

# **Babajide Oladipo Ogundipe**

## **General information and contact details**

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**Nationality: Nigerian**

### **Education**

University of London, University College (LLB-1978).

### **Current Professional Qualifications**

Solicitor & Advocate of the Supreme Court of Nigeria, 1979; Notary Public of the Federal Republic of Nigeria, 1991; Fellow Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 1994.

**Languages: English, French (not fluent, but can read and comprehend) Yoruba**

### **Professional Experience**

Called to Nigerian Bar July 1979; Founding partner, Sofunde Osakwe Ogundipe & Belgore, 1988-present; Legal practice predominantly as a commercial litigator, with focus on recovery of lost value on behalf of victims of fraud.

### **Experience as Arbitrator**

Appointed arbitrator (both as party-appointed and sole arbitrator) since 2000 in disputes related road and building construction, airline agency commissions, sports sponsorships, defence contracts, electricity generation, gas pipeline engineering and construction, industrial gas supplies, petroleum well testing, oil prospecting licences, and crude oil processing and handling agreements. References have been conducted under ICC Arbitration Rules, UNCITRAL Arbitration Rules, Arbitration Rules under Arbitration and Conciliation Act, Lagos Court of Arbitration Rules and Rules of Regional Centre for International Commercial Arbitration, Lagos.

### **Other Arbitration-Related Experience**

Acted as counsel in arbitral proceedings concerning petroleum Production Sharing Contracts, the construction of a natural gas pipeline and automobile distribution and dealership contracts.

Secretary of Nigerian Branch of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators in 1997-1999; Chairman, Training Sub-Committee of Nigerian Branch of Chartered

Institute of Arbitrators 1999-2002; 3rd Vice-Chairman of Nigerian Branch of Chartered Institute, 2002-2006; Chairman Nigerian Branch of Chartered Institute of Arbitrators, 2006-2009. Tutor for training courses run by the Nigerian Branch of the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators from 1999 to present.

Member of Board of Lagos Court of Arbitration (LCA), February 2010 to present, President of LCA February 2010 to February 2014.

### **Publications and Speaking Engagements**

Contributor, ICC FraudNet Compendium on Asset Tracing & Recovery, 2009;

Contributor, The Dispute Resolution Review, 2009 - 2017; The International Arbitration Review, 2010 - 2017; Contributor, GETTING THE DEAL THROUGH - DISPUTE RESOLUTION, 2009 - 2017; Contributor, GETTING THE DEAL THROUGH - ANTI-CORRUPTION, 2009 - 2017; Contributor, GETTING THE DEAL THROUGH - ANTI-MONEY LAUNDERING, 2013 - 2017; Contributor, GETTING THE DEAL THROUGH - Asset Recovery, 2017.

**SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS:** Have spoken on FCPA Compliance in Emerging Markets at events organized by the American Conference Institute; on Anti-Corruption developments in Africa at International Bar Association Conferences since 2002; and on Asset Recovery and Anti-Corruption issues at events organized by C5 in Geneva, London, Lagos, Miami and Nairobi since 2009.

### **International Bar Association**

Anti-Corruption Committee: Vice-Chair, January 2010 to December 2011; African Regional Officer, January 2012 to December 2013; Regional Representative - Africa, January 2014 to December 2015.

Regulation of Lawyers' Compliance Committee: Vice-Chair - Africa, January 2013 to December 2015. Currently Regional Representative for Anglophone Africa on the Anti-Corruption Committee's Asset Recovery Subcommittee and a member of the Anti-Money Laundering and Sanctions Expert Working Group

### **ICC FraudNet**

Member for Nigeria, since February 2006, of ICC FraudNet, a network of specialist asset recovery lawyers from more than 50 jurisdictions around the world, organized and operating under the auspices of the International Chamber of Commerce's Commercial Crime Services division.