

## **Nania Owusu- Ankomah Sackey, FCIArb.**

Barrister and Solicitor of the Supreme Court (Ghana); Barrister (England and Wales);  
Arbitrator.

### **EDUCATION AND QUALIFICATIONS**

- 2010 – 2010 Ghana School of Law, Accra, Ghana. (Qualifying Law Certificate).
- 2009 – 2010 The College of Law (now University of Law), London. (PgDip) – Awarded an Outstanding in the Bar Vocational Course.
- 2007 – 2009 University of Leeds, United Kingdom. (LLM).
- 2002 – 2006 University of Ghana, Accra, Ghana. (B.A (Hons) – Awarded a First-Class Honours Degree.

### **AWARDS/ACHIEVEMENTS**

- Featured as ‘Woman to Watch’ by the African Institute of Women in Law (2020).
- Awarded as one of Africa’s 50 Most Promising Young Arbitration Practitioners by the Association of Young Arbitrators.
- Recognised as Rising Star by Africa Arbitration (July 2019).
- Featured in Careers in Arbitration’s “24 Women in Arbitration” publication (March 2020).
- Featured in the Chartered Institute of Arbitrator’s “Women in ADR” publication (March 2019).
- Selected as one of 17 African lawyers (and only Ghanaian) for the International Lawyers for Africa (ILFA) International Flagship Programme (2018).
- Awarded a Certificate of Honour by The Honourable Society of the Middle Temple (2010).
- Awarded the Ford and Warren Prize for the Most Meritorious Student on the LLM Law Course at the University of Leeds, United Kingdom (2009).

### **EMPLOYMENT**

- **June 2020 – present- Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Accra – Partner and Deputy Head of ADR Practice Group, Disputes Department.**
- Sitting as arbitrator.
- Client representation in litigation and arbitration proceedings.
- Mediation.
- Early neutral evaluation.
- Legal advice
- Corporate and Commercial Litigation
- **April 2019 - June 2020- Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Accra – Senior Associate and Deputy Head of ADR Practice Group, Disputes Department.**

Duties as above.

- **September 2018 - December 2018 – Secondment to Hogan Lovells International LLP (London), International Arbitration Practice Group.**
  - Drafting arbitration related processes.
  - Attending hearings.
- **February 2015 - April 2019- Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Accra – Senior Associate, Litigation and Dispute Resolution.**
  - Client representation in litigation and arbitration proceedings.
  - Legal Advice
- **April 2011 - January 2015 - Bentsi-Enchill, Letsa & Ankomah, Accra – Associate, Litigation and Dispute Resolution.**

Duties as above.

### **PUBLICATIONS/SPEAKING ENGAGEMENTS/TASK FORCE**

- *A Guide to Dispute Resolution in Africa: A Multijurisdictional Review (3<sup>rd</sup> Edition, Herbert Smith Freehills)*, co-author of Ghana Chapter with Ace Anan Ankomah. (2020).
- Speaker, Arbitrator Intelligence Webinar Series, ‘Africa’s Diverse Path Forward: Practical Solutions to the Diversity Dilemma in International Arbitration’ (December 2020)
- Featured in Arbitrator Intelligence’s Africa Campaign (December 2020)
- Speaker, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Hot Topics in International Arbitration Session (November 2020).
- Speaker, Trans-national Dispute Resolution: Oil-Gas-Energy-Mining-Infrastructure Dispute Management (TDM OGEMID).
- Speaker, Regional Training Workshop on Dispute Management in Africa Infrastructure Projects 2020 (DiMAP) (October 2020).
- Speaker, Association of Young Arbitrators Interview Session for 50 Most Promising Young Arbitration Practitioners (2020)
- IBA Committee, Ghana Country Report on the Local Requirements for the Validity of the Enforcement of the Arbitral Award (September 2020).
- Speaker, LLM/MA ADR seminar on Judicial Attitude to Arbitration in Ghana (Accra, September 2020).
- Speaker, Ghana ADR Hub Webinar on Translating Arbitration Terminologies (Accra, September 2020).
- Speaker, International Bar Association Arb 40 Workshop on Damages in International Arbitration (Lagos, December 2019).
- Speaker, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators Young Members Group (Lagos, November 2019).

- *Integration of the Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) Through the Law*. (October 2019) co-authored with Ace Anan Ankomah. (Paper presented to the ECOWAS Court of Justice International Conference).
- Speaker, International Chamber of Commerce Young Arbitrators Forum (Accra, October 2019).
- *Enforcement of Arbitral Awards in Nigeria*, published in Hogan Lovells LLP Africa Newsletter (September 2019).
- Speaker, International Bar Association Annual Conference, Hot Topics in International Arbitration Session (Seoul, September 2019).
- *Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Ghana under the New York Convention* (published on Angaza Blog, June 2019).
- *Enforcement of Foreign Arbitral Awards in Africa: An Analysis of the Regime in South Africa and Ghana*. (Published on Lexology and in Hogan Lovells Africa Newsletter, March 2019).
- *Redefining Investment in Africa-Transparency as an Investment Incentive* (co-author), (African Law and Business, February 2019).
- Member of the Task Force for the Commonwealth International Arbitration Study.
- Lex Mundi Global Arbitration Guide, November 2018 (Author of Ghana Chapter and Contributor to the Guide).
- *Arbitration in Africa: A Review of Key Jurisdictions* (Sweet & Maxwell, 2016), contributor to chapter on Ghana.
- *A Guide to Dispute Resolution in Africa: A Multijurisdictional Review (1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Herbert Smith Freehills)*, co-author of Ghana Chapter with Ace Anan Ankomah. (2013).
- *A Guide to Dispute Resolution in Africa: A Multijurisdictional Review (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Herbert Smith Freehills)*, co-author of Ghana Chapter with Ace Anan Ankomah. (2016).
- Speaker, London Court of International Arbitration African Users' Symposium, Nairobi (May 2019).
- Speaker and Member of Teaching Faculty, Seminar on International Arbitration Law and Practise organised by the Ghana ADR Hub, Kwame Nkrumah University of Science and Technology (April 2019).
- Speaker, London Court of International Arbitration African Users' Symposium, London (December 2018).
- Speaker, ESQ-International Arbitration School, Lagos, 'Investor-State Arbitration in Africa' (October 2014).

## **ASSOCIATIONS/MEMBERSHIP**

- Fellow, Chartered Institute of Arbitrators (UK).
- Member, London Court of International Arbitration.
- Member, International Bar Association.
- Member, African Arbitration Association

## **POSITIONS**

- Councillor, London Court of International Arbitration's African Users' Council.
- Officer, IBA Arbitration Committee and Editor, IBA Arbitration Newsletter.
- Sub-Regional Coordinator West Africa (Anglophone) and Country Representative, African Construction Law.
- Tribunal Member (former), Electronic Communications Tribunal, Ghana (July 2019 - July 2020).

## **PANEL OF ARBITRATORS**

- CPR's Panels of Distinguished Neutrals.
- London Court of International Arbitration Database of Arbitrators.
- Ghana ADR Hub List of Arbitrators.