposium in Paris, France 2014, 15th February, 2014
- 2014 - Training/Workshop on International Investments and Investors State Arbitration, Nigerian Institute of Advanced Legal Studies, Lagos
- 2015 - Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria Branch 2015 Annual Conference, Abuja. 3-4 November 2015
- 2015 - Nigerian Bar Association, 2015 Annual Conference. 23-28 August 2015
- 2016 - International Centre for Settlement for Investment Dispute; Conference on Introduction to ICSID Practice and Procedure, 9 September 2016. ICSID London
- 2017- LCIA African Users' Council Symposium. 26-27 October, 2017, Abuja, Nigeria
- 2017- Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Nigeria Branch 2017 Annual Conference, Abuja. 2-3 November 2017

DISPUTE RESOLUTION EXPERIENCE

Mr Adenipekun, SAN, combines extensive Legal Practice with arbitration either as Counsel to one of the parties in arbitration proceedings, a Sole Arbitrator in other proceedings and as chairman of 3-man Panel in some proceedings.

Mr. Adenipekun, SAN, served as Counsel to the Claimant in the following disputes:

- Dispute relating to supply contract between Federal Government and private company.
- Dispute relating to the breach of building contract between a private company and Federal Government of Nigeria before a Sole Arbitrator.
- Dispute relating to Concession agreement with the Federal Government.
- Investment dispute between a foreign investor and the Federal Government of Nigeria before the ICSID.

- Acted as Sole Arbitrator in:

- (1). Dispute relating to Professional Management Agreement between a private company and a State Government.

- (2). Dispute relating to vehicle rental agreement between two private companies.
- (3). Dispute relating to Contractor Financed Project Agreement between a private company and a State Government.

- Acted as Chairman of 3-man Panel

Dispute relating to the Sale of Shops at a Shopping Mall between two private companies

- Currently, Counsel to the Federal Government of Nigeria at Investment Dispute Arbitration before International Centre for Settlement of Investment Disputes, Washington, USA
- Currently, Counsel to Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation (NNPC) at an International *ad hoc* Arbitration with an Oil Company

AWARDS AND HONOURS

- ✱ 1986- Best Graduating Student, Department of English, Adeyemi College of Education
- ✱ 1998- Outstanding Alumnus - University of Ibadan
- ✱ 2004- Outstanding Alumnus, Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo
- ✱ 2006- Merit Award, Nigerian Bar Association, Ibadan Branch
- ✱ 2008- Award of Excellence, Radio Nigeria
- ✱ 2008- Osun State Law Student Forum Award
- ✱ 2011- 2nd Distinguished Alumni Personality Award, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan, Ibadan

ARTICLES/PAPERS PUBLISHED

- ***How Soon is Too Soon to Activate ISDS? The Nigeria-Morocco BIT Solution to Hasty Arbitration***, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, June 13 2018, <http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2018/06/13/soon-soon-activate-isds-nigeria-morocco-bit-solution-hasty-arbitration/>
- ***Come in, Let's Arbitrate: The Rise and Rise of Arbitration in Nigeria***, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, November 24 2017,

<http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2017/11/24/come-lets-arbitrate-rise-rise-arbitration-nigeria-2/>

- ***Finality of Arbitral Awards in Nigeria- Separating Harm from Hubris (Part 1)***, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, January 18 2018,
<http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2018/01/18/finality-arbitral-awards-nigeria-separating-harm-hubris-part-1/>
- ***Finality of Arbitral Awards in Nigeria- Separating Harm from Hubris (Contd.)***, Kluwer Arbitration Blog, January 24 2018,
<http://arbitrationblog.kluwerarbitration.com/2018/01/24/finality-arbitral-awards-nigeria-separating-harm-hubris-contd/>
- ***Front Loading in Election Petition: Why the Court Must Take a Second Look at the Election Tribunal and Court Practice Directions 2007***
In Current Issues in Nigerian Jurisprudence
Published by: Renaissance Law Publishers Limited, 2007
- ***Appointment of Arbitrators- Prospects and Challenges***
Paper presented at the July Edition of the Arbitration Conversations organised by the Ibadan Arbitration Community on the 22nd of July, 2018
- ***Initiating Election Petitions and Other Preliminaries***
Presented papers at the seminar organized by International Foundation for Electoral System (IFES)/NBA at Rockview Hotel, Abuja on the 3rd of May, 2011
- ***Biographical Sketch of Afe Babalola, SAN***
In The Legal Profession and The Nigerian Nation
Published by: International Legal and Allied Research Network, 1998
- ***A commentary on Alphonus Nkuma vs. Joseph Otunaya Odili (2006) 6 NWLR (Part 977) 587.***
In The Force of Justice (Edited by Dele Adesina Esq. SAN)
Published by: DAC Publishing Company Limited, 2010.
- ***Professional Conduct of Lawyers in Election Matters***

Presented at the seminar organized by International Foundation for Electoral System (IFES)/NBA at Rockview Hotel, Abuja on 3rd of May, 2011

- ***Law and Economic Transformation in Nigeria: The Imperative Justice Section Reform***

Paper presented at the National Conference on Law and Economic Transformation in Nigeria, organized by the Faculty of Law, Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile-Ife on 11th of July, 2012.

PUBLICATIONS

- Digest of Election Petition Cases
Published by: Four Tees Book House, 2011
- Current Legal Issues in Contemporary Nigeria - Essays in Honour of Aare Afe Babalola, SAN, CON.
Published by: Afe Babalola University Press

EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

- (1) Member, Governing Council, Lead City University
- (2) Member, Faculty Board, Faculty of Law, University of Ibadan
- (3) Member, Board of Trustees, Afe Babalola University, Ado Ekiti